

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association: Board of Directors
Minutes: Regular Meeting 7 pm on 07/16/2013
(Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 N. Campbell Ave.)
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Board members present: John O'Dowd (Pres.), Rick Bell (V.P. & Membership), Mary Durham-Pflibsen (Broadway CTF), Gail Schuessler (News Co-Ed.), John Wilder (Website),

Board members absent: Carolyn Classen (Sec.), LuAnn Barr (LUC), Janett Carbajal, Bill Craig, Jim Head (Treasurer),

Guests and general public: Molly Thrasher

Call to Order: The meeting was not called to order because there was no quorum; therefore no official action.

Approval of Agenda: n/a

Approval of Minutes: n/a

Call to the Audience: (3 minutes each) – No audience members were present.

Treasurer Report: None.

STATUS REPORTS / STUDY/ ACTION ITEMS:

Spring Fling- John O. shared a letter from Melissa Vito, UA Vice President for Student Affairs, in response to a letter he sent on behalf of the SHNA Board expressing concern that Spring Fling would be held on campus in 2014. The letter states that UA president Anne Hart has decided to have Spring Fling on campus due to the event's 40th anniversary, and states that her office will reach out to Bill Craig as the SHNA representative to address concerns. One of the board members heard that the trouble with the Rillito Downs location was distance. Too many students couldn't attend. Rick suggested Hi-Corbett/Reid Park as an alternate location. Gail S. suggested that the Board consider our positions on issues such as what time noise needs to stop, etc, and begin working on that now. Rick B. suggested that we plan a meeting with spring fling representatives available. This would give neighbors a chance to come and express their thoughts on spring fling returning to campus. Rick B. suggested that we get a Sept newsletter out to notify neighbors that the event will move to campus and we are having a meeting to give them a chance to express their thoughts.

Gail S. suggested hand-delivering (not in mailboxes) flyers in the areas closest to Campbell/campus. John O. noted that they didn't consult the neighborhood prior to making this decision. Molly suggested contacting Sarah Evans to arrange for a contact/meeting.

Variance Requested by Minute Clinic (Roses & More Building)- The owners have requested variance to increase the building height, for the primary purpose of having large building signage. Their justification is that it is needed due to widening of Broadway, which is unlikely, to affect the South Side location. John provided a letter he sent to the City of Tucson opposing the variance. Molly will work with us to provide additional information. John will get Molly a copy of the letter we sent opposing the variance.

Neighborhood Infill Coalition- Gail S. noted that they are a great group, very vibrant and passionate about finding better ways for neighborhoods to have a voice in local government. John O. agreed.

Walmart Liquor License- John O. asked Molly to thank Councilman Kozachik for the support. Molly stated that the state attorney handled it well, there was great audience turnout, and it was clear that issues were different here in Tucson than in Phoenix. The request was denied.

Water Pump Station – Parks & Rec is looking at the property to determine if they can take over management in conjunction with their oversight of Himmel Park. Everyone agreed that this would be a good outcome.

Rick B. noted that Ray Wilson from the Water Dept asked for an electronic copy of the design drawings. Rick requested a copy from Bob Vint, but has not heard back. Rick asked John to assist with getting the drawings. Molly noted that the City would have oversight of the construction and contracts. Ray probably wants the drawings in relation to the Parks & Recs plan to manage. John O. noted that it's early to be deciding who will manage, but Rick pointed out that the info is needed to proceed with the contract. Bob Vint has not responded to emails sent by John & Rick asking for additional info. John & Rick will meet with Bob to resolve lack of response and get the information we and the Water Dept. need.

The best way to raise money quickly for the water tower is to submit grants, which will likely be needed in addition to contributions. Rick B. has submitted a grant to American Express for support of our water tower. Although Rick did not notify the board about submitting this specific grant, he had discussed with the board that he was planning to do so. If we are lucky enough to receive an award, the Board can review the terms and decide whether it is feasible to accept.

Albert's Auto Care: John. O. noted that SHNA is supporting preservation of the old Albert's Auto Care Center on the NE corner of Broadway & Campbell. He provided a copy of a letter composed by area resident and Broadway Coalition member Laura Talibi protesting the destruction of the now city-owned structures. The SHNA is a member of the Broadway Coalition, and supports the opposition to destruction, as that would send a signal that the properties N of Broadway aren't of value, and signal that the destruction of other northside structures and road widening was imminent.

Newsletter Committee: Rick B suggests that the newsletter committee get together to begin planning the Sept newsletter. Strongly suggests addressing Spring Fling issues via newsletter committee.

Broadway Corridor –

New Whole Foods- Rumor is that Whole Foods would like to acquire the Palm Shadows apartments at the NW corner of Speedway/Campbell for a future location. John O. noted that there is planned for mixed use center w/ parking garage. There is a high-power development team in place. It's not in Sam Hughes, but will affect our neighborhood. North University may not have a homeowners association or board to work with the developer.

TENTATIVE September AGENDA ITEMS

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