

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)  
Regular Monthly Board Meeting  
October 17, 2017  
Himmel Park Library

Attending: Len Nicholson, Jim Head, Mike, Bill Craig (presiding), John Wilder, Carolyn Classen, Nan DeFeo

Absent: Rick Bell, Erika Gallo, John O' Dowd, Michael Austin

Guests: Alison Miller (Ward 6), Matthew Berkman, Gladys Richardson (Sam Hughes Family Network), Joe O' Neil (CoT), Gary Grizzle (WLB Group), Josie Wilson, Gareth Hughes, Manny Mendez (CoT), Johanna Moyer.

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

7:03pm Call to Law Enforcement/Public Guests/Audience (2min)

7:04<sup>#</sup>pm Review September Minutes for Approval / Officer Forms to COT – Sept minutes: Spelling corrections: M. Cook' s last name, Carolyn, and Date on the note (Sept instead of March). John Wilder has the action. Minutes adopted as amended.

7: 10<sup>#</sup>pm *Treasurer's report* – Jim – Assets 64k. 55k obligations. 9k unobligated.

7:15<sup>#</sup>pm *Palm Shadows* – Bill – The project is moving ahead, developer not calling a new meeting until the next step is taken. Developer is reportedly getting CoT “on board” . Per Alison Miller, the developer is attempting a PAD (plan area development) rezoning. There will be public hearings with neighborhoods, zoning examiner, and perhaps M&C if engagement at the rezoning hearing so merits. J. Head to resend SHNA position paper on the topic to the full board to assure new members have this background information. Bill noted developer used drones to assess impact on view from the neighborhood.

7:45<sup>#</sup>pm 6th St project / Neighbor Contributions – Nan and Gary W. walked the first two completed sections. Noted deficiencies. Park Tucson paying for redoing the work. 2100 block of 6<sup>th</sup> south side, and 2700 block of 6<sup>th</sup>, N side. Second Grant: Money to Tucson Clean and Beautiful. ~\$27k, no funding from SHNA. N and S side of 2800 block.

8:15<sup>#</sup>pm Presentation and Q&A: " Himmel Park Playground" – Presentation by Joe O' Neill (P&R), Gary Grizzle WLB group), Manny Mendez, P&R. Received CoT funding to design and develop new playground for Himmel Park and showed what they intend to propose (~15% plan at this point). In the West playground, remove old equipment (except tall slide and swing set) and add two new shaded

play structures (2–5 yo and 5–12 yo, west to east). Steel structures coated to keep temperatures down. New sidewalks and engineered woodchips for new playground area, ADA compliant. Plan includes new benches and a 12' x12' ramada at intersection of sidewalks in middle of playground, creating a loop geared to tricycles. Woodchips requires a hard edge (sidewalks). Leaving NE corner sand area open. Play equipment has urban tree house feel and color scheme to blend with the park. Fabric canopies designed for Tucson sun with 10 year warranty, similar to those used successfully by P&R the last 5+years. Playground is ~120 feet from Tucson Blvd. Project funding is approved by M&C. Johanna Moyer, Mat Berkman and one other parent involved in design activity. Plan needs review by Historic Commission. Due to concern about lack of fence between the playground and Tucson Blvd, Board suggested swapping the two playground sets, placing younger set east of the older set. The groups is seeking a letter of support from SHNA as project moves on to Historic Commission with current concept.

Mike moved to approve playground concept with due consideration to historic, convenience, and safety concerns. Len seconded. Adopted unanimously. President and Secretary to generate and send letter to presenters regarding SHNA position on the proposed playground concept.

**Carolyn – \$100 to El Rio for last Shakespeare in the Park. Need to send donation!**

**Josie Wilson: SH Elementary. Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gala. Dinner drinks, live music (Kings of Pleasure & Naim Amor). 20s–30s theme. Look for flyer.**

**8:45<sup>#</sup>pm Newsletter – Advertising – Mike and Josie – no time to solicit advt. for newsletter. Need to get newsletter out straight away since annual meeting coming in January. Bill wants article on Park Ave development. Board wants a tree planting article. Josie is editing the Newsletter. Photos? Article on Park Ave? Bill to draft one–page position paper and send to Jim for polishing.**

**Carolyn – Extreme Weather Challenge – Tucson Chapter Physicians for Social Responsibility. Contains advice for resilience to extreme events. Interested in holding a workshop on this topic on 18 Nov.**

Move that SHNA sponsor an Extreme Weather Workshop for our neighbors, amount not to exceed \$75. **If can' t get Nov, Dec is out, aiming for Feb.** Unanimously passes.

**8:55<sup>#</sup>pm Topics for Future Meetings:**

**Workshop, update on Period of Significance. 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Palm Shadows. Honors College.**

Grimaldi' s closure. Mike noted several vacancies/failed businesses at that location. Raises questions about competence of owners, or what future plans for site are.

8:57#pm \*Board Positions – Rick

8:58#pm \*Water Tower (Landscape/MOU/Plan/Fence/\$) – Rick

8:58#pm \*Goals – Jim

8:59#pm \*Passed Motions Audit (Aug 2014–Nov 2014) – Jim/John W

–PayPal, Acct – Jim & John W

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

8:59#pm \*Membership –

9:00#pm \*LUC: HPZ overlay rezoning & 5th/CC / JP Document – Bill

9:00#pm \*Historic Period of Significance Extension – Dustin

9:00pm Adjournment – Len moved to adjourn. Mike second. By acclamation.

Notes taken by J. Head, treasurer

\* These items were tabled and will be discussed at subsequent meetings.

# Times are approximate