

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors
Minutes: Regular Meeting 7 pm on 05/21/2013
(Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell Ave.)

Board members present: John O'Dowd (Pres.), Janett Carbajal, Bill Craig, Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), John Wilder (Website),

Board members absent: Rick Bell (V.P. & Membership), Mary Durham-Pflibsen (Broadway CTF), Carolyn Classen (Sec.), LuAnn Barr (LUC), Jim Head (Treasurer),

Guests and general public: Nick Johnson expressed concern about the recently remodeled Aloft Hotel creating excessive noise and will speak during the call to the audience. AUPD officer Jorge Casadas (sp) provided the UA dispatch number 621- 8273 which could be used for potential backup for situations that may arise.

Call to Order: J. O'Dowd called the board meeting to order at 7:03 PM. The SHNA board did not have a quorum present. This is an information meeting only.

Approval of Agenda: Gail S. moved to approve the May Agenda, Bill C. seconded, the motion passed unanimously.

Minutes of the past meeting: Gail S. moved to accept the April minutes, Janett C. seconded, The motion passed unanimously.

Call to the Audience: (3 minutes each) – Nick Johnson lives across the street from the ALoft hotel on First St. He has called TPD multiple times concerning late night noise and excess light from the hotel. He indicated that the noise can easily be heard inside his residence. The UAPD officer indicated that calling UAPD dispatcher could result in their supervisor approving their being made available to assist with noise enforcement. Gail S. commented that the lights on the south side of the hotel are a nuisance and reminded the board that Sam Hughes NA had input into the Sam Hughes place noise and hours of operation. Nick indicated that the hotel is sponsoring the loud music. Bill C. suggested that Nick might talk to neighbors to get more support for approaching the city. The UAPD officer indicated that all calls to department phones are recorded and an event number is generated. These numbers could be kept / accumulated in preparation for a case being created. Gail, Bill and Janett agreed to form a subcommittee to look into the matter.

Pete McNellis introduced himself as a SHNA long time resident who has a complaint against a house in the SW corner of SHNA at 4th St and Plumer. This residence is regularly having loud gatherings. The house is rented by an organization (Jewish Americans on Campus). This has been quite a disturbance in the neighborhood. Several neighbors were also present Michelle Meyer, Nola Mezlab, Anne Spacone, and Mrs. McNellis. Bill C. offered to be called and to speak with the residence of the offending house during the next occurrence as a representative of the SHNA board. Mrs. McNellis indicated that she has a recorded video of one of the events. Bill C. and Gail S. recommended use of the red tag process since so much has already been attempted.

John O. suggested that SHNA write a letter bringing these two public nuisance issues to the attention of the mid-town office. John O. and Bill C. will draft a letter.

Presentations:

One Can a Week – Peter Norback spoke to the SHNA board about a charitable food charity for collecting canned food for those in need. Peter is a retired a book author and spoke about three of his books. He

introduced Davis Bauer (UofA junior in Eller School of Business) who is helping him with this food pantry charity. Peter presented information about Henry Ford and others who have changed the course of American middle class. Peter is collecting food in the Miles neighborhood each Sunday (200 weeks so far). He pointed out that ~70% of Tucson High students are receiving reduced cost meals as an indication of the widespread need in this area of Tucson. Rincon market is also participating in the One Can a Week program. Peter collects money at the market and then purchases food from Rincon Market for those in need. John O. asked where the food goes and Peter responded that the collected food and funds go to the Community Food bank.

SHNA Archives – Madelyn Cook has been collecting materials from SHNA residents and former board members including past minutes. Madelyn has been contracted by SHNA to index past board minutes. Madelyn was able to locate a fire proof safe for SHNA archives several years ago. Madelyn provided a receipt for the lock which is used to secure a storage locker in the Ward 6 office and estimates for an archival class tube to store the SHNA historic preservation application. Bill C. and John O. will draft a letter to Ward 6 to thank them for help with storage of SHNA archives.

Treasurer Report / Proposed 2013 Budget: The 2013 budget was not discussed.

STATUS REPORTS / STUDY/ ACTION ITEMS:

Broadway Corridor – No cross-sections for existing 60’ or 90’ Right-of-Way (ROW) have been provided. John summarized work to date and indicated that SHNA representative will request cross sections consistent with the current ROW. Janett C. recounted how the Casitas landscaping investment has value that should be preserved during this Broadway Corridor project. Nick pointed out that the UofA Architecture and planning department might be able to assist in developing alternative proposals.

2013 SHNA Home Tour – NO report was made.

One Can a Week – No further discussion took place.

SHNA Archive – Ratify Storage arrangement / Reimbursement Madelyn Cook for the purchase of a lock and archival supplies in the amount of ~\$50. John will check to see if SHNA can reimburse Madelyn without a board action.

Land Use – LuAnn Barr was not present to report. No other issues were raised. Gail S. has provided the Incentive In-fill District information to SHNA members for their comments.

Spring Fling SHNA Representative to UA Taskforce – John O. indicated that SHNA needs representation for the Spring Fling planning activity. Gail S. asked who the coordinator for the CCRC as a POC. John O. remembered that Sarah Evans would be the CCRC POC to talk to about the Spring Fling planning.

CCRC UA Facilities Expansions – John O. has been attending the meetings and hasn’t found a lot of specific value in attending. Nonetheless, John O. has met a number of excellent neighborhood leaders at the meetings. U of A purchased the Catalina theater potentially to use the parking garage in conjunction with the University hospital. The U of A is considering leasing the theater to a third party.

Norris Speed Bump – John W. has been approached by Mathew Burkland about adding a speed bump on 300 block of Norris. No further discussion took place.

Newsletter – John O. asked about the next opportunity for a newsletter. Gail S. reported that the city did pay for one newsletter already in 2013. John O. suggested that there may be a number of topics that could be included in the next newsletter.

Water Pump Station –John O. reported that since the first stage is <\$100K the city can go out for the work without competitive bids. Bob Vint indicated that under this approach the contract would include the architectural design. John O. would prefer to propose that SHNA support the development of plans by Bob Vint as part of our contribution to the overall project. John O. would like to get together with John Mayberry (historic preservation officer) to get the plan for the entire job done by Bob Vint and that this plan be based on SHNA inputs.

TENTATIVE JUNE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned as Bill C. moved for adjournment. John O. declared the meeting adjourned at 9:02 PM.