

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association (SHNA, Inc)
Annual Board Meeting – January 15, 2019
Sam Hughes Elementary School Cafeteria

Attending: Alicia Armet, Michael Austin, Bill Craig, Nancy DeFeo, Jim Head, Len Nicholson, John Wilder, Josephine Wilson

Absent: Carolyn Classen, Jean Millen, Vytas Sakalas

Presenters: Denice Blake (Home Tour, Himmel Park Beautification), Madelyn Cook (Archivist), Crystal Dillahunty (Tucson City Ward 6 Council Aide), Mark Brewer (Parks and Recreation), Dustin Fitzpatrick (Historic Designation Extension), Jeanne Foley (Home Tour), Rabbi Appel (Temple Emanu-El), Mona Gibson (Temple Emanu-El President), Molly McKassen (Friends of Himmel Park), Stuart Moody (Resident), Johanna Moyer (Family Networks), Phillip Mueller (Pocket Park), Susan Peters (Himmel Park Beautification), Sanford Selznick (Friends of Himmel).

Event Opening – Musical performance by Tucson High School Orchestra and slide show documenting projects accomplished over past year. Tables set up to greet visitors included: volunteer registration for 2019, new and renewal membership, neighborhood plans, Himmel Park progress, land use and crime reduction. Food and refreshments provided by Trident Pizza and other volunteers.

Call to Order/Welcome/Board Introductions – Jim Head, SHNA Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. And welcomed all present to the annual meeting. SHNA Board members were introduced. He thanked all volunteers for the work completed in 2018 as well as sponsors for the event. Special thanks to Sam Hughes Elementary School for providing facilities for this event.

- 1 State of the Neighborhood - 2018 Highlights - Jim Head gave a brief overview included: Benedictine Monastery and collaboration with Miramonte NA, Campbell and Speedway Tower and expressed view to Mayor and Council, upcoming expansion plans for Brake Masters and the agreement on complaints covering home rentals, beer sales at UA home games and voiced opposition, welcoming of new neighborhood resident UA President Robbins, upcoming Spring Fling 2019, continued collaboration and support of the food bank and donation from UA, new multi-home site development on 8th Street, Christian Science site redevelopment, Himmel Playground refurbishment and fundraising, Proposition 407 supporting Tucson parks, Period of Significance extension, Neighborhood solidarity with Temple Emanu El, Community meeting on crime in the neighborhood.
- 2 What's Right with Hughes – Representing Councilman Steve Kozachik, Ward VI, Crystal Dillahunty, announced approved acceleration of \$2 million for Ward. Working with historic development, talks were/will be continuing regarding public use of monastery and a design advisory group has been formed: Interested neighbors should contact Ward offices. Informational packets were available as handouts. Crystall advised SHNA Board of Councilman Kozachik's pleasure with work completed at the Himmel Playground. At a question from audience concerning the rise in robberies in neighborhood, Crystal encouraged all present to use neighborhood website to communicate issues. She informed those present that Steve has met with Tucson Police and upcoming community meeting scheduled for: Wednesday, January 23rd. **Tucson Parks and Recreation** representative discussed new available funds and development work on master plan for parks refurbishment and combining resources. At a request from audience to provide dog-runs, he stated this would require changes to the master plan. Greg Jackson, Parks and Recreation Director of Capital Planning reviewed proposed application of funds in a three-year process. Total improvements slated for Himel Park do not include the Park Ramada funding project now underway through SHNA. Some plans include: new walking paths, renovated tennis courts and pool. Community workshops will be scheduled and he will communicate with SHNAB through Josephine Wilson on upcoming dates. **Jim Head, SHNA Board President, acknowledged** audience participation and encouraged any/all having input to attend regular monthly board meetings held each 3rd Tuesdays at Himmel Park Library at 7:00 p.m.
- 3 Annual Report and a Look Ahead to 2019 - Jim Head gave the financial report and reviewed past two-year funding sources, expenses and obligations. (see attachment) Plans are underway to update SH

neighborhood strategic plan was drafted in 1985 and will be working with Miramonte NA. There is a need for neighborhood volunteers to assist in its development and Jim will be contacting those who have filled out cards this evening. Water tower needs a vision, asked for volunteers interested in working with Board team leaders, crime prevention needs a leader – someone to research and extrapolate information and keep neighborhood updated, as mentioned earlier more information will be forthcoming regarding implementation of roll-out of funding available through approved bond initiative.

- 4 Upcoming Spotlights – Brief sketches were presented by neighborhood volunteers spearheading ongoing projects including: **Home Tour 2019** - Denice Blake & team: Betty Guarraia, Becky Heilman, Jeanne Foley: part of home tour committee. Scheduled for March 31st, Sunday. Tour was started in 2002 originally planned to run every two years alternating with Blenham-Elm NA. 2019's pamphlet sponsor Truly Nolen. Last year's Tour netted over \$27,000 and expect same or better this year. Need 50 volunteers. Musicians will be playing at several of the selected homes – also looking for musicians to volunteer. Nine homes are listed to date and looking for more. Planning ahead for next tour in another 2 years. **Pocket Park** - Phillip Mueller gave history: of vacant area located on west side of Country Club and south of Speedway boulevards which had gone unattended. Cleanup and landscaping initiated and continues to be maintained by neighbors with support from SHNAB. **Park Run Tucson at Himmel** - Alicia Armet (updated all on new community fitness event open to all ages and abilities, scheduled every Saturday at 8:00 a.m behind library with coffee afterwards at Rincon Market. Check out website. **Period of Significance Extension** - Dustin Fitzpatrick mis working with original architect assigned to project in 1994, but who had to resign due to health complications. approximately fifty neighborhood homes involved. **Friends of Himmel** - Molly McKasson and Sanford Selznick reviewed progress: put together irrigation plan,, planted facility trees, planning on more planting on south side. Expressed thanks to P&R for all support in. Memorial bench with tiling provided by Santa Teresa Tiles going in two weeks. Appreciation to SHNAB for matching funds, to date have over \$5,000 made available through Home Tour for Ramada. **Neighborhood Network** - Gladys Richardson updated work completed: have a crew of neighborhood volunteers and are looking for more. Invite Get to know your neighbors, come join us. **Family Networks** - Johanna Moyer, presenter, advised communicate mostly through Facebook. Meet every Wednesday at Himmel.. Toddlers up through mid-elementary school level. General exchange of ideas. Check out SHNA website. **Resilient Neighborhoods** - Stuart Moody informed on climate change issues of concern. Getting warmer now, concern for seniors and need to implement dissemination, 3 ways: get to know block neighbors, exchange information with block neighborsw, review check list on how to avoid heat issues. **Spring Fling** - Jim Head confirmed dates (April 12-14), advised event has been working well for several years in cooperation with UA. If there is a neighbor who has a problem with Fling contact him soonest. **Sixth Street** - Nancy DeFeo presented update: first step was to get a grant from Parks Tucson to use park money; worked with Tucson Clean and Beautiful grant. Reminder to SHNA residents: If you get your parking permit, research no-fee availability. Shade trees going in on 6th Street. Also bike-way enhancements. Next: fixing Country Club sidewalk areas as well and bus routes on perimeter. **Temple Emanu El** - Rabbi Appel and Mona Gibson thanked SHNA and all present for support after recent crises and invited neighborhood members to attend services. **Sam Hughes Elementary School** – Kat Pulaski, representative, thanked neighbors and SHNA Board for support over past years which has lead to school's success and standing today.
- 5 Open Q&A – What about **Cyclovía** this year, same route? Changes each year which create problems. Request information. Bill Craig asked that anybody having questions and concerns contact him and/or attend SHNA Board monthly meeting.
- 6 SHNA Board 2019 Elections – Randy Downer accepted names for election/re-election. Current Board members approved for subsequent term: Jim Head, Bill Craig, Michael Austin, Jean Millen, Len Nicholson, Alicia Armet, Carolyn Classen, Josephine Wilson, John wilder, Nancy DeFeo and Vitas Sakalas approved for additional term. Additional nominee, Becky Heilman, approved and added to Board.

Adjournment: With no further items for discussion, meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Respectfully submitted: Lynda Brindamour, Recorder