

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association, Inc. (SHNA, Inc.)
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
April 15, 2014
Himmel Park Library

MINUTES

1 **Attending:** Rick Bell, Carolyn Classen, Mary Pflibsen, John Wilder, Philip Mueller, Jim Head

2 **Absent:** Lu Ann Barr, Janett Carbajal, John O'Dowd, Bill Craig, Gail Schuessler

3 **Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions**

Meeting called to order: 7:03pm

Guests in attendance:

Gladys Richardson (Neighborhood Network)

Ron Spark (Mayor Rothschild Rep.)

Bob Vint (Architect)

4 **Family Network**

Gladys Richardson:

-There are 16 families in the network.

-There have been only a couple of meetings so far because the leader of the network recently had a baby, so that has slowed things down.

-Future plans for the network would be to include the entire Sam Hughes Neighborhood. Every block in Sam Hughes would have one contact person with the names and numbers of folks in the immediate neighborhood.

-Being connected could give neighbors a chance to get to know one another. Maybe each year there could be a neighborhood social event.

-Being connected can also help reduce crime.

-Hopefully in September the contact person idea will be more formalized.

Rick Bell:

What roll do you think the SHNA should play in this?

Gladys Richardson:

I'm not sure yet. Maybe they could create a committee?

Rick Bell:

-We don't really have the resources to help with a committee right now because we are already short on board members.

-We can assist you in communication by featuring this information in our newsletter. Would you like to draft something for our next newsletter?

Gladys Richardson:

Yes, I'll do that. We need to connect neighbors to neighbors.

Rick Bell:

Yes, absolutely.

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5 **Mayor's Outreach**

Ron Spark:

-I act as a liaison to help the mayor communicate with associations.

-There are many things with which the mayor concerns himself, including:

-Youth unemployment this summer. We need programs to help with that.

-Clean up around the city

-Neighborhood Watch

-Repurposing closed schools and churches

-Graffiti Clean-up Opportunity

-Shopping carts being off their campuses (Safeway)

-Code enforcement (complaint-driven)

- Survey of neighborhoods (Do they have sidewalks?)
- Tucson food security (Do we have enough food to survive in case something serious happened?)
- Nextdoor.com
- Trade and economy (shop local)
- Help sustain non-profits
- Himmel Park swimming pool

Philip Mueller:

The pool is a great resource for our neighborhood. Who do we contact to help us improve it?

Ron Spark:

Steve K. and Peg Webber from Parks and Recreation.

Rick Bell:

What is the graffiti abatement telephone number?

Ron Spark:

That phone number should be available in the city directory.

Rick Bell:

How often do we have big trash pick-up?

Ron Spark:

Twice a year.

Rick Bell:

What about neighborhood walkability? You talked about neighborhoods without sidewalks.

Ron Spark:

The Ward Office should be contacted regarding sidewalks. There may be some money available to build sidewalks, but not money from the city.

Rick Bell:

Does the city have money for anything we may need?

Ron Spark:

No, not really. It only has money for roads. There are businesses that sometimes put money into the community that may be willing to help with sidewalks and other projects. For example, TEP and Trico have paid to have 10,000 trees planted. There is a website with more information about this.

Carolyn Classen:

We'll add that information about the trees to our newsletter and website.

Rick Bell:

We will contact you with any of these things that we may need help with. Thank you very much for being here.

6 **Water Tower**

Architect Bob Vint apprises the board about what progress has been made on the Water Tower.

Bob Vint:

Phase 1 of Building Project:

A. Light Rehabilitation of existing structure

-City money used for this part only

B. Foundation to Rebuild Tower

-SHNA money used for this part

-Core of steel tubing

-Frame and plastic

-Steel Brace

-Concrete base

-Stucco outside

- The roof will need to be reframed. The first story is in fairly good condition.
- The neighborhood's money (\$35,000) will pay for the foundation/base and for the roof reframing.
- We are building a replica since the original water tower is gone. This means we'll be using better materials than the original, like metal instead of wood.
- Eventually we want this to be a usable space. It is structured so that this could be a neighborhood resource/center.
- The water tower can collect up to 7,000 gallons of water that we can harvest from the cisterns.
- I emailed O'Dowd and Mayberry. I heard back from O'Dowd, but not from Mayberry concerning the water tower.
- This project has been looked at for 25 years. In two months we may be able to bid this. So, we may be able to start building this in only a few months. The contractor may wait until September to start because of monsoon season.
- Estimated three month construction from September 1st to December 1st.
- The architectural drawings have seals, meaning that this is safe to build.

Rick Bell:

Do we have everything needed to build this?

Bob Vint

Yes.

Rick Bell:

Will you help us with the permitting process?

Bob Vint:

Yes.

Rick Bell:

- We approved the funding of phase one (light rehabilitation and steel foundation).
- Anything else we can do to help you move forward?

Bob Vint:

No, it's in the city's hands now.

Jim Head:

Does the money we've been discussing include your fee?

Bob Vint:

- I don't remember, but I'll get back to you.
- The city may need the SHNA to give the money to them.

Rick Bell:

Okay. Thank you for your work and your patience.

7 **Review March Minutes for Approval**

Multiple members of the board help to point out these corrections to the minutes.

- Pg.2: "stationery" was misspelled.
- Pg.4: "Treasurer's Report 2013" should say "Treasurer's Report 2014"
- Pg. 4: Take out "Budget attached" line.
- Pg. 5: Adjust information in the "Broadway Corridor" section to reflect this sentiment: "Six lanes is a wider option and public input is needed and encouraged to keep project width as narrow as possible."

Jim Head: Makes motion to accept minutes with corrections.

Mary Pflibsen seconds the motion.

Board unanimously in favor.

8 **Treasurer's Report 2014**

Jim Head:

- We could make available to the public the Treasurer's Report which has a lot of detailed financial information.
- We could also make available on the website a copy of our postcard tax return. The only problem with this is that the postcard just says that we're a non-profit making less than \$50,000 a year. This doesn't meet our transparency goals.
- The information that I put together was supposed to address transparency goals by providing extra information.

Carolyn Classen:

See page 5 of last month's Minutes. There it talks about putting the Treasurer's Report online.

Mary Pflibsen:

I'm not opposed to a more condensed version, I just want more information available than what is on the postcard.

Rick Bell:

What would you like to include, Jim?

Jim Head:

The version of the Treasurer's Report that was emailed last night.

Carolyn Classen:

Can you just put up the report that was approved?

Jim Head:

Yeah, that's fine.

Mary Pflibsen: Makes motion that approved report is posted with inclusion of an acronym key to post on the website.

Philip Mueller seconds the motion.

4/6 people on the board in favor; Carolyn Classen abstains.

9 Budget 2014

Some suggestions made by Rick Bell and Mary Pflibsen about clarification.

Rick Bell:

- Take out last line for clarification
- Newsletter x 2 (Take out of Budget)
- Use an asterisk to note 2013 carry overs

Mary Pflibsen:

-Clarification on 2013 expenditures that have not been paid.

Rick Bell: Makes motion to accept Budget with the changes.

Mary Pflibsen seconds the motion.

Board is favor except for Philip Mueller, who abstains.

10 Committee Reports

Rick Bell:

People in the neighborhood thought that Spring Fling would be way more disruptive than it actually was.

Mary Pflibsen:

An article in the Wildcat said that there were less complaint calls to the police than past years.

Rick Bell:

- The setup of the stage and speakers at Spring Fling really took the neighborhood into consideration.
- Bill Craig emailed asking about sending a letter of thanks to Spring Fling for their consideration, but that the SHNA still would not support the U of A being the venue of choice in the future.

Mary Pflibsen: Makes motion that Bill Craig can send a letter.

Jim Head seconds the motion.

Board unanimously in favor of a letter to the U of A.

11 Garden Tour

Rick Bell:

There were huge improvements in attendance and net income. In 2012 we had 200 attendees and made \$1,000. In 2014 we had 365 attendees and made \$2,600.

Carolyn Classen:

The Garden Tour was highlighted in many articles and magazines. We got good publicity in the Arizona Daily Star, Tucson Weekly, Zocalo magazine, Tucson Happenings magazine, and even Coffee News.

Rick Bell

Thank you to Carolyn for her efforts to publicize this event.

12 **CCRC**

This topic was tabled.

13 **Broadway Corridor/ Pocket Park**

This topic was tabled.

14 **Community Action Tool Kit**

This topic was tabled.

15 **TRRG**

This topic was tabled.

16 **Topics for Future Meetings**

- Ironwood Tree Experience
- Neighborhood Walkability Study

17 **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 9:18pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Bernhardt, Recorder