

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA,  
Inc) Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
June 20,  
2017

Attending: William Craig, Nancy DeFeo, Erika Gallo, Rick Bell, Jim Head, Dustin Fitzpatrick, Les Nicholson

Absent: Johns O' Dowd, John Wilder, Carolyn Classen, Michael Austin.

Guests / Visitors: Joe Stewart, Armand Beede, Jim Egan, Madelyn Cook, Vytas Sakalas

Agenda

7:04pm Call to Order/Roll Call/Introductions - Rick Bell

7:05pm Call to Law Enforcement/Public Guests/Audience (2min) - Madelyn Cook requested that for the August agenda a discussion item be included on adding SHNA records into Historical Society archives so that they may be appropriately preserved. She wishes to present to board on the next meeting.

7:08pm Presentation and Q&A: Broadway / Brake Masters: Jim Egan, presenting on behalf of Break Masters since City of Tucson (COT) is purchasing their property. COT has agreed to sell part of the property to Break Masters. COT is requiring property in 2018, Break Masters will tear down a triplex and put new building structure there. Triplex and property at 25 Norris need to be rezoned. Break Masters has agreed with COT on all transaction details so that as soon as property is rezoned Break Masters can start construction of new building. One issue is access on Campbell Ave, it is being worked out such that the alleyway allows for right turns only. Mr. Egan requested a letter of support from SHNA for the zoning change for the triplex location at 25 Norris. The board will review a draft letter and will discuss approval. Bill Craig requested communication evidence with the local residents, Mr. Egan said he has been chatting with the neighbors and will provide some communication record.

7:17pm Presentation and Q&A: Himmel Park Coordinating Committee - Jim Head is leading the Ad-Hoc Himmel Park Coordinating Committee that has members from the SHNA board and the Himmel Park Beautification Committee. The objective is to come up with a master plan for the park's beautification over the long-term. On June 28<sup>th</sup> there will be a kickoff meeting at Ward 6 with representatives of nearby neighborhood associations. The committee has been meeting weekly for the last month and has identified key quality attributes of the park that stakeholders may wish to preserve/improve such

Motions are noted in bold.

as safety and quality of life among others. There are sub-committees working on each of the attributes. There was a tour on May 25<sup>th</sup> that included many local relevant stakeholders. Care of irrigation and trees will remain within the city's professional employed personnel in order ensure that vegetation is properly take care of. Vitas Sakalas is particularly interested in and driven by the large patches of dying grass and the challenges in watering those areas using reclaimed water. He said that recently \$3.5 M has been allocated to improve neighborhood parks at the city level, and said that 19 people showed up to the May 25<sup>th</sup> walk. Erika Gallo asked what the next step is, Jim Head said June

28 meeting is next step and Jackie Hahn will come up with an outreach plan. Steering committee will coordinate with Ward 6 to make sure that activities related to park improvements are consistent with a master plan or that there is a mechanism to accommodate activities within the long-term park planning.

7:28pm Review April/May Minutes for Approval / Officer Forms to COT - Erika

Bill moved to approve April minutes as submitted prior to the May meeting, Len seconded, unanimously approved.

Three changes were made to the draft May minutes, changes were made during the meeting.

Len moved to adapt the May minutes with changes, Bill seconded, unanimously approved.

All the COT forms are being updated and will be submitted on 6/21/ 2017.

7:33pm Treasurer' s Report (Home Tour) - Jim - No formal written report this month, almost nothing has changed since last month. Helen Erickson submitted 50% (less than \$150) of the expenditure for printing the Himmel Park Conservation Plan.

There was further discussion on how assets, which are approximately \$64K are distributed and how some funds should be allocated exclusive of approximately \$27K that is already committed/earmarked. Remaining funds are about \$35K, how to distribute will be visited at a later time during this meeting.

7:39pm July is off month, tradition holds that SHNA Board organize a dinner. Dinner this year will be on

Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Board discussed location for dinner, settled on Grimaldi' s.

7:48pm Board Positions - Rick spoke about spreading out responsibilities that he has taken on as Board President. Tasks that need a commitment: newsletter - Molly and Michael, Erika will reach out to neighbors to see if they are interested in collaborating towards newsletter; membership (pointed out that in bylaws the treasurer is responsible for membership) will be led by Jim; mailings from the City of Tucson - Nancy will scan and e-mail out; water tower - Jim.

There are 5 open board positions, Erika will lead some outreach to try to recruit new board members.

8:12pm Water Tower (MOU/Plan/Fence/\$) - Rick, memorandum for access to tower was e-mailed out in anticipation of the meeting.

Bill moved that Rick sign and approve the "Amendment to addendum to right of entry" and mail back to city, Jim Head seconded, 5 in favor, 1 against, motion passes.

Need to find a new person/artist that may want to work on a fence for the water tower and consider program for stormwater harvesting. Rick looked into Tucson Water Department' s Neighborhood Scale Stormwater Harvesting Program, the overall concern is the long-term maintenance of any vegetation work that is pursued by SHNA. The board discussed if the footprint of the fence should stay the same or expand, fencing will need to meet historic preservation requirements, Jim will look into it.

8:25pm Revisiting financial assets - Rick Bell spoke about historic board motions to use a large portion of home tour funds into the water tower restoration. There are other projects coming up, including upcoming Himmel Park work. Erika said that it is good to have funds for different projects, but wondered if there is a mechanism for fairly evaluating and assessing different projects that request funds from the SHNA, and if there is a list of upcoming projects. Len shared that funds should be placed where they will best benefit the most

people, for example, covered picnic tables. Nancy asked if the work that Helen Erickson will yield funds, Jim said it may via competitions for historic preservation, but not directly. Rick said the park is a very viable place for SHNA seed money expenditures that can leverage larger work rather than completely funding entire projects. Dustin I asked about the flexibility of contributing toward various future capital improvements by leaving the proceeds in the general fund, and the equity of fund distribution for future projects. The board discussed the mission/purpose of the SHNA as a guideline to decide allocation of funds.

Bill Craig moved to allocate \$13K into the water tower fund, move \$13K to a capital improvement fund and leave balance, approximately \$1K in the general fund, Jim seconded. Discussion ensued regarding the overall objective and future direction of use of the tower and the space around it. Discussion of water tower dates back to 1991 as per archivist. Motioned passed, 4 in favor and 2 opposed.

9:21pm 6th St project / Neighbor Contributions/Neighborhood Projects / TCB Grants 6/23/17 - Nancy - Rick asked how we can tie the 6th street to the TCB grant. Nancy, took photographs today and said that funds are for the ward and we can apply for funds after the grant deadline. Nancy is looking at the most damaged areas, she will try to submit a grant application.

9:30pm \*Red Tag - Nancy

9:30pm \*Goals - Jim

9:30pm \*Passed Motions Audit (Aug 2014-Nov 2014) - Jim/John W

-PayPal, Acct - Jim &  
John W

-PayPal, Non-Profit Rate - Jim & John W

\*Passed Motions Audit (Mar 2017-Apr 2017) - Rick

-Bill Craig moved to send Tucson High a \$100 gift to thank them for favors,  
Len seconded, unanimously approved.

#### Committee/Reports (4 min)

9:30pm \*Newsletter Advertising - Michael

9:30pm \*LUC: HPZ overlay rezoning / JP Document - Bill

9:30pm \*Historic Period of Significance Extension - Dustin

9:30pm \*Garden Tour

9:30pm \*Topics for Future Meetings

9:30pm Membership - Himmel Deals & Neighbor Packet - Rick motioned to have

Maxine e-mail SHNA

members about offers, including swimming for free at Himmel Pool. Motioned seconded by  
board member, unanimously approved.

9:32pm Len moved to adjourn meeting, Bill seconded, unanimously approved.

\* These items were tabled, to be revisited during August meeting.