

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association board meeting
Himmel Park Library
September 17, 2013

Board members present: John O'Dowd, Rick Bell, Carolyn Classen, Jim Head, Bill Craig, Gail Schuessler, Mary Durham-Pflibsen, Janett Carbajal, John Wilder, LuAnn Barr

Guests: Sheila Hoban, Kim Crooks (MCRC), Josephine Hilliard (Tucson Pima County Historic Commission), from UA/ASUA: Chris Hargraves, Claudia Davila, Amanda Lester, Jared Young; Sylvia Flores, Rey Garcia, Molly Thrasher (Ward 6 office), Kyle Snyder & Blair Herring (Theta Chi Fraternity), Sonja Romanoski, Michael Barr, Lucille Helms

President O'Dowd called the regular board meeting to order at 7: 00 p.m.

Agenda approved as circulated.

Speaker: UA Spring Fling Executive Director Jared Young explained about being good neighbors for 40th anniversary of Spring Fling in 2014 (last time on campus was in 1999). There has been a drop in attendance at Rillito Race grounds, esp.affecting student fundraising in booths. Has partnered with Community Food Bank and Literacy Connects. They will likely cut down to 3 days instead of 4 days. Will have hot line # to call for problems/concerns: 621-5610, email springfling@email.arizona.edu. Dates for Spring Fling will be April 11 to 13, 2014. SHNA Board member Bill Craig is on the planning committee. Board member Gail Schuessler asked about handling of traffic & parking problems in the neighborhood. Time of ending of event on Friday/Saturday night has not been determined (between 10 p.m. to midnight).

Call to Audience: Blair Herring of Theta Chi gave update on their fraternity, had Rush Week this week to get more members.

Secretary's minutes of July 16, 2013 were approved as circulated and distributed, by recorder Kent Pflibsen.

Treasurer's Report (Jim Head) - paid \$,2000 to Bob Vint for architectural work, \$4700 impounded for Water Tower restoration, almost \$37,000 left impounded in that account; \$30,000 in active bank account, \$1500 in Pay Pal, total \$66,000 in bank; will send out report via email.

Reports:

MCRC (Kim Crooks) handed out report about Military Community Relations Committee consisting of stakeholders from a variety of interests (neighborhoods, businesses, DM 50, etc.). A draft motion has been proposed by DM 50 to dissolve this committee (created in Sept. 2007), at the upcoming MCRC meeting tomorrow. Kim would like to vote against the motion due to concerns over F-35 and snow bird visiting planes. Rick moved, 2nd by Bill to support Kim in opposing this motion and to thank her for her services on the MCRC committee. Motion passed.

Parkwise collection of permit fees/enforcement of system: former board member Sheila Hoban reported about the current system of raising fees in the western two quadrants of Sam Hughes near Campbell. A special account for Special Events fines was supposed to be collected by Parkwise and returned to the neighborhood. This special account of about \$5,000 is still being investigated by Donovan Durband, new Administrator of Parkwise. Over a hundred tickets were issued during the UA football games in Sam Hughes & Rincon Hts. John O. suggested inviting head of UA Transportation Mark Napier to speak to the board. A suggestion was made to put parking information on sports ticket purchasers on their tickets or otherwise be given to them.

Sheila and Bill Craig (Parkwise committee) will draft letters to UA and Parkwise about these problems in our neighborhood.

Water Pump Station (John O'Dowd): ground floor will be restored this fall by City of Tucson, with Sam Hughes funds (50-50 split). Bob Vint will be full time architect for this project. \$100,000 needed to restore rest of the tower, to be raised by Sam Hughes Neighborhood Assn.

Three construction companies to be considered to provide bids for this project. Rick Bell asked for direction about grant funding. Motion by Bill, 2nd by LuAnn for Rick to proceed with seeking additional funding for this project. Motion passed. National Trust for Historic Preservation was suggested as a funder by Josephine Hilliard. Other suggestions were given to Rick.

Potholes/repaving of streets (John O'Dowd): Neighbor Rey Garcia asked about repaving of Sam Hughes streets, John O. deferred to Ward 6 council aide Molly Thrasher, She said she sends our concerns to City of Tucson Bond Committee. John O. said we are thankful for filling of potholes to date, will send letter to Ward 6 Councilman Steve Kozachik. Rick Bell asked about Sam Hughes Neighborhood being on a list of neighborhoods in line for repaving, but Molly said that only E. 6th Street is due to be repaved in the future. Molly will send out email as to when the next Bond Committee meets in October.

Broadway Boulevard (Mary Durham-Pflibsen): "design to be determined" by Citizens Advisory Task Force, "not to diminish functionality" of widening of Broadway as passed by RTA election in 2006. Mary asked for additional input to the Call to Audience at meetings of this Task Force committee. Next public meeting is Thursday September 26, at 6 p.m. at Sabbar Shriner's on Tucson Blvd. Rick Bell suggested that information about this Broadway Blvd. committee be put on the SHNA website. Motion by LuAnn, 2nd by Mary for John O. to research cost of finding a Highway Planner to assist our neighborhood with this issue. Motion passed.

Corebanc (John O'Dowd) - should SHNA join Corebanc, a huge neighborhood coalition of neighborhoods to work together/share common interests, lobby for issues? John O., Bill and LuAnn expressed problems of joining them in the past. John O. will attend next meeting and report back.

"Roses & More" building, 2510 E. Broadway (John O'Dowd), reported on a proposal to create larger sign on the property, now before City Board of Adjustment to grant a variance. Board members still opposed to variance.

Shakespeare in the Park (Rick Bell) - supporting with \$200 donation from Sam Hughes Neighborhood Assn., play starts this weekend "The Merry Wives of Windsor". SHNA be mentioned in their playbill program for our donation. Motion to draft letter in support by Rick to City Parks & Rec. and to Councilmember Kozachik. 2nd by LuAnn, motion passed.

Noa & Jennifer Providence, 2428 E. 5th St. for DDO (Design Development Option) application for detached sleeping quarters (new structure). Residents have to get variance. John O. asked a board member to check it out. Bill C. and Rick volunteered to follow up to check on property.

Agenda for next meeting: recorder needed to be hired at \$60 a month to take minutes of our board meeting as Kent Pflibsen has resigned.

Motion adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Classen, Secretary

