

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association, Inc. (SHNA, Inc.)
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
June 17, 2014
Himmel Park Library

MINUTES

Attending: John O'Dowd, Rick Bell, Mary Pflibsen, Bill Craig, John Wilder, Gail Schuessler, Lu Ann Barr, Jim Head, Janett Carbajal, Philip Mueller

Absent: Carolyn Classen

Call to Order / Roll Call / Introductions

Meeting called to order: 7:04pm

Guests in attendance:

Mike Finkelstein (Developer/Owner)

Tom Braun (Guest)

Denice Blake (HPBP)

Susan Peters (HPBP)

Colby Henley (Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association)

Molly Thrasher (Ward 6 Office)

1. **5th Street/Country Club (3035 E 5th St): QuatroVest, Inc.**

Mike Finkelstein reviews information about his housing development through a Power Point presentation.

Mike Finkelstein:

-Water used to flow from Country Club to Bentley, causing lots of damage to the back alleys.

-New design for drainage system will be better.

-With the new design, water from Country Club will go into a catch basin, then move underground, then drain out onto Bentley.

-By law, we can't change *where* the water flows, but we can change *how* it flows.

-There will be an open concrete channel.

-We don't know the price on this yet.

-The fronts of the houses in this development will face the interior street.

-The Department of Transportation wants to give outside access to the development through Country Club, but this would not be good for the neighborhood as heavy traffic may try to cut through during rush hour.

Lu Ann Barr:

I am concerned about the flow of water onto Bentley during the Monsoon season.

Mike Finkelstein:

Steve Kozachik is an advocate for this design. I am looking for moral support from the SHNA board on this design.

John O' Dowd:

There is no time to discuss this topic further right now.

Lu Ann Barr and Mike Finkelstein exchange information and agree to work with each other and further discuss the ramifications of the new design for the water drainage system.

2. 6th Street Corridor

Colby Henley:

- In 2012 the U of A conducted a study on bicyclists and pedestrians. In this study they found that 6th Street is a safety issue in getting to campus. It is a scary place to walk and bike.
- We would like to see 6th Street have a single travel lane, a central turn lane, and an area for parking. The area for parking could provide a safer space for bikes.
- Also, the retail options along 6th Street are pretty minimal, which does not encourage walking or biking there in order to hang out.
- Before the City can agree to make changes to 6th Street, it will need to conduct a traffic study.
- I would like the SHNA to write a letter saying that they approve a traffic study.

Lu Ann Barr:

I can get behind this idea.

John O' Dowd:

This will take money. We may consider financially supporting this.

Colby Henley:

The changed 6th Street would redirect traffic to Broadway.

Rick Bell:

- What would a traffic study look like in regards to 6th Street in Sam Hughes?
- Sam Hughes is more residential, not retail, like Rincon Height's section of 6th Street.
- We need to give this matter consideration before taking a position.

3. Speedway/Campbell, Palm Shadows Apts.

Bill Craig and Mary Pflibsen went to the most recent meeting. People were split 50/50 on whether they liked or disliked the plans for the buildings.

Jim Head:

- With all these land use issues on our agenda, it might be time to reach out to our neighbors and ask for help.
- Washington DC has a model for how high they will allow their buildings to be. We need to figure out what model we want in Tucson.

Rick Bell:

Instead of a 10, 20, 10 story model, we should advocate for a 3, 7, 3 story model for the buildings. This is something to bring up at the meeting on Thursday.

4. Review May Minutes For Approval

Gail Schuessler: Makes motion to accept minutes with corrections.

Philip Mueller seconds the motion.

Board in favor, except for Mary Pflibsen, who abstains. (9/10)

5. Treasurer's Report 2014

Jim Head reviews the June report and member dues.

Jim Head:

-We receive some donations through PayPal. PayPal takes 3% of that money. Right now, because of this, we are eating through our general fund.

-Are we going to continue doing this? If we get substantial donations on various projects, this will matter even more.

-In other news, we have paid for the blue prints of the water tower (\$5,226).

Lu Ann Barr: Makes motion to accept the Treasurer ' s Report for June 2014.

John O ' Dowd seconds the motion.

Board unanimously in favor. (10/10)

6. Bank Accounts

Bill Craig: Makes motion to update account information to remove Corey Reidy and add Jim Head and Rick Bell to Vantage West and Washington Federal accounts.

John Wilder seconds the motion.

Board unanimously in favor. (10/10)

Bill Craig: Makes motion that as of the maturity date of the Washington Federal account we will withdraw the funds from the Washington Federal account and deposit them into the Vantage West account and close the Washington Federal account.

John Wilder seconds the motion.

Board unanimously in favor. (10/10)

7. PayPal

John Wilder:

I tried to set up a card reader. This would have been set up through PayPal, except that PayPal froze the account because the SHNA information didn ' t match the account information. There is a long list of requirements to unfreeze the account.

8. Ironwood Tree Experience

Mary Pflibsen: Makes motion to explore whether we have the resources and time to pursue this.

Janet Carbajal seconds the motion.

Board in favor, except for John O ' Dowd and Gail Schuessler, who abstain. (8/10)

9. OIP/Urban Agriculture

Bill Craig:

The OIP folks want to sell their own food. The City wants to make sure they can shut these gardeners ' activities down in case a neighbor is bothered.

Rick Bell:

So, they want to grow in order to sell at a Farmers ' Market. When is their next meeting?

Bill Craig:

I ' m not sure.

Jim Head:

The numbers show that growing food is not going to be a sustainable way of life in the event of a disaster.

Bill Craig gives Rick Bell some printed materials from the OIP meeting he attended so that Rick Bell has a chance to read over them.

10. Broadway Corridor and Pocket Park

Mary Pflibsen:

-There have been no changes regarding the Pocket Park.

-I will email the board with more information regarding the Broadway Corridor.

11. Broadway Village/Americana Apts.

There will be a meeting on June 25 2014.

Annual Dinner

The SHNA Board makes a decision about where and when they will meet for their annual dinner in July.

12. Tucson Forward

No one from the SHNA Board has extra time that they can devote to this, so no one will be joining.

13. TRRG

This topic has been tabled

14. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Alexandra Bernhardt, Recorder