

SAM HUGHES NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, INC.

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Feb. 21, 2012 minutes

Himmel Park Library meeting room, 1035 N. Treat Ave., Tucson

President John O'Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Board members present: John O'Dowd, Carolyn Classen, Frank Soltys, John Wilder, Corey Reidy, Steve Gilsdorf, Rick Bell, Janett Carbajal, LuAnn Barr

Board members absent: Doug Donahue, Gail Schuessler, Christine Curtis, Sheila Hoban

Guests: James McGuiness (PAG Solar Home Tour), Bruce & Doreen Bashore, Michael Barr, Sgt. Octavio Barcelo (UAPD)

Secretary's minutes of December 20, 2011, and January 17, 2012 were distributed, as well as the November 15, 2011 minutes (previously sent via email). Motion to approve all by LuAnn, 2nd by Steve, motion passed.

Call to Audience: The Bashore couple just moved here 7 months ago from Wisconsin and are concerned with the Country Club/E. 5th St. proposed mini-dorm development.

UAPD Sgt. Barcelo spoke that he is available to listen/support the neighborhood assn. John recommended 40 hour crisis intervention training for UAPD officers; Barcelo replied they are undergoing a 2 day training program on resiliency this week.

Election of Officers for 2012: President: John O'Dowd, Vice President: Sheila Hoban, Secretary: Carolyn Classen, Treasurer: Steve Gilsdorf. Motion by Rick, 2nd by Frank, motion passed to re-elect same officers from 2011.

Treasurer's report on 2011 (Steve) -- Revenues \$16,850 budgeted, \$16,961 actual; expenditures \$10,103 budgeted, \$5,826 actual. SHNA has CD at Washington Fed. for water tower impound tower of \$33,942, plus \$26,703 in account at Vantage West Credit Union. Steve recommends continuing the newsletters into 2012, and SHNA spent about \$800 for one printed newsletter, \$400 postcard notice. Rick & Frank volunteered be on the 2012 budget committee to help Steve, along w/ John O.

Presentations: 1) UA Concerts on the Mall at Old Main on the agenda but speaker David Orr not present, has requested our support & will hopefully send calendar of events to our SHNA listserve.

2) James McGuiness (**Pima Association of Governments Solar Home Tour**) – Southern Az Regional Solar Partnership (USDA grant) received by PAG to promote solar energy in this region. One education/outreach project is a solar home tour via neighborhood associations – 5 to 7 volunteer

homeowners mapped, & PAG connects neighbors who have solar units w/ others interested in solar. Handout of Ft. Lowell Neighborhood Assn. tour on Oct. 29, 2011 (about 7 homes were on the tour and about 55 persons went on tour). Liability is covered by PAG and they provide information as well on the tours, along w/ some of the solar business technicians being available to answer questions. SHNA may want to get additional insurance coverage, per O'Dowd-- should SHNA co-sponsor such a solar tour. Rick discussed possibility of future SHNA Garden Tour combined with a solar tour. Steve encouraged doing this solar tour in the off-year from Home Tour (next one scheduled for Spring, 2013), along w/ seminar presentations on solar energy.

OLD BUSINESS:

Military Community Relations Committee: F-35 fighter jet public hearings this week on Feb. 22 & 23 (info sent out on listserve); MCRC meetings ongoing with Doug and Kim Crooks (former board member) representing SHNA on the committee. Snow bird issue tied in w/ F-35 training mission, per John O. SHNA has already sent letter stating that we are not in favor of the "snow bird" jets flying over mid-town.

Sam Hughes School microwave wireless antenna (John O.): Recently \$40,000 donations of computer equipment were made to the SH Elem. school, but now need network upgrade. Questions about why not hard wire the system. Rick & John O. met w/ the Principal Janet Jordan who had presented at the Annual Mtg. re: microwave antenna, to be connected on south side of Tallmadge Hall, & may stick up 20 feet above the hall, w/ metal guide wires around the tower. Century Link has put in proposal to hard wire this system. Next meeting scheduled for week of Feb. 28 with TUSD. Antenna would have to be inspected twice a year.

Membership update: Rick reminded all current board members that they have to join the association; presented the new 2012 orange membership postcard (with fold lines). Coupons have been added to the card this year. Update of Deals & Discounts will be on the SHNA website, www.samhughes.org. Carolyn reported that some neighbors complained of the loudness of the Tucson HS steel band at the Annual Meeting, so maybe a string quartet would be better for next year. Rick may be in charge of content for next newsletter per Gail. Utilizing neighborhood advertisers was mentioned.

Casitas on Broadway: Janett requested contribution towards refreshments, about \$200 for March 9 event highlighting solar water heaters & outdoor landscaping & environmental enhancements. Motion by John W., 2nd by Janett & LuAnn, motion passed. Event will be co-hosted by SHNA. Reminder will be sent to SHNA listserve about this event open to all neighbors-- for March 9, 10 a.m. at the Casitas, 2121 E. Broadway Blvd. (NW corner of Plumer)

New Garden Tour : Rick proposed a garden tour during the off year of Home Tour – similar to home tour but exterior spaces/gardens only , maybe with water harvesting features, art work, koi ponds, cacti, xeriscaping, etc. Frank also suggested an alley tour (based on past article by Molly McKasson, former Councilmember & neighbor). Renovated water pump tower could be on a future tour. Such a garden tour could be done in the Fall 2012, or in the Spring for following years when a Home Tour is not

scheduled. Rick and James discussed possibility of future SHNA Garden Tour combined with a solar tour but did not think it would work. Rick will return to the board with a proposal /budget for a Garden Tour fundraiser.

Discussion followed on whether the PAG free solar tour would diminish a garden tour by SHNA. Board consensus that a one-time solar tour would not interfere, esp. as it would be organized by PAG. John O. would require that SHNA be on their policy as an additional insured. Rick will inform PAG of the board's decision to approve the solar tour.

Water pump tower: Response from the COT Water Department is expected by end of month (Feb.) per John O.

Parkwise update (Sheila absent, so John O. reported): special permit fees have been upgraded, with promise of surplus \$ to be returned to neighborhoods.

Clerical services search: Neighbor Madelyn Cook took SHNA Bd. minutes for a paid monthly rate for four months (September to December 2011, no charge for Jan. 2012 minutes); but resigned recently due to mother's health problems. Previous recorder Maxine Fifer no longer available for evening meetings. Board members asked about availability of Kent Pflibsen, who took additional minutes last Fall & submitted them to Madelyn. Frank will contact him and suggest the going rate paid to Madelyn. Carolyn will send Kent's email address to Frank.

Mini-dorm development: LuAnn reported that last Tuesday Mayor & Council voted for land use amendment re: group dwellings of more than four unrelated people. Christian Science Church developer has not submitted new plans for the property on Country Club/E. 5th St. Corey watching the situation as well as LuAnn.

Main Gate Urban overlay district (UOD): LuAnn reported that this UOD is being pushed through to Mayor/Council. Zoning examiner has listened to community protest. Planning & Dev. planner has reported to Mayor/Council on a Marshall Foundation/Tom Warne proposed development which would threaten Historic Preservation Zone (HPZ) properties. Proposal that SHNA approach Marshall Foundation board of directors to discuss impact of proposed 14 story student housing development on future of preserving Tucson history, & relationship to Main Gate UOD. Frank made this motion w/ caveat that we cite 1991 legal challenge per John O. , 2nd by Steve, motion passed. Public hearing by Mayor/Council on this Main Gate UOD set for Feb. 28.

Postponed Broadway widening/ corridor report postponed to March meeting.

Himmel Pool re-opening : John O. will send letter to City of Tucson Parks & Recreation that it is their responsibility to cover the \$30,000 costs for re-opening the pool, not the neighbors/residents.

Motion adjourned 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Classen, SHNA secretary