

**Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
February 21, 2017  
Himmel Park Library**

**Attending:** Rick Bell, Jim Head, Carolyn Classen, Bill Craig, John Wilder, Len Nicholson, Gail Schuessler, Nancy DeFeo, Michael Austin.

**Absent:** John O'Dowd, Dustin Fitzpatrick.

**Guests / Visitors:** Madeline Cook, Stephanie Nelson, Riley Miller from Theta Chi, Chris Hessenflow, Ryan Johnson, Carson Mield, Jackie Kain, Rachael Hessenflow.

**Agenda**

7:01pm Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions

7:04pm Call to Law Enforcement/Public Guests/Audience (2min)

Stephanie Nelson came in to talk about her new business Qilosophy

Some new neighbors in attendance, just interested in neighborhood community.

7:07pm Presentation: Friends of Himmel Park – Jackie Kain.

So far organization has put in a dog fountain, kiosks. Recent focus has been the “eco-niche” east side of the pool, planting trees and other plants, adding benches. Want to get Himmel Park on the National Registry of Historic Places, want to generate a preservation plan. Group also focuses on getting mural commissioned to go on east side of the pool, may include a donor wall on west side facing Tucson Blvd.

7:17pm Q&A: Friends of Himmel Park – Jackie Kain.

When asked how board could help, Jackie said that FoHP is mainly looking for 1) collaboration and for organized representation and 2) historic preservation collaboration. About landscaping, what was there when the park was started? Will vegetation matter for historical accuracy? FoHP is currently surveying that. With regards to maintenance for park maintenance, not sure if Himmel is getting fair share of public funds. Organization has good Facebook page, good updates on progress. As far as knowing if swimming pool might help with historic preservation, unsure, but pool “folks” or manager are willing to collaborate. Jim Head mentioned that he and other neighbors collected some information on what users might like to see as vision for park, it was informal but he will update at later time.

7:26pm Election of Officers – Rick introduced Michael Austin as the newest board member.

Bill Craig nominated Rick Bell for board president. Bill Craig nominated John O'Dowd for President Emeritus and past board member, Rick Bell seconded. Bill Craig nominated Jim Head as treasurer, John seconded. Jim nominated Erika as secretary, Len seconded. Gail nominated Bill Craig to vice-president position, John Wilder seconded.

Rick explained all the different officer positions and what they do as well as what board members do and how the board and committees function.

**Erika made a motion that , John Wilder seconded, unanimously passed.**

- Board list will be updated to reflect the election changes.
- 7:41pm Review December and January Minutes for Approval – Erika  
**Bill Craig made motion to pass December minutes, Nancy seconded, minutes approved.**  
**Rick Bell noted that the January minutes need a date change, Gail made motion to pass minutes with change, Bill seconded. Unanimously passed.**
- 7:45pm Treasurer’s Report – Jim, newsletter for all neighbors is included in budget, letter goes to all neighborhood residents, members and non-members.  
 Budget – passed in November, stays as is.
- 7:52pm 6th St project / Neighbor Contributions – Nancy DeFeo  
 Wrote grant to get some funding to mitigate flooding on 6<sup>th</sup> St. A little over \$18K has come through to develop pocket parks at Forgeous Ave. and Sawtelle Ave; and two bus pads between Wilson and Plumer St. SHNA board will have to transfer \$3K in matching funds to Park Tucson. Work will be done by Northwest Landscaping.  
**Bill Craig made a motion to transfer \$3K to Park Tucson for Street Project, Jim Head seconded, unanimously approved.**
- 8:09pm Home Tour: Water Tower – April 9, 2017.  
 Water Tower will be tour stop, the building used to house the pump mechanism for groundwater withdrawal. Long term goal is to restore/rebuild the building that used to house the water pump for the purpose of Historical Preservation and neighborhood revival. Phase 1 was the basic lower building and foundation. Phase 2 is the upper part of the building, Phase 3 is grounds development. A significant portion of Home Tour money has gone towards water tower, Home Tour Committee would like to showcase site.  
 Nancy DeFeo, Madeline Cook, and Erika Gallo can volunteer to be there form 12 – 5. Erika will contact treasurer and find out if we have budget for some banner printing, she will also make a banner to display at the site.  
 Right of Entry – Rick Bell will reach out to city and get the permit for the day.
- 8:34pm Red Tag – Bill Craig.  
 Students have 700 signatures, trying to get to 1000 to get rid of Red Tag ordinance. Bill Craig will call ward office and find out status.
- 8:38pm Sam Hughes Elementary – Bill Craig.  
 Tax credit – school has fund raised significant amounts but we want to encourage residents to donate more.
- 8:41pm \*Goals – Jim Head. Tabled for next meeting.
- 8:42pm \*Passed Motions Audit (Aug 2014-Nov 2014) – Rick Bell. Tabled for next meeting.  
 -PayPal, Acct – Jim & John W  
 -PayPal, Non-Profit Rate – Jim & John W  
 \*Passed Motions Audit (Feb 2016-Jun 2016) – Rick Bell: Done.

-Gail moved that SHNA renew its membership to TRRG, Bill Craig seconded. Carolyn mentioned that SHNA is a TRRG supporter and does not need to "renew" any membership. Individuals pay \$10 to be a member. SHNA is listed as a "Friend of TRGG" on their website.

\*Passed Motions Audit (Nov 2016) – Rick Bell:

- Theta Chi fraternity – clean up water tower site? Bill Craig will reach out and see if they are interested in helping with clean up – need to get city permission for access to site.

- Mortar Board Clean Up Crew – community based volunteer organization that helps with maintenance. Bill Craig will contact because there is a lot of interest.

\*Passed Motions Audit (Dec 2016-Jan 2017) – Rick Bell:

-none

Committee/Reports (4 min)

8:48pm Newsletter – Gail. Any articles we have for the newsletter please get to her this week. New Newsletter Committee member, Deanne Brett-Harte has joined Gail in Newsletter effort. Anyone interested in joining committee to put together newsletter should contact gail.

8:51pm LUC: HPZ overlay rezoning / JP Document – Bill – No update.

8:50pm \*Historic Period of Significance Extension – Dustin Fitzpatrick /Rick Bell. No update this week.

8:51pm \*2017 Mortar Board Clean Up Crew – refer to 8:42 pm

8:51pm Garden Tour – Rick Bell asked board if anyone wanted to join/take up the Garden Tour. Has only been around for a few years, and most man power is gone. Need to revitalize and find a chair to think about scheduling a garden tour.

9:06pm Topics for Future Meetings

Home tour

9:06pm Adjournment. **Bill Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, unanimously approved.**

\* These items may be tabled if the meeting is running behind schedule.