



**Minutes of the
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**
Thursday, October 1, 2020 6:00pm
Zoom Meeting

Meeting (via Zoom) was called to order at 6:00 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Marvin Borsand, Dr. Jim Carland, Brian Flader, Dr. Dennis Frank, Amanda McCauley, Jerry McKenna, Jody Moman, Michael Phillips, Tristahn Schaub, Craig Steblay, Tom Thomas, Joe Prewitt,

Absent: Sue Tessmer, Sally Geyer, Ian Quinn, Marilyn Schmidlin Ex Officio Board Members in attendance

Neighbors and Guests in Attendance: Officer Jared Sherman, Sam Stone, Adam Marvin, Neal Haddad, Heather Giannangelo, Paul Barnes, Gerrit Steenbilk, Andrew Gough, Richard Spiegel, Ryan Short, Ray Artigue, Scott Zielinski

Board Meeting Minute Approval:

September Minutes- Jody Moman made a motion to approve. Second by Craig Steblay. All in favor. No one opposed.

Block Watch, Safety, Security -

Tom Thomas informed us that the block watch 2020 grant of \$10K was officially approved, and the 2019 grant is being closed out.

Jared Sherman discussed

- 9/30/2020 incident at 44th St. and Camelback road. Drugs suspected to play a role in which the perpetrator ended up in the hospital.
- Officer Sherman shared that the precinct was approved to move forward with a MODIFIED Halloween event this year which they are calling "Cruise the Mountain View Precinct". People will drive through with their kids and receive sanitized, pre-packaged candy. He will send ACMNA a flier with all of the details, but in the meantime, he wanted to convey the police department's request for pre-packaged candy.
- In regards to protests: Thus far, the City of Phoenix has done an exemplary job in handling protests and is sharing information with surrounding cities regarding what is working well and other details about how they are handling protests.
- **Question:** Denis Frank: Does the Phoenix Police have a contingency plan in place for after the election? Officer Sherman: YES, the Police Dept has contingency plans, but it will not share what they are. Just know that ALL police will be working

and/or on standby.

Sam Stone discussed

- The City Council is working on a homelessness plan which includes relocating the Human Services campus to St. Luke's Hospital where there are more services and treatment options.
 - o Question: Neal Haddad: How can we help? Sam Stone: Help support the effort to move to St. Luke's. In addition, know that the City will be looking to create new shelter and housing options throughout the Valley, including purchasing motels that are coming up for sale.
- In regard to the Cholla Trail, the completion is expected in February.
- **Question/discussion point:** Jody Moman: The new Cholla Trail is still being discussed after almost three years. Host and Parks Department have been taking their time in coming to a mutually agreed upon path. The neighbors are looking to meet with Host and Parks Dept about the final trail placement. The neighbors are concerned that the currently proposed trail will get washed away (where the switchbacks are indicated at the Western portion of the trail as it reconnects to the existing trail). The neighbors feel there is less chance of flooding of the trail if they connect at an earlier point and this will make the ascent to the trail much faster. Jody shared that the frustration is that the trail was supposed to be relocated this summer, then the date was pushed back to October 2020, and now it's February 2021. Sam Stone indicated that Host and Parks are still working on the drainage issue.
- **Question:** Jody Moman: The golf course has been abandoned for 3 yrs. It has dead grass, bushes and trees. With all of the recent and ongoing wildfires, the neighbors are very concerned that it has become a fire hazard.
- Sam Stone: We were not aware of this and will talk to Host.
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- **Question:** Marvin Borsand: In relation to digital conversions of nonconforming off-premise signage- Is it true that ACNMA can add a stipulation to Z-TA-7-20? Sam Stone: The Planning Commission will consider this request on November 5, 2020. Sam Stone: The items will be heard in the following sequence:
 - o Staff Presentation;
 - o Questions from Committee
 - o Public Comments
 - o Staff Response
 - o Floor/Public Discussion Closed: Motion, discussion, and vote.
 - o Tristahn, Neil , Harvey and Paul will be working on it before the 10/6 meeting.

**A summary of Marvin Borsand's question and Sam Stone's response were provided by Marvin, post- meeting, due to technical difficulties w/ Zoom during the meeting.

Nominating Committee/Board membership updates -

Tristan appointed Joe Prewitt as Chairperson for the Nominating Committee and the Board concurred unanimously.

Joe Prewitt: Board membership update- There are seven great and qualified candidates for the five available seats. Joe explained that ACMNA plans to keep the "extra" two candidates engaged with the hopes that they will be able to join the Board when new positions become available. To that end, Tristahn reiterated that Board members need to actively participate, and the Nominating Committee will be talking to all Board members in the coming weeks to confirm people's commitment and or the desire to step down.

Preservation - Tristahn Schaub and team

1. 4456 E Thomas Rd (Marijuana Dispensary 30 ft from residential) - Tristahn shared that there was heavy opposition to the variance. The variance was denied.
3. 4412 E Sells Dr (50% lot coverage R1-6 and 15 ft rear setback) - Tristahn explained that this triangular pocket of homes (with some of the smallest, R1-6, lot sizes found within ACMNA's boundaries), has really just gone wild with overbuilding. However, the applicant's intent is to respect the views and interests of the neighbors by making it a one-story. ACMNA opposed the request on a matter of principle but acknowledged that the majority of Arcadia homes are granted a provision for a 20% increase when they commit to keeping it single story. This variance was granted.
4. 4725 N 56th St- Amanda: this variance to increase the maximum residential height from 30' to 33' was not opposed by ACMNA due to the uniqueness and hardship of building on Camelback hillside. The five surrounding neighbors who were contacted also supported the variance as it would not impact their view of Camelback Mountain or the city lights. The primary reason for seeking a variance was that the homeowner's garage is located off 56th St, but the front of the house is on Mesquite. From the garage to the house level, people must climb a flight of stairs. Therefore, the homeowner planned a carport near the front door off Mesquite. Unfortunately, the drop in grade from Mesquite to the house pad was so significant that it created a severe slope- making it impossible for the owner to park a car in the carport at the front door. The variance was approved.
5. Marvin Borsand shared:
 - 44!Camelback Amendment – The developer has switched from office to residential on the center building, height was limited, rooftop cannot be used by residents and there will be no short term rentals less than 6 months allowed.
 - Shemer Expansion-- Shemer is still raising funds for the renovation of the property to the south of Shemer. Shemer invited members of ACMNA to sign up for a time slot to tour/ walk around the property. Marvin said he would forward more information to the board when he receives it.
6. QuickTrip 56th and Thomas - Neal Haddad: Although the proposed QuickTrip at the northwest corner of 56th St. and Thomas is not within ACMNA's boundaries, we thanked Neal for letting us know a QuickTrip was approved to build there. ACMNA has a vested interest since we have done a lot with respect to the 56th St. Improvement plan. Neighbors

had hoped for a more "neighborhood-like" development, but the property has been vacant and blighted for years, and therefore, AONA will keep in close contact with QuickTrip as they go forward with their plans.

7. Phoenician Site Plan Review - Jody Moman: Host is planning to do a "neighborhood share". More info to come

Communications - Craig Steblay

- Tristahn asked Craig how many newsletters ACMNA should mail out each year. Craig said he will contact the Communications Committee before the next meeting to present their recommendation.
- Craig Steblay asked for Suggested topics for upcoming newsletters. Suggestions were as follows:
 - o November's newsletter
 - Tristahn's Letter from the President and appeal for donations
 - Article describing ACMNA's preservation work (Tristahn to write this)
 - Andrew Gough submissions regarding oleanders and another about roof rats in Arcadia. Abbreviated articles will be included in the mailed newsletter with links to the full article on ACMNA's website.
- Craig Steblay asked for volunteers to help with ACMNA's Facebook page.
 - o Sue Tessmer had volunteered to help with Facebook at a previous meeting. Craig will reach out to her for confirmation.
 - o A question was raised about Emily Whitwell, a past board member, having administrative privileges even though she is not a current member. The Board determined that she needs to relinquish those privileges.
 - o Michael Phillips volunteered to help with communications and authorized users of ACMNA's Facebook page.
- Craig asked for volunteers to handle feedback to people who contact ACMNA via the ACMNA.com website
 - o Tristahn has been handling this since becoming President
 - o Tristahn agreed to continue answering community questions

Events - Brian Flader

- Camelback Cleanup (Sunday 11/15 8am at Shemer)
- Annual Meeting is currently scheduled for
 - o Thursday March 4th 6pm in the Prince of Peace gymnasium
 - o The day of the week and time of day was changed in order to try to encourage more families (especially those with young children) to attend
- GAIN Meeting
 - o Saturday April 10th 8am -Noon at LDS Church on 56th St
 - o GAIN will be combined with Autorama

- Graffiti squad update (Marvin, Tom, Sue)
 - o Marvin shared that Alice Stanton at the City of Phoenix will be supplying the Graffiti Squad with paint and rollers
 - o There are about eight graffiti areas along the canal
 - o The squad hopes to get started in the next two weeks

Financial - Michael Philips • Budget update

- Year to date 2020-2021, there are no significant budgetary needs/ changes o
Although donations are down, our expenses have also decreased
 - o Blockwatch monies have not funded yet
 - ACMNA insurance and newsletters should get reimbursed from our blockwatch grant
 - If we reduce our newsletters from five to four, we will save money o

We have been asked to donate candy to the Mountain View Police Precinct for their modified Halloween celebration.

- o Tristahn asked the Board to approve the current financials and then the budget
 - **A motion was made by Marvin Borsand to approve the September Treasurer's Report; 2nd by Jerry McKenna; All in favor. No one opposed.**
 - **A motion was made by Jim Carland to approve this year's Fiscal Budget; 2nd by Brian Fladder; All in favor. No one opposed.**
 - **A motion was made by Jim Carland to approve the \$500 candy donation to the Mountain View Police Precinct; Jody Moman 2nd; All in favor. No one opposed.**
 - Craig agreed to buy it from Costco, deliver it to the Precinct, and submit the receipt

Meeting Adjourned 7:35 Post-

adjournment comments:

- Next Board meeting will be a "live and in-person" meeting at 6pm, at POP in the choir room.
- Prior to the Dec. 3 Board meeting, we will take a Board photo at Hopi Elementary School. 4:45PM-5:30 and then proceed to POP for the 6PM Board meeting
- High caffeine soft drinks are on sale at Costco. Anyone interested in donating money to help provide a surprise "we support you" supply to the Mountain View Police Precinct, please contact Tristahn. He and Brian will purchase the drinks and deliver to the station in the next couple of weeks.

