

**Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)
Annual Board Meeting
January 16, 2018
Sam Hughes Elementary School**

Attending: Bill Craig, Jim Head, Len Nicholson, Nancy DeFeo, Mike Austin
Absent: Rick Bell, Carolyn Classen, Erika Gallo, John Wilder
Guests/Visitors: Su & Ned Egen, Ryan Cates, Tim Gilbert, Cindy Zebramagam, Olga & Remy Dejong, Charli Nicholson, Carol & Bob Dorsey, Nancy Bonsall, Suzy 7 Jak Isselin, Mary Profeta, k. Mclaughlin, Carol & Jerry Rucks, Michael Cajero, Sharon & Lou Helm, Jean Millen, Richard Hiner, J. Kemper, J. Ash, Penny Simms, Ken Marsh, Ellen Shenkarow, Barbara Rosenberg, Mark Raven, David Gantz, Karen & Monty Turner, Kerri Hickenbottom, Andrea Achilli, Andy McKnight, Mike Arnold, John DeLair, David Kubista, Kari Natti, Donna Shay, Carol Dorhonen, Barb Smith, neighbors; and representatives from Palm Shadows Project: Keri Silvyn, Richard Shenkarow, John Galen, Colby Witter, Jim Portner, and Vince Catelano.

Agenda:

1. Bill Craig called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., thanked Kat Polaski, School Principal, for providing the venue of this meeting at Sam Hughes Elementary School. Bill shared that many projects benefiting the neighborhood would be presented later in the program, including the nominations of much needed SHNA Board of Director members and asked the audience for items to present.
2. Gladys Richardson, *Neighborhood Networks*, reported that after attending the recent workshop on *Extreme Heat Crises* held last month, she and ___ Moody would be leading efforts to tap existing SHNA resources to address impending problems. She asked audience to communicate with her interest in getting involved at her email address – gladys.richardson@gmail.com. She will also be available after meeting to answer additional questions.
3. Bill introduced City Councilman Steve Kovacich and asked that he give the assembly an update on current projects of interest: **A) Honors College** – This is a U of A planned 100-bed dormitory North of the campus. The memo of understanding between UA and American Campus Communities is underway. As a State-owned property there is no opportunity for public input or process; however, the net result product same expected outcomes. **B) Street Widening** – Both Broadway Boulevard and Grant Road projects have been underway for some time. Since approved by the voters in 2006, the scope of the plans for Broadway has morphed and there is concern that work to be completed will not accomplished before the funding timeline expires. Assistance is being sought from Rio Nuevo to assist in funding process and addressing shortfalls, if any. Fencing has been erected surrounding the vacated premises at the SE corner of Grant and Campbell to protect the City's right-of-way expansion which, though scheduled originally to begin in 2020, will be moved out to 2026. **C) Benedictine Chapel** – Steve Kovacich announced that the last two services will be held this week: Friday and Sunday. After which the sisters in residence will be relocating. New owner has committed to preserving chapel buildings. Development plans include re-zoning and addition of buildings to the north- and south-end of the property for 6-story housing and a 4-story structure on the east-side. Architects in design phase now and public meetings are planned for near future, Steve Kovacich will keep SHNA membership apprised of dates; both SHNA and Miramonte NA Board representatives will be attending to report and other neighbors are invited to attend.
4. Representatives from Palm Shadows project, corner of Broadway and Speedway Boulevards, were introduced and there was a detailed presentation by the development team which reviewed the detailed plans for the structures planned, ecological and economical benefits, as well as environmental, traffic/transit plans, noise and neighborhood impacts. Twenty residential neighborhoods were included in impact studies

performed. Development will include two 6-story structures and a middle 20-story structure with residences, offices, grocery, hospitality and retail businesses; this is less than the originally approved 20-, 12- and 10-story structures planned for this site. Designs include support of pedestrian gathering places and walkways supporting more foot-traffic and less vehicular activity. Link to access detail of these studies can be found at this link: _____ . This detailed presentation will also be presented at upcoming public hearings prior to the submission of final plans the Mayor and City Council for final decision. Keri will keep SHNA apprised of dates for publication and attendance.

- 5 Jim Head presented an overview of *SHNA's accomplishments and benefits to Our neighborhood* which have been undertaken over the past 6-7 years. Funding sources for this period have exceeded \$400,000. \$78,500 alone came from internal funding alone. Some highlights: Himmel Park Tree & Irrigation work, Himmel Park new playground equipment, Extreme Weather Resilience workshop, zoning variances, Spring Fling SHNA Garden Tour, SHNA Home Tour, Palm Shadows development, UA Honors College, High-rise dorm development, 5th & Country Club development, Benedictine Monastery development. Detailed handout is attached to these minutes for review.
- 6 Jackie Kane reviewed progress on the *Friends of Himmel's Mural Project* – seeking artists and/or artist groups to design a mural for the east-facing wall of pool building. Organized panel will review and propose three finalists who will submit proposals and present work for community review and judging. Project has \$5,000 budgeted for development and maintenance. Also planning for more tree-planting on south-side of park walkway and lobbying for new playground equipment. Watch for news.
- 7 To conclude the meeting, Bill Craig and neighborhood participants nominated the following members for the *SHNA Board of Directors*: Jim Head, Erika Gallo, Len Nicholson, John Wilder, Carolyn Classen, Nancy DeFeo, William Craig, Rick Bell, Vytas Skalas, Michael Austin, and Jean Millen. **All nominatins were seconded and approved** to begin the next term.

Adjournment: At 8:28 p.m. **Bill Craig moved for adjournment which was seconded by Jim and approved.**

Respectfully submitted: Lynda Brindamour, Recorder

Motions are noted in Bold.