

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)  
Annual Meeting  
January 17, 2017  
Sam Hughes Elem. School

Attending: Rick Bell, Jim Head, Carolyn Classen, Bill Craig, John Wilder, Dustin Fitzpatrick, Len Nicholson

Absent: John O Dowd, Erika Gallo, LuAnn Barr, Nancy DeFeo, Mary Durham-Pflibsen, Gail Schuessler

Guests /Visitors: About 70 neighbors

Agenda

6:00pm Reception in Tallmadge Hall. Food: Bob Dobbs. Music: THMS

6:25\*pm Pres. Rick Bell called the SHNA Annual meeting to order at 6:25 p.m. in Tallmadge Hall. He thanked the Tucson High string quartet and their director Cayce Miners for performing during the reception, and to Bob Dobbs restaurant for the sandwich donations. Then the meeting moved to the school cafeteria.

Rick mentioned that the new Principal at Sam Hughes Elem. School is Kathryn Bolasky (who was not present) and thanked her and the school for allowing us to use the rooms for our annual meeting.

6:35\*pm Presentation: Chief Chris Magnus, TPD.

President Rick Bell introduced new Tucson Police Department Chief Chris Magnus who spoke for over a half hour about his one year anniversary on the police force, his commitment to improving their response time and community policing, how to access police stats on their website (which he hopes to improve as well). He said they were understaffed at 850 officers for a city of this size (500,000). He introduced his Chief of Staff and two female beat officers. Chief Magnus served for 10 years in Richmond, CA (outside of Oakland) before moving to Tucson. He also mentioned that he lives in El Encanto Estates nearby. He gave out his email address as [chris.magnus@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:chris.magnus@tucsonaz.gov) and encouraged people to contact him or his staff about policing concerns. Rick thanked the Chief and officers for coming to the meeting.

6:50\*pm Q&A period.

7:05\*pm Presentation: Period of Significance Extension

Dustin Fitzpatrick, board member, gave a report on the update of the Historic Preservation project to add about 50 historic homes to the current National Historic District designation. He is working with architect Brian Rumsey, who did the original designation in 1994 for SHNA. Homes built from 1954 to 1969 are included in the nomination that was submitted to the State Historic Preservation Office, and will be eligible for a discount in real property taxes upon approval. Rick acknowledged the hard work Dustin has done.

7:11\*pm Q&A: Period of Significance Extension

7:17\*pm Rick Call to Audience: Neighbor Molly McKasson of Friends of Himmel Park gave an update on their tree planting project, having received about \$2000 donations from neighbors and friends. She encouraged more donations to the Parks & Recreation website. Their goal is to plant 50 trees throughout Himmel Park, to replace the ones lost recently to storms and old age. She mentioned the 2 kiosks that the group put up, but that one had recently been run over by a truck and needs to be repaired.

Neighbor Gladys Richardson spoke again about the Sam Hughes Neighborhood Networks' efforts and that we need to know our neighbors, esp. in case of emergencies.

7:25\*pm

SHNA Home Tour 2017 -Denice

Home tour: Committee members Denice Blake and Betty Guarraia reported on the upcoming April 9, 2017 home tour. They still need homes for the tour, and passed around a sign up sheet for homes, as well as volunteers on that day, 12 to 5 p.m. Denice said that their committee was working to identify other improvements to be done to Himmel Park, as well as continued maintenance of the new garden outside of Himmel Park library. She thanked the TPD for her assistance with the planting, and asked for a volunteer to help them design the home tour booklet. Denice also said they were adding 64 new brick pavers to what is currently there at the garden in front of the library. Rick acknowledged the hard work Denice and Betty have done for the beautification and home tour committees.

7:30\*pm

Roll Call / Introductions -Rick

Communication: Former Secretary Carolyn Classen announced that neighbors could find out info on SHNA website at [www.samhughes.org](http://www.samhughes.org) (sign up on yahoo groups listserve), on Facebook (currently 267 "likes" ) and [www.Nextdoor.com](http://www.Nextdoor.com) (currently 344 neighbors). She said that she and Al Guevara, the "Computer Dude" were administering these pages. Webmaster is John Wilder (who had left the meeting by then).

7:35\*pm

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Jim Head gave his report: He provided a summary of the Association's finances. He reported that SHNA is in sound financial shape with ~\$7000 in unobligated reserves against an annual cash flow of ~\$15,000. The Board obtained high leverage of Association funds in 2016. Highlights include: Completion of landscaping of the Himmel Library, a \$150,000 project completed with ~\$15,000 of association funds; completion of Phase 1 of the Water Tower restoration, a \$160,000 project that required \$40,000 of association funds, and an imminent agreement with ParkWise to complete \$21,000 of improvements to 6th Street using \$3,000 of association funds.

Over \$30,000 in funds from the biannual Home Tour have been used in recent years for Historic Preservation and improving our quality of life. These include Himmel Park maintenance and improvement, extension of the Historic Neighborhood's Period of Significance, architectural work for the Sam Hughes Elementary School renovation, financial support of Jefferson Park's action against the City of Tucson regarding minidorms, minimizing the impact of widening Broadway, and improving walkability along 6th Street. Jim said he has now served for 4 years as Treasurer and Rick acknowledged the hard work Jim has done.

7:45\*pm

Nominations for 2017 SHNA BOD -Rick

7:50\*pm

Election of 2017 SHNA BOD: Neighbor Randy Downer listed the names of those 11 board members seeking re-election: Rick Bell, John O Dowd, Erika Gallo, Jim Head, Carolyn Classen, Nancy DeFeo, Bill Craig, Gail Schuessler, John Wilder, Dustin Fitzpatrick, Len Nicholson. Neighbor Michael Austin volunteered to join the board, after asking about time commitments. All elected by acclamation.

Rick Bell announced that the volunteer board meets on the 3rd Tuesdays of each month at Himmel Park library, except for July (no meeting) and the January Annual Meeting which is held at Sam Hughes Elem. School.

8:10pm Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

\* These times are approximate.

