

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
September 15, 2015  
Himmel Park Library

Attending: Rick Bell, Bill Craig, Dustin Fitzpatrick, Erika Gallo, Jim Head, John O'Dowd, Mary Pflibsen, John Wilder,

Absent: Lu Ann Barr, Janet Carbajal, Carolyn Classen, Philip Mueller, Gail Schuessler

Guests /Visitors:

Agenda

7:05pm Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions - Allison Miller, Molly McKasson, Robert

7:04pm Call to Law Enforcement/Public Guests/Audience (2min) - Lauri from Parks and Rec left a leaflet about Parks and Rec Master Plan.

7:10pm Friends of Himmel Park - Presentation/Molly, Donna Stephenson,

Molly shared a letter with the board. Molly and others had written the city on park improvements but budgets are small so they decided to take action. Presented some projects for consideration: 1. Robert spoke about replacing the lost exotic trees in Himmel Park with low water use native trees. Design a small eco-pocket / niche within the park. Some trees, benches, shrubs to create a passive natural spot to experience. Rio Vista, Palo Verde both have such designs in mind. Their preferred location just east of the swimming pool. May require \$10K in funds for materials and some design support. Audobon Society, Watershed management, Desert Survivors will consult, have been contacted to participate / assist. They are getting donations of time and materials at this time and aren't asking for money at this time but wanted to get SHNA support. They anticipate returning when they have more specific projects. John O'Dowd moved to endorse the Friends of Himmel Park project for developing a nature spot within Himmel Park and encourage SHNA members to offer their time and talents in assisting with this effort. Motion unanimously passed. Bill Craig seconded the motion. The Friends are looking at the possibility of writing a grant application from Tucson Parks foundation. Molly added information about a Kiosk improvement option within Himmel park. Bill Craig suggested that Ned could fabricate a metal roof for the Kiosk. Molly also mentioned that the playground equipment is dangerous and in need of repair. They have a neighbor who is willing to lead fund raising. Bill Craig offered to participate in the playground equipment fund raiser.

Blenman, Miramonte, and El Encanto neighborhoods have been contacted to participate but so far have not responded.

7:25pm Friends of Himmel Park -Q&A

7:35pm Pima Bonds Endorsement - Mary Pflibsen reported that she went one of the presentations of the Bonds. She reported that the Bond board considered an option for funds to renovate building facades along Broadway. Chuck Huckelberry opposed the motion by letter and it was defeated. Jim Head reported on attending another presentation in which Chuck Huckelberry. Bill Craig reported that \$300M is still owed in bonds which is being paid at \$50M/yr. The new measure is requesting about \$815M to be paid by 2040. Mary moved that SHNA board recommends that neighborhood residents study each component and be a responsible voters. Bill Craig seconded. Motion passed with one

abstention. Allison pointed out that there will be multiple presentations in the near future including TRRG and the League of Women's Voters.

7:40pm August Minutes: Review for Approval. No amendments were offered. Bill Craig moved to accept as provided, Mary seconded. Unanimously approved.

7:45pm Treasurer's Report - Jim reported that Himmel park beautification has approximately \$24,600. Phase I set aside for it. Bob Vint is preparing an RFP but not billed yet. Jim recommends that SHNA board think about a 3-5 year look ahead.

7:50pm Confirmation of Election of Secretary - Official secretary is recorded with Az corp Comm. Recorder sends minutes to secretary and secretary distributes for comments and corrections. Secretary forwards minutes to John Wilder for initial posting then final minutes are posted to the web site. Secretary books the Himmel park room for the year. Erika Gallo agreed to serve in this capacity. After January Rick would like to ask the secretary to track board actions.

7:55pm Passed Motions Audit (Aug-Nov) - Rick asked John if he had found the IRS designation letter. Rick talked to John's daughter and the IRS letter might be in the finance boxes he was given. Madelyn Cook may also have a copy in the archives.

PayPal, Acct - Jim & John W

PayPal, Non-Profit Rate - Jim & John W

Passed Motions Audit (Dec-Mar) - Rick sent a list of motions to the SHNA board today. Bill Craig is working on picnic table for SH school.

8:05pm WPHT: Update - Rick reported that Bob Vint took over creating an RFP for Phase I. On Thursday at 3pm bids will be opened. Bill Craig reported that Bob reported that he was being contracted on an hourly basis.

8:10pm WPHT: Request For Funding - Rick has talked to Tony who is knowledgeable about grant funds for such non-profit projects.

8:20pm Palm Shadows Document - Rick reported that the SHNA document went out to the entire list provided. At Carolyn's recommendation was also sent to TRRG and the Neighborhood in-fill coalition. Some comments were noted. Jim Head noted that the minimal number of comments could be a result of document already representing most opinions. Maybe its so early that people are not yet so interested.

8:25pm Himmel Park Beautification Project - Rick had sent the COTMOU. Rick addressed comments and asked the insurance underwriter who said it was OK. The one contractor, North West Landscaping, will be asked to provide a similar agreement with SHNA. John O' Dowd offered to review the document. Mary asked if the agreement with the contractor is necessary and Rick responded that he believes it is good practice. Rick indicated that it would be good to have medical coverage for the volunteers. Rick asked if the SHNA board wished to sign the MOU. Jim Head moved that the SHNA board approve the MOU contingent on agreement with the contractor including an insurance requirement and hold harmless language as well as that the contractor provides certificates of insurance for liability and commercial auto naming SHNA Inc. as an additional insured. Also Include Volunteer accident coverage. Bill Craig seconded. Unanimously approved.

8:35pm \*Goals - Mary reported that she and Bill Craig have ideas / suggestions to add to the goals. Jim reported some topics: use the listserve more try to get broader use of the listserv, put a working for you on the website, increasing board membership by 3, Mary recounted a conversation with a SHNA resident who thought a button on the webpage could help with recruitment. Rick took the membership goal and quoted from 2008 document: new members - if you join now membership good through next year, application put on website, added paypal account, Bill Craig talked to Alice Roe about their

welcome packets – Rick had put a one page for new residents, half off for first membership, Free T-shirt with 2 years membership, Raffle drawing for tickets to the home tour, members could request house number painted on the curb, half off membership after referring a neighbor for membership, use seasonal events to encourage attendance and as a draw to neighbors, member discount for home tour, free swim day / summer plus tennis, tiles / plaques for historic homes or for multiple year membership etc.

Committee/Reports (3 min)

8:50pm Brake Masters – Mary reported that on Aug 26<sup>th</sup> the developers met with 5 SHNA neighbors, Steve K and Allison, James McAdams (from Office of Integrative Planning) plus the Heights properties representatives. Mary has asked COT who got notices to see why there were so few attendees. The developers are willing to have more meetings in the future (though not required). The Broadway CTF recommended design wouldn't call for BrakeMasters as far north as shown at the meeting. The 30% design of Broadway is expected in Winter. The neighborhood residents were concerned and the business representatives felt strongly that they should be allowed to continue in this location. Steve K. has told Mary that the zoning examiner will send the rezoning process back to the neighborhoods for further negotiations. Rick encouraged Mary to send something to John Wilder to have it put on the webpage.

9:05 pm Sam Hughes School Wish List – Erika Gallo: Sarah Gasho musical instrument drive, 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes are giving a gift to the school, Janet Jordan asked for good walkie talkies (~\$1,000 each) for monitor communication,

Small Grant committee is writing a Heritage Grant to create environmental lesson plans and develop a habitat in a school (replace lost big trees). Looking at adding shade trees, rain gutters for rain harvesting in the court yard. They would like a letter of support for the grant. Erika moved that SHNA provide a letter of support for the Heritage grant stating that SHNA support improvements of the outer courtyard and that SHNA would like to be part of the process. Bill Craig seconded. Motion unanimously passed. Erika agreed to write the letter.

9:15 pm Topics for Future Meetings

Brakemaster / Broadway

Historic Amendment

Spring Fling

Archives

Joel Feinman who is running for Pima County Attorney

9:29pm Adjournment – Bill Craig moved, Mary seconded, motion unanimously approved.