

**Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association board meeting
Tuesday October 15, 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, Mary Durham-Pflibsen, Janett Carbajal

Board members absent: LuAnn Barr, Gail Schuessler,

Guests: Claudia Davila, Jared Young, Amanda Lester, Paige Brevick, Kassandra Garcia, and Ebitie Amughan of UA Spring Fling Committee; Blair Henning of Theta Chi fraternity house; Judith Merchant, Melinda Arnold, David Bleck, and Len Nicholson - Sam Hughes Neighbors

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

7:00 Call to order/Introduction of Guests/Meeting Recorder

Motion by Rick Bell to amend Agenda - call to move Spring Fling presentation and discussion to top of agenda. 2nd by Mary. Motion passed unanimously.

7:09 Adoption of amended agenda approved

7:11 Speakers Re: UA and Neighborhood Spring Fling 2014 Plans/Concerns and Formation of Spring Fling Subcommittee

ASU Programs and Services - Student Government - Faculty Advisor: Claudia Davila

Speaker: Jared Young - Exec. Director

Jared presented a proposal to cut the 4 day event to a 3 day event, showing desire to cooperate with the local neighborhoods and residents. The event date is scheduled for April 11th to 13th - Tentative Time Frame: Fri 4-11, Sat, 11-11, Sun 11-6.

- 2000 parking spaces

- Expected people in a given day: unknown. Last year high point was last year Saturday 6000

- Dry event - no alcohol

- University garages will be free and open to public

- | - The majority of attendees are students (2-3 thousand students on a daily basis).
- | - Families are being targeted more this year with family/children events like Kids Corner.
- > "How do people know where to park?" Answer - Incorporating parking map online and use of barricades and signage for drop-off and parking. Webpage managed by university Site-in-a-box
- > "How many motorized rides will be here this year?" UA Answer - unknown - Last year 32. The university has a smaller footprint and cannot support the prior venture.

Bill Craig performed Sam Hughes sample survey- 24 NO, 1 YES

7:30 Edward Schevill Presents "Impact of Student Carnival" - Handout & Discussion

Performed Private Studies (in the 80s) - continuous recordings found that the noise level to be physically and psychologically damaging for the neighborhood residents. "It's about intrusion." Edward cited specific examples of neighbors unable to leave their homes due to age or frailty, and hence unable to escape the noise.

UA Rebuttal

- >New rides this year that will be more efficient.
- >PA systems will be shut off at ten.
- >There will be limited performances. (time/ locations)
- > Not to exceed 85 decibels at the source.
- > Expecting more people to attend Spring Fling 2014 because it's easier to access
- > 8000 Beds on campus - UA expects students to walk to Spring Fling

Mitigation Strategies

- >Hotline telephone number (520) 621-5610 - To be used to report
- >email: springfling14@arizona.edu
- >Website - springfling.arizona.edu
- >Field correspondents monitoring noise
- >Sound Engineer consulting for the event

>UA committee traveled to the AZ State Fair in Phoenix and selected rides based on decibel readings obtained there.

Board Questions

>Do you have control to shut down the rides if it exceeds the maximum decibels ? UA Answer: We don't know.

>How many calls will it take to change the sound? UA Answer: We don't know

>How many people had cell Phones during the last Spring Fling? UA Answer: We don't know

8:09 Discussion of Position of the Board

An informal poll of the board members in attendance found one favored opposition to Spring Fling's return to campus, the balance favored working to mitigate the impact of Spring Fling on the neighborhood. No one favored doing nothing.

>John Wilder moved that a formal subcommittee be formed to work with UA on Spring Fling - Mr. Craig to lead committee. 2nd by Jim. Motion passes unanimously.

Discussion to authorize funds to gather evidence of sound pollution during spring fling. Findings to be documented through audiologists, sound engineers, and collecting subjective data (neighborhood questionnaire).

8:36 CALL TO THE AUDIENCE

THETA CHI FRATERNITY

>The brothers just returned from their annual hike to Picacho peak. This upcoming weekend parents will be visiting for the weekend.

>The fraternity is to work with Rick Bell on community service project of restriping the curbs in the neighborhood.

8:38 Prior Meeting Minutes

> Rick Bell moved to delay approval of prior meeting minutes for next meeting. 2nd by Bill Craig. Motion passes unanimously.

8:39 TREASURERS REPORT (Discussion of Handout)

>SHNA has approximately \$65,700 of which \$36,755 is impounded for the water tower restoration and \$10,000 is obligated. An additional \$5,000 is budgeted for expenses not yet paid this year.

There was confusion as to whether the Spring or the Fall Newsletter was paid for by the City of Tucson. The association has not paid for either newsletter to date. Jim is to sort out newsletter invoice.

>We are paid up to March of 2015 for website.

8:42 Discussion & Action Items

MEMBERSHIP

>Four new memberships

MEETING RECORDER

Mary moves that Seth Moorman to take the position of recorder for November Meeting. 2nd by Jim. Motion passes unanimously.

NEWSLETTER - Production & Content

John Wilder motions to Table newsletter discussion to next month, 2nd by Jim. Motion passes unanimously.

SCHOOLS

Need a board member on the neighborhood school Site Councils

>Sam Hughes - Bill Craig agrees to take part

>Mansfeld Middle School - No one selected

EL RIO THEATER

Discussed the recognition of Sam Hughes NA in the play program

ANNUAL MEETING

Annual meeting scheduled for Jan 21st 2014

WATER TOWER

>NSN meeting went well. Participantsearned the benefits of community gardens in the surrounding area. Bill Craig postulates a community garden around water tower. Jim Head will send draft water tower vision documents to Bill.

>Updates on the Water Tower Structure: Preservation Architect still working on the working drawings for the project. Cannot move forward and seek construction bids

until working drawings are finalized. Board members expressed concern about the time this is taking and John O'Dowd stated he would take these concerns to the architect, Bob Vint.

STREET PAVING

John Wilder moved to table street paving discussion. 2nd by Carolyn Classen, Motion passes unanimously.

BROADWAY CORRIDOR

>Task force is meeting twice in the coming week.

Carolyn Classen motions to approve and send letter outlining official position of Broadway Improvement Project. 2nd by Mary Durham-Pflibsen. Motion passes unanimously.

9:14 ADJOURNMENT

Minutes taken by Seth Moorman