



ACMNA [Board of Directors Meeting](#)

Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 5:30pm

Meeting will be held LIVE at Prince of Peace
Choir Room and Virtually via Zoom

5:25PM – Meeting called to order:

Board Members in Attendance: Brian Flader, Sally Geyer, Heather Giannangelo, Andrew Gough, Adam Marvin, Amanda McCauley, Jody Moman, Michael Phillips, Joe Prewitt, Ian Quionn, Tristan Schaub, Ryan Short, Craig Steblay, Sue Tessmer, Tom Thomas, Scott Zielinski
Absent: Marvin Borsand, Dennis Frank, Jerry McKenna, Marilyn Schmidlin, Rick Spiegel

Ex-Officio Board Members in attendance: none

Guests: Brian Merring, Jared Sherman, Mountain View Sgt Cain Kimball, From City of Phoenix Parks Dept: Alonzo Alvitia, Cynthia Agilar (Assistant Parks Director), Joe Diaz (Principle Design Expert), Tracy Hall, Scott Covey

Review and approve November 2020 meeting minutes:

Motion to approve Nov 5 meeting minutes: Ian; 2nd: Craig; All in favor. No one opposed.
Motion passed.

Financial - Michael Philips

- Budget update: Donations- approximately \$10K in donations received thus far (Nov thru 1st week of Dec.) The \$10K Block watch funds have come in and we continue to receive on-line donations. Reimbursements will be made for Block Watch expenditures made prior to receiving the funds from the city.
- Questions
 - Craig how many return mailings did we receive from the donations appeal letter?
Answer: 25. *Sue Tessmer will remove those addresses from our mailing lists.
 - Tristahn Schaub... as donations come in, we will divvy up thank you notes to write to people who donate.
- **Motion to approve financials** Craig; 2nd: Sue Tessmer; All in favor. No one opposed.
Motion passed.
- Additional Comments: Craig- we should keep a ledger of donators and amounts
- 2021 \$12k Grant application was submitted.

Block Watch, Safety, Security – Jared Sherman, CAO. Shop /w a cop being done differently this year. Still giving back to the community, in a limited way. Introduced new Sergeant: Mountain View Sgt Cain Kimball.

- Tristahn asked how protest shifts are going etc. Sgt Cain Kimball: all protest-related shifts have scaled back. Getting back to normalcy.

- Neighborhood news: Jared- apparently, street racing is taking place in the neighborhood... (drag racing at night all over Phx.) Seen some racing on 44th and 56th b/w Indian School and Camelback. Please call non-emergency number to report. Police will put together statistics so can plan accordingly.
- Questions:
 - Andy- armed robbery at Walgreens SW corner 56th and Thomas. Jared said he will look into it.
 - Sue- teenagers at Safeway, shoplifting. Neighbor reported to store manager who said it happens all the time. Jared: not a new thing. A lot of it doesn't get reported, especially gas stations and convenience stores. Police want owners to report so police can funnel resources if the behavior escalates.

Preservation

- Cholla Trail
 - Alonzo Alvitia gave powerpoint presentation regarding Cholla Trail status
 - Trail concerns Parks is addressing:
 - Overall public safety
 - Popularity of the trail
 - Hike/ vehicle conflict
 - Public Roadway- not increasing parking spaces
 - Surrounding community
 - Opportunity to move the trail
 - 2017, began moving access point of the trail
 - Joe Diaz gave a powerpoint presentation regarding trail landscaping, addressing drainage off the mountain, 10' wide trail, "screening" hikers from neighbors', existing parking, a 6' pedestrian gate (managed by Parks and Rec), restrooms (three unisex stalls), and the "in progress" timeline:
 - Trail design: 3 mo
 - Plan review: 1-1.5 mo
 - Construction: 2 mo.
 - Jody will get the powerpoint slides from Parks
 - Question:
 - Amanda: how many hikers use the Cholla trail? Alonzo- during high season, b/w 9 and 10K hikers per week.
 - Tristahn: how do the neighbors feel about the proposed trail changes? Jody: there isn't going to be a design that will be 100% acceptable by 100% of the people, but the designers are trying to create the best design to accommodate the most concerns possible.



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- Thomas Street Marijuana Dispensary appealed to Board Of Adjustment, the hearing was postponed until early January
- 3846 N 54th Court – Tom (remedial accessory structure and front projection). Variance was approved w/ stipulation that front patio cover never be enclosed.
- 4222 N Paradise and 6027 E Calle del Norte lot frontage ABN - Jody... variance approved with stipulation that abandonment completed w/in a year.

Board membership committee selection

- VP interest
 - Tristahn would like anyone interested to contact him. Preferably someone interested/experienced in Preservation since that's the foundation of ACMNA

- New member committee interest
 - Andy Gough joining Preservation as well as Communications committees
 - Ryan Short joining Finance committee
 - Adam Marvin joining Preservation and Finance/ legal committees
 - Heather Giannangelo joining Preservation, Communication/ Publicity committees
 - Scott Zielinski joining Communications and Events committees

Communications - Craig Steblay

- Results of subcommittee meeting:
 - going to stick w/ 5 newsletters per year.
 - we'd like more committee members writing articles
 - Andy wrote one that included a link to ACMNA webpage which increased webpage hits
 - contact Craig if you have an article idea
 - Creating a section in the newsletter called: "Doing Good In the Hood" featuring neighbors doing “something good”

- Amanda interviewing and writing article for Doing Good in the Hood section about neighbor who picks up trash every time she walks, Brigid Devney-Rey
- public interest articles that can be used anytime during the year are good
- always include public safety article
- next newsletter in Jan
 - Topics for January: Cholla Trail, Camelback cleanup, oleander article?
 - photos are always good.
- Facebook
 - administrators: Craig, Tristahn and Sue
 - don't allow any posts that ask for money or advertise companies
- eBlast (MailChimp) procedures and administrators
 - 2500 addresses, we assume most are local
- Website procedures and administrators
 - decided to have Board member photos along w/ bios
- Donation Thank You Cards printing- Craig will get more cards made

Events - Brian Flader

- Camelback Cleanup was successful. Had a lot of people and finished in about 90 min.
- There is a significant number of homes along Camelback Rd and 56th St. which meet "blighted" standards. There is a good chance that most of them are unaware that they are responsible for the Camelback Rd. frontage/ easement. Tristahn talked to the City regarding these homes and hopefully the neighbors will trim overgrown trees and bushes.
- Adopt a Street Sign on Camelback Rd is up for renewal
 - The Board decided the new sign will say: Arcadia Neighbors ACMNA
 - Brian will re-new the signs with the city.
- Annual Meeting (Thursday March 4th 6pm, 2 meetings before event)
 - Brian needs a committee meeting. week of Dec. 14
 - Jody will check w/ Parks to see if they will do a Cholla Trail presentation at the meeting
- GAIN Event/Autorama (Saturday April 10th 8am at LDS Church)
- Graffiti squad update and community interest (Marvin, Tom, Sue)- no new news

6:56 Meeting adjourned



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