

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
June 21, 2016
Himmel Park Library

Attending: Rick Bell, Bill Craig, Dustin Fitzpatrick, Erika Gallo, Len Nicholson, John O'Dowd, Mary Pflibsen, Gail Schuessler, John Wilder, Nancy Defeo

Absent: Lu Ann Barr, Carolyn Classen, Jim Head,

Guests / Visitors:

Agenda

7:05pm Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

7:06pm Call to Law Enforcement/Public Guests/Audience (2min)

Allison Miller, Madelyn Cooke, Molly McKassen

7:10pm Presentation: Friends of Himmel Park - Molly McKassen

2 Kiosks have been completed, if board would like to post announcements they can be put in the "Friends of Himmel" box in the library for posting. Rick suggested that the El Rio Theater might be posted.

2 Eco-niches - progress has been made. 3 mesquite trees have already been planted with room for 2 more. The basins worked well for rain water collection.

Art and Shade - Molly showed a concept for adding many more trees to the park. Trees that used to shade the park seating would be a priority. Tree for Tucson was suggested by Rick but Molly said they have phased out.

Friends of Himmel Park is planning a fund raiser for the fall to support adding sailcloth and trees for the park.

Mural - a Mural is being planned for the retaining wall on the east side of the pool.

Erika suggested that Margaret Livingston with the U of A landscape department could help with the design and planning.

Tree bubblers - Many are not working and need to be repaired / replaced.

Friends of Himmel - They are looking to raise \$20K for their projects.

- John O suggested \$1,000 donation from the SHNA funds. Rick asked that the SHNA board consider a matching fund raiser. John O moved that consideration of a donation to this effort be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Bill Craig seconded the motion.
- 7:37pm **Review of minutes - April Minutes:**
- Gail S. will check SHNA friends status on the TRRG section in the April minutes which she sent to Erika.**
- May Minutes - Mary moved approval, John Wilder seconded, unanimously approved.**
- John Wilder - 7:52 Tucson High check needs to have a capital "H" .**
- 7:45pm **Current Officer's Information / Planning and Development Services Department - Erika has emailed information to COT and will follow up**
- 7:46pm **Treasurer's Report - Rick has received a current report from Jim. Rick is struggling with keeping track of the SHNA activities. Bill C. suggested that a finance / budget subcommittee be considered to assist by creating a standard format for the monthly SHNA. Bill, Mary and Erika all indicated interest in serving. The Board discussed various options for presentation format. The board will request Jim to present the financial report materials at the next meeting.**
- John Wilder requested that some past financial reports might be considered for format.
- 8:01 pm **Sam Hughes Elementary School Request for Funding / Radios - Len reported that he has spoken with the school. Len did not reply on whether the radios would work and the school has closed for the summer. Bill will contact the school to follow up. Rick asked Erika to follow up with Kate in the office once the staff returns.**
- 8:10 pm **39% owner occupied - Gail S had asked for this agenda item. There is a proposal at COT to assist in encouraging owner occupied housing especially to UofA staff / faculty. Marilyn Robison may administer the mortgage loan program which is a federally funded program which could be up to 10% of the value of the house to assist with closing cost or down payments. Gail S asked how COT could be sure the owner would stay in the house. Allison said that within a 5 year period the owner would have to repay the funds if the property were resold. Allison said the program is already in place and that Ward 6 is in conversation with the Mayor's office with getting ready to publicize this program. Gail S. is working to get someone to come and present on the program.**

8:15 pm Tucson Audubon Society - Rick has seen significant talk on the list serve about residents being interested in learning more about bird habitat, etc. Nancy expressed interest in what the conversation has been about. Mary commented that SHNA members could organize such a presentation / training on their own. Rick mentioned that the Himmel library room would be open in July and could be used for a gathering. The Sam Hughes school could also sponsor an Audubon meeting for the community perhaps in the fall once school starts. There was significant conversation surrounding the purpose of sponsoring a Tucson Audubon Society gathering. Rick polled the SHNA board about sponsoring an Audubon Society event.

There was further conversation surrounding growing membership by sponsoring such events.

7:49 pm EL RIO THEATRE Projects - Shakespeare in the park coming up. In the past SHNA has sponsored. Bill C. moved to provide a \$100 award / donation, Mary seconded, unanimously approved.

7:54 pm Action w/o meeting

8:14 pm Mural Art - Traffic Control Boxes - Allison Miller had suggested a graffiti mitigation approach that might fit with a number of artists in the neighborhood. Allison reported that any traffic control boxes in Tucson could have mural art added to them. Rick asked if an interested artist would have to contact COT to paint a box. Allison indicated that a artist could approach the neighborhood association about painting a box. Some examples have cost \$1,000 in the past. A recent artist has offered to paint murals on boxes for \$400 per box. Mary mentioned that she had heard that the sunshine mile businesses are planning to put photo prints on boxes in their area. Mary and Nancy both commented that we should wait till more budget discussions happen. Mary requested that this be put on the agenda after the budget discussion has happened.

8:24 pm Meeting at Ward 6 office Thursday, June 30th - Pima County Prosecutor Barbara LaWall - Motivation was recent crime experiences in the area. Steve K is trying to get more visibility.

8:40 pm July Dinner - SHNA board does not meet. The dinner is a family event to provide a chance to get to know each other outside of a board meeting. Rick polled the SHNA board about a date in July. Rick is going to ask Erika to do a Doodle poll to find the best evening. Suggested places to eat: Greek House, Bagdad' s, Sinbad' s were all discussed. The consensus was to try the Greek House.

Committee/ Reports (4 min)

- 8:45 pm Park Tucson Neighborhood Reinvestment Program - Nancy was in contact with Park Tucson about their post award request for matching funds. C2E awards have not been announced. Erika is on the selection committee. Nancy may ask if she knows what the time line is for announcing awards. Allison offered to check on the C2E award process. Allison also pointed out to COT water that some of the proposal work could / should be done as part of their charter to get done.
- 8:35 pm HPBP - \$4,000 surplus is in the account. What should / could it be used for.
- 8:41 pm Historic Period of Significance Extension - Dustin has talked to Brian R. Phase 1 assessment. Should be done with Phase 1 before the next monthly meeting. Phase 2 he then writes the report for submission to the state. Dustin believes that a significant portion of the potential properties will be contributing.
- 8:47pm Broadway Corridor - Mary did not have anything to contribute.
- 8:51pm Banner - Nothing new to report.
- 8:55 pm Topics for Future Meetings
- Mortar Board - students interested in helping with beautification.
 - Friends of Himmel Park
- 9:03pm Adjournment - Mary moved to adjourn, Gail seconded, unanimously approved.