

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)
Regular Monthly Board Meeting
December 19, 2017
Himmel Park Library

Attending: Bill Craig, Jim Head, John Wilder, Len Nicholson, Nancy DeFeo, Erika Gallo
Absent: Rick Bell, John O'Dowd, Mike Austin, Carolyn Classen
Guests/Visitors: Armand Beede, Neighbor; Sam Behrend, Miramonte Neighborhood Association

Agenda:

1. Sam Behrend, Miramonte Neighborhood Association member, presented a report on changes occurring at the Benedictine Monastery site. A letter drafted to the contractor responsible for the development of this property by the president of MNA is attached with more detail. With the Sisters retirement and relocation and sale of this property several changes are being considered, but final changes have yet to be approved by the City. Discussions involve rezoning the 6.5 acres and build a combination of 4-5 story buildings at the north- and south-ends which may include one- and two-bedroom luxury apartments with a 400-car parking structure as well. Developers' architect to present to City. Councilman Kovacich has recommended that membership from both neighborhood associations be present to provide necessary input. Bill Craig will represent SHNA and coordinate with Sam Behrend to attend.
2. Erika moved that October's SHNAB meeting minutes be approved as corrected; **approved**.
3. In Carolyn's absence, her report on the recently held workshop at the Council House was summarized. Here is the full report submitted: "The Physicians for Social Responsibility (PSR) trainers held this Extreme Weather Challenge/Building Resilient Neighborhoods workshop for our SHNA on Dec. 2nd, at Council House, 2323 E. 10th St. from 9 to 12 noon. About 40 people attended, both Council House residents and Sam Hughes neighbors from residences. Refreshments were picked up & provided by board member Carolyn Classen and her husband Al, for \$75.56, paid for & authorized by SHNA board at the Oct.17 board meeting. Dr. Barbara Warren and her two trainers Gene Einfrank and Mary Gresham conducted the workshop. Publicity was done by word of mouth via board members and PSR members including Martha Ortiz, widow of Dr. Agosto Ortiz. She did have a flyer created by PSR which was passed out to her neighbors and friends. Council House staff sent out emails to their residents and handled their own RSVPs, and provided the multi-purpose room for the training, and coffee for that morning. Their volunteer residents assisted in opening their secured front door for the attendees on Dec. 2nd. Overall evaluation was good, with some complaints that the workshop was too long and should have concentrated more on content, and less on neighbor introductions. It was a good time for neighbors to meet each other and brainstorm about what to do in case there is an extended period of time without electricity or water, and to address who are the most vulnerable in a neighborhood, and what resources are there for assistance.
Website for info: <https://www.buildingresilientneighborhoods.org/>."
4. Jim advised that there are not many changes since November Treasurer's Report. The insurance check payment cleared. Funds have been allocated following motions approved previously. \$63,000 total assets, total allocations equal \$58,000; \$5,000 remains unencumbered. Jim is still looking for membership funds to come in to replenish coffers after SHNA reminder notices are distributed.
5. Bill reported that Annual meeting presentation is still being developed. Need to tie down main speakers for meeting. Bill will speak to Rick to get answer from Kozachik. Jim will put together SHNA accomplishments/benefits listing for presentation. Also need to confirm venue – will it be at school or no? Plan to send newsletter out with proposed topics for discussion and postcard in January will confirm venue of meeting. Schedule newsletter to distribute week after Christmas.
5. Palm Shadows property developers are moving ahead with plans for 20-story building. A small group from Blenman-Elm NA are now voicing resistance. No date has been set for breaking ground.

- 6 There is no major news to report on changes to 6th Street. Gary Wittwer is the City landscape architect responsible for planning this development.
- 7 Water Tower maintenance – letter received unclear regarding neighborhood's responsibilities. Bill will speak with Rick so that he can get better clarification from City water officials.
- 8 Honors College – Bill will draft position paper.
- 9 Updates from CPAC (organization put together by university to keep neighborhood aware of changes going on at University.) Bill advised University is planning to build indoor facility for exercising during hot weather. He will send out list of projects University involved with for BoD.
- 10 LUC:HPZ (Land Use Committee – Historic Preservation Zone) – no activity to report per Bill.

Adjournment: At 8:20 p.m. **Len moved for adjournment which was seconded by Jim and approved.**

Respectfully submitted: Lynda Brindamour, Recorder

Motions are noted in Bold.