



**ACMNA [Board of Directors Meeting](#)**

Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00pm

Meeting held at Prince of Peace and virtually  
via Zoom

6:03 PM – Meeting called to order:

**Board Members in Attendance:** Marvin Borsand, Brian Flader, Heather Giannangelo, Andrew Gough, Adam Marvin, Amanda McCauley, Jody Moman, Kelly O'Connell, Michael Phillips, Joe Prewitt, Tristahn Schaub, Ryan Short, Craig Steblay, Tom Thomas, Ian Quinn, Scott Zielinski

**Absent:** Dennis Frank, Sally Geyer, Marilyn Schmidlin, Sue Tessmer

**Guests:** CAO: Jared Sherman; Precinct Commander: Shane Disotell; Leut: Jeff Fields; Sarah Becky (group home on Camelback), Steve Hilton (from the Meritage Homes neighborhood), Hubell Tupay

**Review and approve June 3, 2021 meeting minutes:**

- **Motion-** Andy Gough; **2nd:** Tom Thomas; All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

**Block Watch, Safety, Security – Jared Sherman, CAO**

Officer Sherman:

- Introduced Shane Disotell, Precinct Commander & Lieutenant Jeff Fields
- The US Dept. of Justice is conducting a Civil Pattern or Practice inquiry into the Phx PD. Jared provided contact information to provide feedback, give input, or find out more about the process. Thus far, the inquiry has been positive and much of what the DOJ was looking for, Phx PD already provides.
- **THANK YOU** for the summer Mtn View Precinct Appreciation Day!-- very much appreciated by all officers
- Jared shared info about the police department's public safety initiative/ ongoing work with the homeless who are camping along the canals. Homeowner complaints of trash, feces, drug paraphernalia, etc. have increased. The PD works with homeless for weeks, trying to provide resources, connect people w/ family members, & help homeless connect with assistance programs such as Community Bridges and Phx Cares
- "sting" program being created- catch thieves breaking into parked cars etc.
- Phoenix PD is still losing officers at a higher rate than can be replaced.
- Question: How can ACMNA help? Response- Jared: the best way to help Phx PD is to share positive stories w/ the City Council... as often as poss.

**Preservation** - Tristahn Schaub and team

- **For future meetings**, in order to avoid conflicts of interest: the **Preservation Committee** report will be scheduled at the beginning of ACMNA Board meetings. Then Craig Steblay will join the meeting (after preservation discussions are complete)
- Digital Billboards 9/9, Becker Boards 42<sup>nd</sup>/Indian School and Maricopa Lands
  - ACMNA's position: opposing the digitization of the board
  - Joe question: do we have any data about the difference in traffic accidents etc.?
    - Answer: Tristahn- yes, NHTSA/USDOT determined a correlation with increased crash rates with digital billboards compared to non-digital. Through a FOI Request, Phoenix PD supplied ACMNA with intersection crash comparison data for the two intersections within our boundaries, 44<sup>th</sup> and Camelback (no digital billboards) and 44<sup>th</sup> and Indian School (existing digital billboards). Digital advertising corresponds to a greater number of vehicular accidents on average and the relative rates are increasing each year from 10% more in 2018 to 37% more in 2019 and 57% more in 2020 (studied through 4/30/20). Previous studies have cited increased "dwell" times at locations where digital advertising is present. At both intersections, the light cycles first for left turning traffic, followed by through traffic. Over the past three years there is a stark difference (38% increase) in the number of left turn accidents between the "dwell-prone" digital intersection vs the non-digital intersection.
- 4633 N 44<sup>th</sup> St (Rear yard setback approved) – Tom and Marvin It is going to be a business w/ 10 parking spaces per requirements. Neighbors' major concern was about traffic and parking. The variance WAS APPROVED as an office.
- 4701 E Calle Redonda (continued) – Marvin and Adam CCRs do not allow a 2nd story. But CCRs don't define height. The neighbors have reached out to the homeowner and they will all be meeting.
- 6234 E Monterosa (Front yard setback approved)- Joe triangular shaped lot on a curved street; multiple in the hood already; ACMNA did not oppose (neither did neighbors)
- Cholla Trail – Jody had to leave the meeting, will report updates next month
- Update on CC&R resource page- Ian Quinn and his team- had a virtual meeting last month. Trying to figure out how to find free resources to save ACMNA funds etc. Will have more info next month
- Burying power lines - Andy Gough update. Provided powerpoint.
  - Main reason: aesthetics. "New neighborhoods put in underground power lines"
  - More reliable, less damage, fewer outages

- There is a law covering underground conversion areas
- Andy shared the process which includes petitions, cost discovery, second petition after cost communication, City gets involved
- homeowner responsibilities, easements, cost: \$10-30K /parcel
- SUGGESTIONS- put out a survey; divide ACMNA boundaries into smaller areas (the smallest number of homes would be about 12); make this a newsletter article, continue info sharing at the Annual Meeting and then launch a survey

### **Guest Speaker**

Steve Hilton from the Meritage Homes neighborhood (NE Camelback Mtn just past Cholla Trailhead)

Shared with the Board about the City of Phoenix's plan to replace two existing 100K gallon above-ground water Tanks with two 200K gallons, twice the size... not higher, but wider and will fit on the existing footprint. (they are 24' tall)

- Neighbors want to know:
  - Why the city can replace the tanks w/ double the size tanks
  - If the current tanks are up to "current code"
  - Why the City has not had neighborhood meetings
  - Why the City won't move the tanks to a lower parcel
  - Why the City won't bury the tanks
- The City needs the water for the Phoenician development
- Will possibly be a 14-16 month project & apparently going to start next month

**QUESTION-** Marvin: Where is Sal DiCicio on this?

Steve: Sal said he supports the neighborhood. Jason Morris and Jordan Rose, lawyers and social media are involved

Tristahn- ACMNA will support your effort

### **Communications - Andy Gough**

- Next Newsletter Update- Andy needs these articles submitted to him by the end of Sep:
  - What I love about Arcadia- Joe and Sue
  - Home price appreciation in Arcadia- Heather
  - Closing of Camelback Trails due to high heat index – Tristahn
  - Phoenix PD Mtn View Precinct Halloween Event is 10/28th 5:30-8:30pm
  - 56th St Improvement update- Tristahn

- Burying power lines - [Andy](#)
- Next newsletter possible article about a rise in catalytic converter theft- [Jared Sherman](#)
- Winter and Spring newsletters, highlight the need for Phoenix PD support and budget increase via emails and calls to council persons

**Events - [Brian Flader](#)**

- [Kelly O'Connell](#) joined the Events Committee
- New sample shirts – [Tristahn](#)
  - Board voted to proceed w/ dark blue shirts
- Camelback Rd Cleanup date (11/14) 8am [Brian](#) to contact Shemer
- GAIN approved for Hopi (11/6 2-5 pm) got the insurance [Chuck Montgomery](#), from the fire dept. does not think we can get a firetruck to GAIN. [Jared](#) will put in a formal request for the police ice cream truck; [Tristahn](#) confirmed w/ Arcadia News for publicity
- Camelback Rd Cleanup date (11/14) 8am [Brian](#) to contact Shemer
- Replacing Arcadia signs dates? – [Tristahn](#), [Craig](#), and [Tom](#) going to place the signs

**Financial - [Ryan Short](#)**

- Review and approve **August** financials
  - **Motion:** [Marvin Borsand](#); 2nd- [Andy Gough](#); All in favor. No one opposed.  
Motion passed.
    - Checking ending balance of \$11,119
    - \$25 in deposits in August
    - \$1,316 in expenditures in August, mostly the Arcadia Sign Toppers
    - \$21,264 in the Savings Account
    - \$12K Block Watch Grant received in July
- ACMNA 2021-2022 Budget
  - **Motion:** [Andy Gough](#); 2nd- [Marvin Borsand](#); All in favor. No one opposed.  
Motion passed.

**Adjourned 7:42pm**