

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors
Approved Minutes: Regular Meeting 7 pm on 12/18/2012 (Himmel Park Library, PCPL)

Board members present: John O’Dowd (Pres.), Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), Mary Durham-Pflibsen (Broadway CTF), John Wilder (Website), Janett Carbajal

Board members absent: Rick Bell (V.P. & Membership), Corey Reidy, Carolyn Classen (Sec.), LuAnn Barr (LUC),

Guests and general public: Bob Vint, Molly Thrasher (Ward 6 Office), Madelyn Cook, Hope Cramer, Kyle Snyder (Theta Chi Fraternity), Joe Kay

Call to Order: J. O’Dowd called the board meeting to order at 7:21 PM.

Approval of Agenda: Approved as submitted.

Minutes of the past meeting: Gail moved approval of the Minutes of November 20, 2012 as provided. John W seconded the motion and minutes were unanimously approved.

Call to the Audience: (3 minutes each)

Kyle Snyder (Theta Chi Fraternity) attended to check on any SHNA comments. In January they are planning to clean up the pocket park with Denise.

Presentation: Historic Water Tower Reconstruction – Bob Vint showed a set of plans for the external building reconstruction. The original building was wood frame and plaster and Bob suggests that the lower building be left with this construction but that a steel internal frame be used to extend the building to height. Louvers are proposed near the arches to provide air-flow. Bob noted that the city of Tucson has some remaining blight funds that could be used for stabilizing the existing building. These funds could potentially used for supporting the water tower restoration by stabilizing the foundation and performing other ground level preparation including restoring the large doors. Bob has a contractor who is working on a 2-phase estimate which would divide the work into the ground level preparation and the tower reconstruction so that multiple funding sources could be applied effectively.

Treasurer Report: John was unable to provide a report but he has collected the fund accounts. The Water Tower Restoration funds are in a CD while the SHNA operating funds are in a checking and savings account. Bob Vint has received \$6500 from the operating account which will be reimbursed from the Water Tower CD in January. At present John is not projecting any additional significant expenses in the near future apart from the potential impact of the Broadway widening activity.

STATUS REPORTS / STUDY/ ACTION ITEMS:

Garden Tour – Rick was not available. John reported that SHNA made money on the effort.

Spring Home Tour – Susan was not available to report.

Broadway Corridor –John O reported on a council item that Steve K. had added on the Broadway widening. Steve K proposed that the council consider an alternative to the original ballet right-of-way. Demion was at the study session and provided information to the council on the existing historical buildings along the Broadway

corridor. John O would like to propose that the CTF and the traffic engineers consider developing approaches that would improve functionality within the existing roadway.

Mary reported that the CTF is preparing for the next public listening session which is planned for the last Thursday in February (Feb 28th). She reported that business owners along Broadway are concerned about vacant properties along the corridor which may be impacting the health of their businesses. John added that Steve K. is trying to keep the city from demolishing buildings indiscriminately. The city has begun estimating the cost of maintaining the vacant buildings so that they could be used for other purposes. Molly reported that she and Steve will be walking through some of the properties to see the viability of other businesses occupying some of the space. 1601 Broadway has been evaluated and may require up to \$100K in improvements to be occupied. The Ward 6 office is still working to keep the area vital. Molly reported that a number of the businesses along the Broadway corridor have banded together and have called their coalition the “Sunshine Mile”. They held an open house last Friday evening.

John indicated that Demion has requested \$5,000 from multiple NAs for the Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation to prepare an application for Historic Register Status.

Spring Newsletter – Gail reported that Demion will be coming to the annual meeting to present information about historic properties along Broadway.

Annual Meeting – Rick was not available. John asked if anyone had reserved the SH school for the annual meeting.

Land Use – No report was provided.

CCRC – Madelyn Cooke spoke on the SHNA archives. The CCRC minutes have become quite large and Madelyn would like to have permission to discard the minutes from recent years since the UofA maintains the minutes on line after 2000. John recommended that a note be put in the archives with the web location of the minutes. John W. moved that the CCRC minutes which are available electronically be removed from the SHNA archives. Janett C. seconded the motion. Mary D. then indicated that the UofA has a record retention policy and that the minutes might be purged at a future date in accordance with the UofA policy. John W. moved that the motion be tabled for the February meeting and Mary D. seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to table the original motion for the February meeting

El Rio Theater / SCA – John O. indicated that to date the UofA has made reasonable proposals in the SHNA area. In the case of the WUNA the overlay understanding changed at the last minute. LuAnn can be expected to push to prevent any last minute overlay alterations.

TENTATIVE JANUARY ANNUAL AGENDA ITEMS

Demion will be presenting on historical topics and Board member elections.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.