

AMCNA Board Meeting

Thursday, November 5th, 2020 at Prince of Peace and virtually via Zoom

6:00 PM – Meeting called to order:

Board Members in Attendance: Dennis Frank, Michael Phillips, Marvin Borsand, Jody Moman, Brian Flader, Craig Steblay, Ian Quin, Sue Tessmer, Jerry McKenna, Scott Zielinski, Andrew Gough, Sally Geyer, Tristahn Schaub, Amanda McCauley, Adam Marvin,

Absent: Heather Giannangelo, Ryan Short, Jim Carland, Marilyn Schmidlin, Tom Thomas, Joe Prewitt

Ex-Officio Board Members in attendance: Rick Spiegel

Guests: Neal Haddad, Tom Mason (Sally's husband)

Review and approve October 2020 meeting minutes:

Motion: Jody Moman; 2nd: Dennis Frank; All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Block Watch, Safety, Security

- Budget alterations and submissions are at the city
- The amount we can apply for has increased from \$10K to \$12K
- We completed our Precinct appreciation day. Several members went to the precinct, talked to officers in person and dropped off drinks. It was well-received and appreciated by officers.

Preservation - Tristahn Schaub and team

- Historic preservation on Rafterhouse and FLW Home - Tristahn: the new owner wants to do a Historic District overlay. Rafter House applied for and was granted the overlay.
- OHSO 1-year permit review – Ian: OHSO wants to extend their use permit. The City extended the variance hearing until Dec 3.
- 5316 E Calle Redonda – Tristahn and Amanda. The variance was to reduce the required rear (north) yard setback to 16 feet. We were concerned about the rear projection's impact to the neighbors and after speaking with the four primary stakeholders, we found no objection to the request. In the 1960's, the property was improperly zoned as an R-14 with only 10,668 original square feet. Even with the recent alley abandonment, the parcel is still under-zoned. The R-14 setbacks are much narrower which creates a bit of a predicament in that they can expand the home to 30% but the inappropriately zoned lot prohibits this expansion in a reasonable manner.
- Thomas Rd MMD appealed to BOA – Tristahn and Neal. We defeated the original request from last month in which the owner wanted to reduce the setbacks from 500' to 30'. They are appealing the decision. Tristahn and Neal will keep ACMNA updated.

- 44th St Corridor Rezoning - Tristahn. All along the corridor, the old small homes that are on 44th St are converting to Residential Offices. As each home turns over, they have to go through the variance process.
- Neal Two issues.
 - 1. A judge has decided to hear ACMNA and AONA's case regarding the digital billboard at 44th St. and Indian School Rd. despite the claims that we do not "have standing" in this matter or that our point was moot.
 - 2. Text Amendments (a change to the zoning code) – Neal: In regards to digital billboard conversions from static to digital (including the one at 44th St. and Indian School): There were problems with the way in which CoP's Planning and Development Dept was pushing the text amendment through without proper vetting by the City's 15 different Village Planning Committees (VPCs). After five VPCs and zero votes in favor of the proposed amendment, PDD pulled the text amendment from the remaining ten VPCs to hear and vote on the issue. Staff said they would allow more opportunity for input on the subject before returning to the VPCs and the public hearing process in early 2021. This is a win for neighbors who are protesting the invasion of light and digital signs on arterial streets in neighborhoods.
 - Marvin Question: Can your group write what you want in advance of the billboard companies submitting their proposal?
 - Neal: We are getting neighbors from all over Phx to give input. Yes, we do want to get input from across the City. Tristahn summarized: the 44th & Indian School billboard decision is put on hold for the City to do more due diligence and involve more Village Planning Committees.

Cholla -Jody Moman

- The neighbors are supposed to be engaged in a meeting next week. The plan will be revealed and neighbors will be asked for input.
- Jody personally met w/ Host last week. Host has now removed all the dead plants.
- Hikers have been calling a lot, they're frustrated b/c they're not able to utilize the trail.
- February is still the projected trailhead open date.

Communications- Craig Steblay

Newsletter

- How many newsletters should we do?
 - Sue Tessmer: we discussed doing them quarterly.
 - Craig asked: Why do we want to change? It has always been five newsletters and they surround events we have. Not sure which we'd drop. The committee needs to have a discussion and brainstorm.
 - Board discussion included the pro's/ cons of keeping five newsletters... the newsletter is a marketing tool, content relevant, cost of four vs five newsletters... Sue Tessmer will keep the ACMNA mailing list current so we won't have as many returned newsletters. The Board discussed having a 'splash' page with pictures.

The newsletter is paid via the Block Watch grant and therefore we should not pursue sponsors.

- Status on November Newsletter— Currently at the printer. It should go out soon. Bulk rate.
- The following newsletter is a donations appeal which we send via 1st Class. It is \$300 more to use 1st class vs bulk rate- we typically only do 1st class one time/yr. And at this time, we receive returned newsletters giving us the opportunity to update our mailing list.
- Craig asked: should we order more thank you cards? The Board concluded “yes” and the cost should already be in our budget

FB page- Sue has been added as administrator

Events - Brian Flader

Camelback Cleanup

- Volunteers needed for Camelback Cleanup (Sunday 11/15 8am at Shemer)
 - Scott Z. has 4-5 people; Sue Tessmer posted a request on our FB and the Arcadia Living; Sue bringing donuts and OJ; We have equipment for up to 20 people
 - Brian to contact Shemer so the gate will be open 7:30

Annual Meeting (Thursday March 4th 6pm Prince of Peace?)

- Jody asked if ACMNA has to return any unused funds from this year’s budget. Specifically, Jody wanted to know if ACMNA can reallocate unused money from cancelled events to the 2021 annual meeting’s food since the meeting is at night and after work?
 - Craig: The annual meeting is a requirement of receiving the Block Watch grant. We are not allowed to use Block Watch funds for food/ beverage/ entertainment.
 - Brian and Marvin agreed to followup about food possibilities, maybe Chik-Fil-A
 - Michael: FYI: we have to get our budget approved (we cannot just switch funds around). In addition, this year, we will be returning some money (insurance came in under estimates).

Gain Meeting (Saturday April 10th 8am at LDS Church)

- Dual Mtg: Gain / Autorama. (Hopi is not scheduling any events b/c of Covid)
- Marvin requested that Brian followup w/ Hopi to see if at all possible to do at Hopi and only use LDS as backup

Graffiti squad update (Marvin, Tom, Sue)

- There isn’t any current graffiti
- SRP has done a great job removing the graffiti that was reported.
- Andy G shared that he has seen graffiti on the light poles in the Safeway parking lot. Marvin suggested that he call the graffiti hotline # in the newsletter

Financial - Michael Philips

Budget update-

- no real donations this month; one \$25 check.

- ACMNA will be covering the cost of the newsletters until we receive the Block Watch Funds (will reimburse ourselves);
- We have about \$11K and will receive \$10K soon from the Grant.
- Motion to approve the budget update: Craig, 2nd: Jody All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee/Board membership updates – Tristahn

- Nominating Committee suggestion. Board positions are 3years, depending on when you join.
 - To fill the 2 positions open until 3/21: We recommend the appointment of Andrew Gough and Heather Giannangelo. They will be up for re-election at our annual meeting in March of 2021.
 - To fill the 3 positions open until 3/23: We recommend the appointment of Scott Zielinski, Ryan Short, and Adam Marvin. They will be up for re-election at our annual meeting in March of 2023.
 - Motion to ratify the appointments: Craig Steblay; 2nd Dennis Frank All in favor. No one opposed. Motion passed.
- Board membership appointments
 - Jim Carland resigned from the Board. We need to fill his VP position. Board members need to be on at least one committee.
 - Marvin asked- can we give Jim a leave of absence? Ask him to return? Tristahn answered: I already spoke to Jim about this. Jim felt it important to fill his seat rather than hold it open for him. He wanted to either be fully invested or give to someone else. Marvin wants to express to Jim that we are not in a rush to fill his seat in the hopes he will return. Send him a letter.

Adjourn: 7:20pm

Next Meeting: 4:45pm at Hopi for annual photo, Board meeting to start at 5:30 at Prince of Peace