

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association, Inc. (SHNA, Inc.)
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
May 20, 2014
Himmel Park Library

MINUTES

0 **Attending:** John O'Dowd, Rick Bell, Mary Pflibsen, Bill Craig, Janett Carbajal, Philip Mueller

1 **Absent:** Lu Ann Barr, Jim Head, Carolyn Classen, John Wilder, Gail Schuessler

2 **Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions**

Meeting called to order: 7:03pm

Guests in attendance:

Kent Pflibsen (Neighbor)

Madelyn Cook (Neighbor)

Sarah O'Neil (Neighbor)

Earl O'Neil (Neighbor)

Martha Gebhardt (Ironwood Tree Experience)

Edward Schevill (Neighbor)

Ironwood Tree Experience/ Community Action Toolkit

Martha Gebhardt:

-Two years ago the Community Action Program was started. It provides opportunities for local youth and others to do projects.

-See the Ironwood Tree Experience website for more information.
(ironwoodtreeexperience.org/community)

-The program has a three month commitment to a project.

-Tool kits made available.

-Support from project specialists that are trained through Ironwood Tree Experience.

-Example projects: Gardens, irrigation repair, etc.

-All projects are in public spaces.

-The program has worked with neighborhoods before. The program wants to do a project for the community. The community can decide on the project it would like to do.

-An application can be filled out by the SHNA to register for a project. There are two months until the program stops accepting applications.

Spring Fling

Edward Schevill:

-Spring Fling was quieter this year.

-U of A is not an appropriate location for Spring Fling as a permanent fixture every year.

-If Spring Fling becomes established it will grow and get loud and out of control.

Bill Craig:

-The people in the Sam Hughes neighborhood were in favor of Spring Fling being at the U of A.
-I went to many meetings and my comments were heard. Those involved in running Spring Fling were very considerate.

Edward Schevill:

In the past, when Spring Fling was hosted regularly on the U of A campus, it took a few years for it to get really loud. After it got loud it was out of control after that.

Bill Craig:

We can't fight this, but we can have a board member go to meetings in the future to make sure the people involved with Spring Fling are reasonable and considerate.

Edward Schevill:

This activity is just too disruptive. I want peace and quiet where I live.

Bill Craig:

Spring Fling was back for its 40th anniversary. Things went well so they may want to come back in the future.

Rick Bell:

Bill's letter thanked Spring Fling for its consideration. The board voted and the letter went out.

Edward Schevill:

Thanks go to Bill for all your hard work on this. I still think the U of A as a location for Spring Fling is inappropriate and intrusive.

Rick Bell:

I want to thank Edward Schevill for coming tonight. We appreciate feedback from our neighbors.

John O'Dowd:

Let's invite someone from Spring Fling to talk to the board about Spring Fling next year.

Review March Minutes for Re-Approval

Page 1: Betty Guarraia's name was misspelled and needs correction.

Page 5: Bill Craig emailed his corrections about the wording in a section about Spring Fling.

Mary Pflibsen: Makes motion to accept minutes with corrections.

Bill Craig seconds the motion.

Board unanimously in favor. (6/6)

Review April Minutes for Approval

John O' Dowd: Makes motion to accept minutes with corrections.

Philip Mueller seconds the motion.

Board in favor except for Bill Craig, who abstains. (5/6)

Action Without Meeting (Spring Fling)

- Vote yes to send or vote no not to send this information to the Star and Wildcat.

Congratulations are in order for the University of Arizona Spring Fling Committee and staff. The memories of Spring Fling on campus in the 1990's caused a great deal of concern for neighbors of the University. Conversations among neighbors about the upcoming return to campus of the event were frequently terse. Jared Young, the Executive Director, did much to allay the fears by opening up his main committee to neighborhood representatives. The Fling was adjusted to make it more friendly to the adjoining neighborhoods. It is with much happiness that I say this year's Spring Fling was a great success. Thank you to all involved in making the Fling a success for the students, the school, and the neighbors.

-The vote passed (8/8)

Action Without Meeting (5th/CC)

-Vote yes if you approve and want SHNA to send LuAnn's revised letter. Vote no if you do not approve or do not want SHNA to send LuAnn's revised letter.

Dear Sirs:

In response to your letter dated 4/28/2014 regarding the request for vacation and sale of a portion of 5th Street and Bentley Ave. right of way near Country Club, we are satisfied that the changes to the lot size are consistent with the developer's plan as presented to the SHNA Board of Directors, November of 2013. The increase in lot size requested is reasonable and consistent with other lot development in the Sam Hughes neighborhood and satisfactorily meets and upholds current R1 zoning regulations. We agree with the city's decision to not widen 5th Street west of Country Club or Bentley Avenue and agree that the city land formerly reserved for future street widening be allotted to the Himmel Addition.

Thank you for notifying our neighborhood association and giving us an opportunity to meet with the City Planning and Development office for clarification prior to city approval.

Best Regards,

LuAnn Barr
Land Use Code Committee Chair
Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association

-The vote passed, with one person abstaining (6/7)

Treasurer's Report May 2014 - emailed to the Board by Jim Head.

1. 2013 IRS reporting. Completed in January via e-postcard. You may recall the 2012 IRS reporting did not happen. I am exchanging mail with the IRS office in Utah; there appears to be no requirement or deadline but I've instructions on submitting a 990 for 2012.
2. AZ Corp Commission. 2013 report filed and fee paid for 2014. Completed in April.
3. Insurance payment made in April.
4. PO Box payment made--this one slipped past me and Rick caught it. The USPS has asked us to update the nine-year old information they have on us. It is an opportunity to set up auto payment via credit card. Won't miss a payment then, but one more thing to handle during transitions. Request guidance from the Board.

John O'Dowd: Makes motion that the treasurer manually writes a check for the semi-annual payment to the post office for the SHNA P.O. Box twice a year.

Mary Pflibsen seconds the motion.
Board unanimously in favor. (6/6)

5. HPBP fundraising exceeds \$1000 on the year. \$500 of this was the challenge match offered in January. With expenses the HPBP balance is ~\$5400. ACTION: Jim to send updating accounting to HPBP Cmte members. Question: Is there Board concurrence to send list of donor names, addresses, and phone numbers via unencrypted email?

Bill Craig: Makes motion that the SHNA sends the names of the HPBP donors through the regular mail, rather than through email.

Philip Mueller seconds the motion.
Board unanimously in favor. (6/6)

6. Received bill from Mr. Vint for the architectural drawings for the Water Tower restoration, Phases 1 and 2. I believe Board action last summer (June? one of the Lutheran Church meetings) authorizes payment. Mr. Vint was advanced \$2000 last summer. The balance of ~\$5200 is now due. N.b. the WT impound funds at Vantage West (~\$2700) are not sufficient; we need to tap the impounded funds (~\$34,000) at Washington Federal. That CD comes due in July. I do not have access to that account; the owners are still John and Corey. ACTION. Jim to query Mr. Vint on payment in July after current CD cycle matures. ACTION. John to close out Washington Federal account and transfer to Vantage West account, sub account number 65, That is the sub account established for the WT impound. This action contingent on conversation with Mr. Vint.

7. Will need to provide checks to Rick (USPS, Himmel Pool Summer Saturdays) and recorder (April minutes).

Committee Reports

Rick Bell:

Thanks to Mary for all her hard work.

Mary Pflibsen has received an award. The other Board members congratulate Mary Pflibsen as well, and she thanks them.

The conversation then moves on to the Committee Reports.

Mary Pflibsen:

- There are plans to build a Pocket Park where the Panda building used to be.
- City money will go to fund the project.
- The Pocket Park would consist of a walking path, small trees, and benches.
- Merchants could have a food truck round up there.
- Broadway might sell the space later, but if the space is well-used it may end up being a permanent fixture.

Broadway Corridor

Mary Pflibsen:

- There were two options, a four lane option and a six lane option.
- The public supports the four lane option, but Pima County does not support that option.
- If the four lane option were chosen Pima County would pull funding, forcing the City to pay back \$7 million dollars.
- So, the six lanes were approved. The six lanes can be narrowed to save the buildings along Broadway.
- This is a huge step forward.

Bill Craig:

What about Miles School?

Mary Pflibsen:

-That's a very tricky topic. There are historic homes on one side of the street and Miles on the other side.

-The homeowners are angry because they bought their homes after the city promised the homes would be safe from being torn down due to road expansion.

-Miles School already has a small campus.

Rick Bell:

Is it possible to make six lanes without widening Broadway?

Mary Pflibsen:

Maybe, I'm not sure. It will depend on the way that it's designed.

PayPal

Rick Bell:

-The issue with PayPal is that the old treasurer used his personal information for the SHNA account. Because of this, the account is now frozen.

-There is about \$800-\$900 in the frozen account.

-We need to set up an account with organization's information rather than using personal information.

Speedway/Campbell

Mary Pflibsen:

-Mr. Joy is the architect of the three buildings being built at Speedway and Campbell.

-The three buildings will consist of condos and retail locations. The building in the middle will be 20 stories tall, and the buildings on either side will be 10 stories tall.

-Seventy people were at the meeting to discuss this project. They were mostly in favor of the buildings.

-There are other people that do not want these buildings built. They want to keep the historic neighborhood beautiful.

-The developer wanted to buy the entire block between Campbell and Warren, but was disappointed when he couldn't get it.

Rick Bell:

Does this need approval? Overlay?

Mary Pflibsen:

Yes, overlay.

Rick Bell:

How does the Board feel about this?

Bill Craig:

What can we do?

Rick Bell:

Well, we could have Mary Pflibsen, Bill Craig, and Lu Ann Barr follow this some more.

Board indicates approval of this idea.

TRRG

Topic tabled until next meeting.

Himmel Pool

Rick Bell:

- The pool will be open this summer.
- We will have a program called "Sam Hughes Summer Swim" that lets SHNA members swim for free. The pool will keep our punch cards at the pool.
- We've budgeted up to \$300 for this.

Bill Craig: Makes motion that Rick Bell can get a blank check with a maximum of \$150 to spend on "Sam Hughes Summer Swim" .

Philip Mueller seconds the motion.

Board is unanimously in favor. (6/6)

Topics for Future Meetings

- Narrowing 6th Street to two lanes
- Office of Integrated Planning
- Broadway Corridor (10-15 minutes)
- Annual Board get together in July

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Bernhardt, recorder