

**Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors**  
**Approved Minutes: Regular Meeting 7 pm on 9/18/2012 (Himmel Park Library, PCPL)**

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by John O'Dowd.**

**Agenda approved with additions:** Approve the June Minutes.

**Minutes Approved:** June minutes approved. July Minutes reviewed and approved.

**Board members present:** John O'Dowd (Pres.), Rick Bell (V.P. & Membership), Carolyn Classen (Sec), Doug Donahue (MCRC), Janett Carbajal, Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), LouAnn Barr (LUC)

**Board members absent:** Christine Curtis, Corey Reidy, John Wilder (Website)

**Guests and general public:** Brad Novak (President of Fraternity) & Samuel Garst (Theta Chi Fraternity housing manager), Merrill Evans, Madelyn Cook, Mary Durham-Pflibsen (Broadway CTF), Sam Swanson, Connie Carroll, Molly Thrasher (Ward 6 office), Steve Kozachik (City Council), Octavio Barcelo (UAPD), Pedro Davis, Hope Cramer (D5 County Bd of Supervisors)

**Call to the Audience:** Sam Swanson from Cystic Fibrosis announced an event "Run like Hell" on Oct 28 will begin about 5PM. Will run through SHNA to Tucson Blvd and back to U of A campus. John O. asked Janet to have John W. put the event on the listserv. Sam provided posters for public release.

UAPD Officer Octavio Barcelo reported on complaints associated with football practice after 10 PM, Training field speaker noise levels have been high. U of A has quieted speaker levels and complaints stopped.

Theta Chi (Sam Swanson) responded to call to the audience and indicated they would be regularly attending and polling the SHNA BOD for any issues. There were no specific issues raised. There has been a listserv comment that the Theta Chi area has been cleaner now that the occupants are there. Once a month clean up is planned by the fraternity. They will ask for projects in the future. Saturday, Sept 22, from 2-4 Theta Chi is holding an open house at 502 N. Campbell.

Steve Kozachik spoke next and indicated that he has requested an agenda item on the Wednesday council meeting concerning the Broadway Widening project. Steve summarized the 2006 plan as including 6 vehicle travel and 2 bus transit lanes, a 2009 traffic study does not justify the need for the expansion. Pima County had allocated \$28M to the project, the 2006 plan allocated \$42M from RTA. This widening plan would potentially impact 100 to 115 businesses. County supervisor, C. Huckelberry indicated they don't have the funds for their part of the project. Steve has requested that RTA consider reallocation of some of the funds for road maintenance. The discussion has now centered on what would be appropriate in light of the reduced traffic need. Originally the RTA insisted on the Citizen's Task Force (CTF) members signing a charter which would have required that the CTF implement the design as described on the ballot measure. RTA has now said that the functionality described by the ballot measure must be maintained. The RTA definition of functionality has been Level of Service (LOS) which is how long it takes the cars to traverse the designated stretch of Broadway. The City Attorney has advised the CTF members that they not talk to each other outside of their regular meetings. Steve's point is that the open meeting law only requires that no quorum achieved at any meeting outside the public meetings. There was a funding item mentioned in a 2004 letter from Bob Walkup committing \$25M of Tucson funds to close the county funding gap. Pima county has most recently indicated that they have the funds to fund the Broadway widening. Steve believes that the city is the lead agency and as such the RTA should now not define the functionality metric but the city should. Steve's

recommendation is that the council define functionality as appropriate for the Broadway Corridor. The vision might be an alternative approach to design and implementation of this activity. John O. then spoke on his legal opinion on the open meeting law. Steve K reported that just prior to the last city council meeting that the Az Star reported that PAG came up with \$4.5M that could be allocated to a street car project. John O pointed out that the county has no representative on the CTF even though they may be providing significant funding for the project. Steve indicated that he believes that the RTA budget for the Broadway widening shows that nearly \$43M would be spent on real property acquisition.

Molly spoke on dogs off-leash in Himmel park. There had been reports of dogs off-leash including an individual reporting being threatened. Molly indicated that TPD may increase patrolling during the observed high use period from 6 – 7 AM.

**Budget Report:** John reported that SHNA pledged a total of \$4K to JPNA of which \$3K has already been given. A further discussion and vote is below under the JPNA item.

## **STATUS REPORTS / STUDY/ ACTION ITEMS:**

### **WATER TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT**

Bob Vint presented that latest progress on the project. The option for Verizon to house a cell tower in the water tower has gone away. Bob indicated that the tower was found to be rectangular in shape. He showed figures of the tower and a floor plan and an elevation / section. Bob proposed that the upper section of the building renovation use a steel superstructure. Bob said that his informal estimate for the proposed construction is about \$250K. The plans would just take the building back to a structure but without any electrical or plumbing upgrades. The board discussed possible uses for the area: water harvesting, meeting space (probably too small), a splash pad. Bob V. indicated that Paul Weiner will do a more thorough cost analysis and Bob will bring it back to the Board when he has it.

### **JPNA Donation**

After discussion and review of the minutes from May 2012 John O moved that SHNA board reconsider the amount that they donate to the JPNA legal fund. John O moved that in addition to the \$3K already given to JPNA that SHNA send an additional \$1K to JPNA. Doug seconded the motion. Rick abstained. The other attendees (John O'Dowd, Carolyn Classen, Doug Donahue, Janett Carbajal, Gail Schuessler, LouAnn Barr ) approved the motion.

### **SPRING 2013 GARDEN TOUR (HT)**

Rick Bell's concern is that few board members responded to his email request for board members to sell tickets on Oct 21 from 12 – 3PM. The Tour is from 12 to 5PM. Lu Ann, Kent & Mary, Carolyn, Gail, and Doug volunteered to sell tickets. John O will be at the water tower with a presentation. Its \$10 for tickets. SHNA members are free. Children with a paid adult are free. John O suggested that new T-shirts with the SHNA design on green be created to be sold during the tour. Rick indicated that the principal at Sam Hughes Elementary has agreed to open the school for the ticket sales. Friday Oct 19<sup>th</sup> there would be a garden party for the garden providers. First stop is the school to pick up tickets. Solar Solutions of Arizona is the corporate sponsor. There will be 2 tables: one for members and the other for ticket purchasers. Solar Solutions will be at the school with a demonstration. Carolyn C has provided a list of media opportunities to Rick for publicity. Rick has a brochure draft for review. Rick has most of the site descriptions already prepared. Carolyn recommended that Rick get the press releases out a month before the tour to be effective.

### **ZONING REPORT**

Lu Ann reported that there is a movement among NA's to revise the EOD language. City zoning would need to revise their approach. Lu Ann volunteered to participate on Core Bank (meeting at Trinity church) with the other NA's in the city to represent SHNA. She indicated that there will be an Oct meeting to complete getting Core Bank organized. Discussion went on concerning how EOD's can supersede historic neighborhoods.

**PROTEST OF OPERATION SHOW BIRD**

John O reported that Broadmore NA (Mary T) had called to speak to him. Doug reported that Steve Kozachik's letter of Aug 21 had a good assessment of the impact of the increased Snow Bird operation. Environment assessment has been done which indicates that no environmental impact study needs to be done. Doug thought JD Garcia had written an excellent letter concerning the impact of Operation Snow Bird but that to date no letter had been sent.

**TENTATIVE OCTOBER AGENDA ITEMS**

John O announced that Doug is moving over to a retirement home near St. Joseph's hospital and will leave the Board.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.