

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)  
Annual Membership Meeting  
January 20, 2015  
Sam Hughes Elementary School

**Board Members Attending:** Rick Bell, Janett Carbajal, Carolyn Classen, Bill Craig, Philip Mueller, John O'Dowd, Mary Pflibsen, Gail Schuessler, John Wilder,

**Board Members Absent:** Lu Ann Barr, Jim Head,

**Guests /Visitors:** Council Member Steve Kozachik

## Agenda

### Tallmadge Hall

6:00 pm Reception

Food: Allegro Gelato, Grimaldi's Pizza, Bob Dobbs

Music: THMS Orchestra

### Cafeteria

6:45 pm Call to Order / Thank You - Janet Jordan, Principal SHS

6:55 pm Presentation: Broadway Corridor Update - Jennifer Toothaker Burdick, Project Manager

Jennifer presented the area for consideration, she reviewed the background for the funding of the effort. Multiple studies were undertaken to look at transportation alternatives none of those reached critical mass. 6 lanes + 2 bus lanes with bike lanes and walkways were presented during the 2006 RTA bond election. In December RTA received feedback from outside this area that the wider original plan was desired. On Dec 11<sup>th</sup> RTA agreed that the 6 lane option would become the baseline for the beginning of the technical design phase. Work is ongoing to develop the narrowest solution that would meet the technical requirements for this road.

Measures of performance for the Roadway have evolved over the last 2 years. Consideration of aspects other than pure traffic throughput have been incorporated in the evaluation of alternatives. Jen shared the members who are on the CTF. The CTF has met 34 times over 30 months to date. 10 of 13 CTF members support 6 lane design with transit (RTA approved this recommendation), CTF supports a design which should support transit, CTF recommends the design encourage economic vitality and sense of place.

Considerations in design: Mass / rapid transit, bicycle access & mobility (perhaps by-passes for bikes to go around bus pull-outs), pedestrian access & mobility, potential historic and significant buildings (236 buildings have been identified as unique for consideration in this design), design which encourage economic vitality.

Technical Advisory Committee - is being engaged during this technical design phase, engineering, real estate.

Goal is to present a refined alignment to Mayor and Council

Finalize Design Concept Report - Documents CTF recommendations and public inputs

Prepare 30% completion of design -

7:05 pm Q&A: Broadway Corridor Update - Jennifer Toothaker Burdick, Project Manager

What does transportation alignment mean?

What is projected completion date? Not defined at present May 2016

What is projected ground breaking?

What might impact be on 6<sup>th</sup> St or other arteries?

How would architectural character be preserved during this effort? This would be addressed by land use discussions later.

How would transition work from 6 lanes to 4 lanes downtown? She said that that would require more study.

Public participation during the design phase seems limited. Currently the design team is working for significant periods without opportunities for public input. Is there a method for the public to be engaged effectively during this time.

7:20pm Roll Call / Introductions (Historic Preservation Award / Mary)

Suggestion was made by Randy Louis to consider using plaques to identify significant properties through out the neighborhood.

Stewart - Requested that the SHNA board consider the Tucson Climate adaptation report. Opportunities for actions were suggested for consideration.

John Kautz - Street repair!

Gladys Richardson - Project to help parents of infants can network. Have family network in SH for play-groups.

Judy Merchan - She walks at night and has noticed street lights out. Who would she contact? There is a link on the SHNA website.

7:30pm SHNA Home Tour 2015 - Denice Blake, Betty, Susan, Bobby, Jeanie

Upcoming home tour is planned for April 12, Sunday 12-5 PM. Residences, gardens, front porch, 3 retail establishments, Matt Bevel (artist) gallery will be on the tour.

Significant proceeds will go to the Himmel Park beautification project. Betty spoke on volunteers: 2 shifts splitting the period of the tour. Denice reminded the attendees of

what could be done to improve the Himmel Park area. You can refer to the SHNA website for further information.

7:35pm SHNA HPBP - Denice

Himmel Park beautification project is to mark the corner around the Library beautiful. Benches, bike racks, shade trees. Ward 6, Pima County, Miramonte, and others are supporting this effort. Volunteers are needed for: variety of skills including tile work, plant care, etc. Donations are welcome: you can buy a brick, buy a tree (\$500), buy a bench (\$500) for the park, etc.

7:42pm Rick introduced the current members of the board

7:44pm Treasurer's Report - Jim No report available as the treasurer is sick and not able to attend.

7:45pm Certificate Presentation - Rick

Plaque presented to John O' Dowd for many years of service to and as President of SHNA.

7:48pm Call for Nominations from the floor for 2015 SHNA BOD - Rick

Election of 2014 SHNA BOD - Randy Downer

Randy recounted several stories of his time in SHNA.

Randy presented the existing board members for reelection. They were unanimously reelected.

7:52pm TRRG - Bill

Tucson Residents for Responsive Government - all volunteers which is working toward better local governance as a neutral organization. Existed since May 2014. Bill announced that SHNA has officially become a "friend" of TRRG; and the website is [Tucsontrrg.org](http://Tucsontrrg.org).

7:54pm Palm Shadows - Rick

Plans for potential 20 story development on the corner of Speedway and Campbell. COT Planning & Zoning expected to present at board meeting in February or March.

7:56pm El Parador Property Development - Rick

Urban development of the property is being planned. Developer coming to Feb board meeting.

7:58pm 5<sup>th</sup> and Country Club development – Rick  
SHNA is following this and is being told single family homes are to be built.

8:00pm Adjournment