

Approved
Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association board meeting
Tuesday April 16, 2013
Himmel Park Library large meeting room

Board members present: John O'Dowd (President), Rick Bell (Vice President), Carolyn Classen (Secretary), Jim Head (Treasurer), Bill Craig, John Wilder

Board members absent: LuAnn Barr, Mary Durham-Pflibsen, Gail Schuessler, Janett Carbajal

Guests: Sharla Darby, Himmel Park library manager; Denice Blake, Marilyn Goulden & Betty Guarraia, SHNA Home Tour committee; Lt. Mario Leon and Sgt. Jason Dehmer, UAPD; Anthony Sandoval, Mike Borushek, Spencer Schmidt, & Tony Garvey (President) of Theta Chi fraternity house; Leonard Guarraia, neighbor; Architect Bob Vint

President John O'Dowd called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

Agenda approved.

Minutes of March 19, 2013 board meeting approved.

Announcement that SHNA regular board meetings on May 21, June 18, July 16 will be moved temporarily to Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell Ave., 7 to 9 p.m. in Koch Chapel due to remodeling of Himmel Park library during those months.

Call to the Audience:

Himmel Branch mgr. Sharla informed the meeting attendees that she had to use the Pima County funds for the renovation this fiscal year, & to keep the library open she had to move the library staff into the large meeting room. Summer reading program will still be held, other programs will be moved to other locations nearby. More lounge chairs and more computers will be added. All renovation work will be done at night. Anthony Sandoval, Theta Chi rep. thanked the board for having them on the 2013 Neighborhood & home tour, will be doing future clean ups of neighborhood. Home Tour committee: Betty G. reported, provided spread sheet home tour handout from 2005 to 2013, with net proceeds for 2013 at \$13,850.54. Denice (has worked on home tour since 2001) mentioned the purpose of the home tours and that the tours have netted \$57,000 since she first started. Marilyn did the advertising this year, and the tour committee did not spend any \$ for advertising. The tour committee requests a portion to go to Himmel Park landscaping especially around the library. They need seed money to do this during the off years of the

home tour. Committee wants 1/3 to 1/2 proceeds (\$4000 to \$6500) from 2013 home tour for this future work. Betty said neighbors have not been enthusiastic about the water tower but would prefer park landscaping, maybe working with UA Landscape Architecture Dept.

Water Tower report:

Architect Bob Vint reported that the City of Tucson preservation officer Dr. Jonathan Mabry has identified blight remediation funds for the water tower on SW corner of E. 1st St. & Tucson Blvd., but only for the surviving extant first floor structure, will add new louvers, doors, new roof, new fence (Phase 1). New steel super structure & foundation would be needed to go up to 43 feet, as well as reconstruction of the renovated tower which would be Phase 2. City would bear part of Phase 1 cost of refurbished bldg. which could be a garden center, a place for future meetings, would be weather tight. City would still own bldg. with access by SHNA. Inside sq. footage would be about 34 ft. x 24 ft. with tower/well in the middle. Phase 1 & 2 would cost 50/50 budget split of a projected total cost of \$200,000. \$33,700 would be Sam Hughes share for Phase 1, but Phase 2 would be additional cost of another \$100,000. Treasurer said that \$34,000 is presently impounded for the water tower in our treasury. Carolyn asked about whether we would be signing any contract with the City of Tucson for Phase 2, and whether this board could commit to Phase 2. John O. said that we may never build Phase 2, despite putting beams & foundation for the future. Discussion followed about renovation of a blighted property, other ways to fundraise the \$100,000 in the future through grants, not only the home tour proceeds. Project may be partnered with City of Tucson Parks & Recreation to have the tower become part of Himmel Park across Tucson Blvd. Carolyn voiced concern over any future community garden at this site without a commitment about water usage from the City. Marilyn stated that she & Susan were resigning off home tour committee & do not want to continue raising \$ for water tower project. Home tour committee not eager to go forward with water tower per Denise and Betty, as they prefer to do landscaping for the park. Treasurer said he thinks there would be \$ left in the treasury for Himmel landscaping. Water tower Phase 1 could take six months, with additional landscaping work to be done later. Present SHNA operating fund is about \$30,000, \$13,000 obligated, rest unobligated. Money from the \$15,000 balance could be spent on Himmel landscaping and other expenditures in the future per Treasurer. Carolyn asked how the board would raise \$100,000 in a few years for Phase 2. Bill said not to think ahead but to accept City of Tucson blight remediation \$ right now. Other board members said they have other fundraising ideas, including ideas from Sam Hughes PTA. Motion by John W. for SHNA to move forward with \$34,000 impounded account for water tower renovation with City of Tucson. 2nd by Jim. Ayes: all except Carolyn who voted no. Motion passed 5-1.

Himmel Park landscaping: Motion by Bill to set aside \$4700 for home tour committee to use as seed \$ for Himmel Park landscaping beautification,

with possible additional funds later in 2013 and 2014. 2nd by John Wilder. John O. moved to table this motion till home tour committee has a detailed report. No 2nd to motion. Motion to table failed. Friendly amendment to original motion by Rick that SHNA pledge \$4700 to the home tour with a proposed plan. 2nd by John O. Denice said she would keep board apprised of the landscaping plans & expenses. Motion in favor of amendment: aye by John O. Amended motion failed. Vote on original motion 5-1 & motion passed. Motion by Jim to request permission from City of Tucson to put a plaque in the Phase 1 of the water tower structure commemorating contributors & highlighting home tour committee, not to exceed \$500. 2nd by Bill. Motion passed 5-1. Treasurer's request: board owes \$50 to Denice Blake for pocket park expenses on Country Club/E. 1st. Motion by Jim, 2nd by Rick (amendment) to give Denice \$100 for reimbursement and to buy other gardening supplies. Motion passed unanimously. Motion to reimburse Treasurer Jim Head for Corporation Commission fee of \$10, by Rick, 2nd by Bill. Motion passed unanimously.

Rest of agenda postponed to May 21 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Classen, Secretary