

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)
Board Meeting - March 20, 2018
Himmel Park Library

Attending: Michael Austin, Carolyn Classen, Nancy DeFeo, Jim Head, Jean Millen, Len Nicholson, Vytas Sakalas, John Wilder
Absent: Bill Craig, Erika Gallo
Guests/Visitors: Robert Neely, realtor; Gladys & Burt Richardson, Building a More Resilient Neighborhood; Dianne Hudson, resident; Sue & Byron Branham, TRAD; Molly McKasson, resident, Denice Blake, resident.

Agenda:

- 1 Jim Head called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., and made introductions of Board members. Guests present were invited to introduce themselves.
- 2 SHNA Board Meeting Minutes – for February were approved as distributed with typo corrections and will be forwarded to Webmaster for posting.
- 3 Board Member Updates - John O'Dowd will no longer be serving as president emeritus; at a request for action to make this change to the Board, Carolyn Classen **so moved**. This was **seconded** by Len Nicholson and **approved**. In addition, it was recommended that Josie Wilson, handling the Communications Newsletters, be added to the membership. **Motion** was made by Michael Austin to do so, which was **seconded** by Carolyn Classen and **approved**.
- 4 Treasurer's Report – Jim reviewed the report submitted last month when he was absent. An additional copy is attached (A).
- 5 Communications/Spring Newsletter – Josie Wilson reminded all that the deadline for this issue is here and submissions need to be emailed to her no later than March 31st at josephinehwilson@gmail.com. Information to be included so far will cover: SHNA Board elections, status updates on the Benedictine Monastery and Palm Shadows properties, Sam Hughes Family Network activities and the upcoming Home Tour plans. Carolyn Classen reviewed the four major means used to keep in touch with the neighborhood: SHNA listserv via Yahoo Groups, Facebook, SHNA Website, NextDoor.com.
- 6 Spring Fling Participation – Jim Head reminded all present of the upcoming dates – April 13-15. He stated that help is still needed to fill a couple of time-slots at the Food Drive Booth and received confirmation from volunteers to fill those spots. Further information can be had by contacting Bill Craig directly.
- 7 Historic Period of Significance – Jim Head reported that work is stalled while contractor recovers from health issues. Dustin Fitzpatrick, lead for the Period of Significance work, has confirmed with government officials that a workaround if required.
- 6 Pocket Park Donation - Located South of Speedway on West side of Country Club Road, this area was landscaped by local resident, Denice Blake, who has been maintaining to date with SHNAB funding. Require approval to continue support; after discussion, Jean Millen **moved** that \$500 be provided for this purpose; this was **seconded** by Michael Austin and **approved**. Also, Denice has been looking after this area for the past 17 years and is looking for another neighbor volunteer to continue the project and its maintenance, interested SHNA members should contact a Board member.
- 9 Benedictine Monastery – Jim reminded those present of the upcoming presentation by Councilman Steve Kozachik on March 28th at the Monastery Chapel on Country Club Road beginning at 5:30 p.m. There was much discussion regarding the future of this historic site, including but not limited to: the developer's proposed and unknown plans; its importance to not only the Sam Hughes and Miramonte neighborhoods, but all of

Tucson; and concerns with zoning changes which would set a precedence for the futures of residential neighborhoods. With the last in mind, Jim asked all consider what we want our neighborhood to look like in 10 or 20 years and how to ensure this vision. At a proposal to re-engage assistance from the City Council, it was proposed to meet with Steve Kozachik before the public meeting to have more direct input into the process of this and other planning and development issues. With a **motion** made by Vytas Sakalas, **seconded** by Michael Austin and **approved**, Vytas will develop talking points and set up the meeting with Kozachik's office. Jean Millen will develop a flyer to get out news of the upcoming meeting to encourage more neighborhood participation at the March 28th meeting and support the preservation of the Benedictine Monastery in its totality and in perpetuity.

- 10 Palm Shadows - The rezoning meeting for this site is scheduled for April 19th. The position paper developed by the Board several years ago was discussed and Vytas Sakalas reported that the meeting scheduled last week to present the signed petition statement – with more than 260 signatures -- did not take place. At the time of the event when all were gathered at the City's offices, the meeting was canceled as the Mayor was unable to attend due to illness. The petition statement was read and a copy is attached for further review (B). Much discussion followed regarding zoning issues. At a request for action by Jim Head, it was moved by Vytas Sakalas and seconded by Carolyn Classen that the Board take a position, "SHNAB is opposed to any change to current zoning until concerns regarding sewer, water runoff, traffic and privacy are addressed in a thorough and transparent fashion." **Approved: 6-2.**
- 11 Tucson Residents for Responsive Government (TRRG) – Nancy DeFeo reported that the second TRRG (Tucson Residents for Responsive Government) Forum on Neighborhood Area Plans was held on March 19th from 6-8 PM at the Sentinel Bldg at 320 Commerce Loop. This meeting was attended by SHNA Board Representatives: Bill Craig, Nancy DeFeo, Vytus Sakalas and Neighbors: Ned and Su Eagan as well as 40 of the 80 Tucson neighborhood associations. TRRG proposed the urgency of updating/creating neighborhood plans before the City updates its plan in 5 years. Our neighborhood will be requesting volunteers to follow TRRG's protocol for examining our neighborhood by physically walking the neighborhood together to answer "Is Our Plan Relevant Today?" Volunteers will note how it has changed and how we would like it to be beyond just land use. We agreed to approach the neighborhood for volunteers through the newsletter and other communication avenues. TRRG would like the initial results submitted by June 15th and will have a follow-up meeting in July. Background informational regarding TRRG and suggested procedures for neighborhood association review of neighborhood/area plans; copies are attached (C).
- 12 Extreme Heat Challenge – Gladys Richardson's "checklist" proposed for distribution throughout SHNA to assist in recognizing, identifying and guiding residents in dealing with extreme heat issues – copy attached (D). She reviewed costs involved with production and requested financial support. After discussion involving funds and the application of "checklist" it was decided to table this issue until more input could be received from Board members for input.
- 13 Reminders/Announcements – Benedictine Monastery Community Meeting at Chapel – March 28th. Cyclovia Tucson – April 8th. Spring Fling – April 13th – 15th.
- 14 Passed Motions Audit – Tabled until next meeting – **Who has the action:** Send a letter to the contractor, Concord, and courtesy copy the architect, Bob Vint and the Historic Preservation Office at COT that all 3 sets of 2 doors (6 wooden doors total) need to be repaired for buckling, separation, warping and early wear of brand new items less than 2 years old at the restored historic water tower at the SW corner of Tucson Blvd and 1st St.

Adjournment: At 9:56 p.m. Len Nicholson **moved for adjournment** which was **seconded** by Michael Austin and **approved**.

Respectfully submitted: Lynda Brindamour, Recorder

Motions are noted in Bold.