

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
February 17, 2015
Himmel Park Library

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

Absent: Lu Ann Barr, Carolyn Classen, Gail Schuessler,

Guests / Visitors: See attached scan

Agenda

7:04pm Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

7:06pm Ward 6 Council - Steve K. Friday council will see the proposed alignment, two week comment period from Feb 20 - March 11th, CTF will meet at 5:30 on March 19 to work with comments. Expect to see 118' foot cross width.

Campbell and Speedway on corner where Palm Shadows (Shenkarow) is presently. Public process will not start until some tenant lease work ready. Banner health work north of that where UMC is wishes to align entrance with Elm and have 3 separate parking areas in the complex. John O' Dowd expressed concern about the height of the proposed building on the Palm Shadows site. There is no certainty about the height at this time.

On Wednesday, Feb 18, the city budget will be discussed. Pima County probably will send \$10M more to the AZ state budget from \$81 to \$91M. The city will be impacted by state shared dollars which will be cut by \$1-\$2M. City has agreements with Pima County that likely will increase the city budget needs.

John Wilder asked about development on the Christian Science church site. Steve K. mentioned a communication with the developer who indicated he is now planning to sell the property

Anne at ward office - there will be a charter conversation in the next month. Raise bond limit. Governance changes.

7:15 pm Call to audience -

Susanne Reichart with Susan B. Komen. March 22nd will hold the mall walk/run. There will be an 8AM 5K run that takes place off campus. Looking to raise ~\$200,000. \$35 entry fee.

David Paul - Pointed out that the 2014 Comprehensive COT financial report shows a \$55M surplus. The report is on the COT website.

7:22pm Presentation: El Parador Property - Developer Tom Warren spoke on his plans for this property. Abating the asbestos in the old facility. Demolition will start in the next week or so. He is looking for leases for 3,400 to 10,000 sq. ft of restaurant or retail space with the building closer to the street. Probably 1 story

with a single tenant. Design would start as soon as a tenant is identified perhaps in the May or June time frame.

7:35pm Presentation: Spring Fling – Spring Fling Committee – Amanda Lester executive director. Plan to follow hours April 10–12th Fri 4–11, Sat 11–11, Sun 11–6. Monday April 6 start set-up. Tear down by April 16th. Plan a mailer to the neighborhood for information. 24 hour hotline on April 6 520–621–5610. Last advisory meeting March 26th. Offering a tour. Will maintain continuous decibel readings of noise level. Amplified sound to end at 10 PM. They have a trash maintenance perimeter. Stage will face west with entrance on mall at Cherry. They may use a second entrance off of Cherry. They are offering paid admissions work in exchange for supporting them. Offering to have their team support a clean up or community event in SHNA.

Bill Craig moved that SHNA support the Spring Fling event by providing volunteers in exchange for a contribution to SHNA. Mary Pflibsen seconded the motion. 1 opposed, all others approved.

7:40pm Review December Minutes for Approval – Mary Pflibsen moved to approve December minutes as amended by email, Janet seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

January Minutes – Mary Pflibsen asked to change the part where Jen Burdick was presenting. How would transition work from 6 lanes to 4 lanes downtown. She said that that would require more study. Mary Pflibsen moved to approve the January minutes as amended by email and with Mary’s addition above, seconded by Janet and unanimously approved.

7:47pm Treasurer’s Report (Account with Interest/2015 budget) – Jim IRS annual reporting has been completed. \$2,600 contribution recently received toward beautification effort with other funds committed. Approximately \$10,000 raised by beautification committee to date. SHNA phase I was estimated to be from \$26 to 30K. Email between Jonathon Mayberry and Rick updated that city is updating approved contractor list so in a couple of months they may be ready to start the next phase. John O’ Dowd asked what the plan for executing Phase I— in particular, security/preservation of the location. Some discussion took place on what state to leave the property in after completion of Phase I so that it could be used. Jim Head suggested a non-binding MOU between SHNA and the other parties. Steve K. agreed that it would be important to get an MOU in place. Jim Head agreed to draft an MOU for consideration.

Jim Head investigated potential investments for SHNA funds. John O’Dowd moved that “Jim Head be empowered to use short term FDIC insured accounts to increase return on investment up to \$15K.” (Up to \$15k in funds may be allocated to such accounts). Bill Craig seconded. Rick asked for further discussion. 1 member opposed all other Board members approved.

Rick asked treasurer to call a meeting for developing the SHNA 2015 budget.

8:10pm PayPal – John W & Jim Head – Previous PayPal account balance was transferred to SHNA Vantage West account. John Wilder offered to work with Steve G. on closing the old account.

8:14pm

Annual Meeting, Tucson High Orchestra & Sam Hughes School – Rick – Good attendance was noted with good presentations. Thanks to the Councilman for attending. Rick Bell asked the Board to consider a donation to the Tucson High Orchestra in gratitude for their service. Bill Craig moved that SHNA donate \$200, Jim Head seconded. Unanimously approved. Rick Bell also asked the Board to consider a donation to Sam Hughes Elementary. Examples: property improvement fund (for tree replacement) and Rick has had conversations about how dark it is outside the school after meetings and perhaps lighting could be installed. Bill Craig offered to raise the possibility of adding lighting to the site. John Wilder suggested that SHNA just contribute the money without specific designation. Board members discussed the need for such lighting and whether SHNA might pay for the lighting. Rick took a straw poll of the Board with the lighting, tree planting and undesignated gift getting similar votes. Bill Craig offered to open dialog with Sam Hughes school during his site council meeting this next week. Start the conversation around something like \$200 as a potential gift.

8:23pm Passed Motions (Aug–Nov) Audit/El Rio Theatre donation – Rick identified that instead of acting on a Board action to \$100 donate to El Rio Theater, \$200 had actually been given. Jim recommended the Board approve that the \$200 be designated as \$100 for 2014 and \$100 for 2015. Jim moved that SHNA donate \$100 to El Rio Theater in 2015 recognizing that the donation has already been made. Mary Pflibsen seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

8:22pm Goals – Rick Bell polled the Board to see if they wished to develop/specify goals for 2015. Examples might be: adopt a set of goals, increase membership, define methods to meet membership goals, complete MOU with COT on the water–tower project, place on website neighborhood information, funding to support neighborhood events, look on other neighborhood sites for good ideas, make website improvements, and increase number of Board members. Jim Head moved to volunteer to draft a set of goals for SHNA and John O’ Dowd seconded the motion. 4 in favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstain.

8:26pm Bond Advisory Committee – Rick asked if Jim had anything further to report. Nothing further to report.

8:45pm Palm Shadows Manifesto (COT DOT) – Rick Bell asked for concurrence on the present state of the document. Jim encouraged Board members to review paragraph. John O’ Dowd moved to put document on the April meeting; Jim will resend the document to Board members.

8:46pm Media Statements – Mary prepared a statement for public release. Bill moved that the prepared statement be used for standard requests and that they be modified as needed in future. Jim Head seconded. Unanimously approved.

- 8:50pm **Officer Elections** - Bill Craig moved that the existing officers to keep their positions for the next year. Mary Pflibsen seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Committee/Reports (4 min)**
- 8:42pm **Casitas Park, Clean-Up** - Janet is working with the COT on clean-up
- 8:59pm **CCRC, alternates** - Bill Craig attended the most recent meeting. Banner Health was discussed for the first 1.25 hours. President of Banner presented. Same development team as the Palm Shadows is planned. John O' Dowd agreed to serve as alternate to the CCRC with Bill Craig as the main representative. 5:30 pm Wednesday, Feb 18 tennis court lighting will be presented.
- 8:50pm **Newsletter** - Rick asked that members alert Rick of contributions by Friday. Newsletter to be delivered by Mid March. Mary Pflibsen will provide an article. Bill Craig will provide an article on Spring Fling.
- 9:00 pm **Topics for Future Meetings**
- Palm Shadows/COT P&DS - 2nd St Preschool - Banner Health - Broadway Corridor**
- 9:09pm **Adjournment** Bill Moved, Janet seconded unanimously approved.