



**Minutes of the  
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**  
Thursday, Sept 3, 2020 6:00pm  
Meeting held via ZOOM

**Call to Order and Roll Call:**

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm

**Board Members in Attendance:**

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

**Absent:** Sally Geyer, Joe Prewitt, Ian Quinn, Marilyn Schmidlin

**Ex Officio Board Members in attendance**

**Neighbors and Guests in Attendance:** Officer Jared Sherman, Adam Marvin, Neal Haddad, Heather Giannangelo

**Board Meeting Minute Approval:**

**June Minutes- Dr. Jim Carland made a motion to approve. Second by Tom Thomas. All in favor. No one opposed.**

**Block Watch:**

Officer Sherman-There will be changes ahead for the Phoenix Police Department. Not sure what those changes will be yet but there is always room for improvement within the department. Phoenix PD has a good reputation and will continue with training. Dr. Borsand mentioned that it seems as if Phoenix PD is responding to the change that the public is asking for.

The protests have been going on since the end of May every day. They are not as large as they were in the beginning, The Phoenix PD Total Response Unit responds to the protests. They want to make sure the protestors are protected as well as the businesses and bystanders. It was asked if any outside vigilantes have been coming to the protests and Officer Sherman said that some of the protestors have been local but they are seeing outside protestors as well.

Graffiti-Dr. Marvin Borsand- there has been quite a bit of graffiti lately along the canal as well as other places throughout the neighborhood. Dr. Borsand was wondering if maybe a small group of volunteers from the highschool may be able to. Sue was wondering if it is private property if the volunteers would be allowed to paint the walls to cover the graffiti. Officer Sherman said that there is a graffiti detective on staff named Chuck Miller and he may be able to drop off paint and supplies to any group that may be interested. Officer Sherman will get us his information. Dr. Borsand and Sue will be heading up a graffiti team and will work on gathering volunteers as well as getting supplies and learning about what training if any is needed. Amanda and Tom also volunteered to help.

Tom Thomas informed us that block watch has been approved for the 20-21 year.

**Outdoor Advertising:** Andrew Cohn asked to present at the October meeting.

**Nominating Committee/Board Member Update:**

We had 3 spots available this summer and we recently had two more board members resign. After being a member of the board since 1987, Joan Warne has resigned. She will be greatly missed. Karen Magnoni also resigned due to moving out of the neighborhood. We now have 5 available board positions. We have 5 interested candidates for the board so far. Tristahn would like to have the positions filled by December but he would like to wait to appoint anyone until we can meet in person again. We appreciate all the patience of all of the interested candidates during this time of COVID until we can fill our positions.

Since Karen is resigning the position of Secretary is now open. Amanda McCauley has volunteered to fill the Secretary position.

**Sue Tessmer made a motion to nominate Amanda McCauley for Secretary. Second by Dr. Jim Carland. All in favor. No one opposed.**

Karen will reach out to Joe Prewitt to see if he is interested in filling the open position of Nominating Committee chair that Karen held.

Sue Tessmer has been keeping up with welcome letters. She has not created a list but it was last updated in May. Craig will send list to Sue so she can update. The next newsletter is being sent out via first class and will get any rejected emails so therefore the list will be updated from this mailing as well. Sue will also help with Facebook management.

**Preservation:**

**4414 E Vermont**-this house is in Rancho Marizona. ACMNA wants to make sure to respect the individual HOA rules. The owner came to an agreement with the wall placement.

**5243 E Calle Redonda**-existing house was built non-conforming and it encroached the setback. They were asking for east and west side yard setbacks for a bathroom. ACMNA was not opposed.

**4645 E Exeter Blvd**-Pool wall was made into a shed. Owner had old pool pump area that he wanted a roof on. ACMNA was not opposed.

**5501 E Camelback Canyon Dr.**- Rancho Marizona- owner wanted to build 3 retaining walls to prevent neighbor's walls from flooding. ACMNA was not opposed.

**4649 N. 56<sup>th</sup> Street**-This was the former El Oeste Lodge. This will be a three-home parcel development. Variance was requested to allow access from a private street. Neighbors feel this development will be a vast improvement. Buyer would like 2 of the lots for themselves and a neighbor would like the additional lot. They have 2 years to complete the process.

**5602 E Calle Camelia**-Owner wanted a federal firearms license. He needed a location and needed approval. ATF was not concerned about the neighbors as long as paperwork was done correctly. All firearms have to come and go in locked cases. Neighbors were initially concerned about increased foot traffic. ACMNA did not oppose.

**5143 E Calle Del Medio**- home on the south wanted pillars and a wrought iron fence. They were concerned about traffic from HOPI. Several houses on this street have fences and walls on the front of the house. Owner said that being near a school created a hardship. He requested a 6-foot-high fence. Zoning officer approved a 6ft high gates, one for cars and one for walking, but only 40 inches on the fence.

**5740 E Exeter Blvd**- home is surrounded by RE24 zoning. They need 10-foot setback but this house is zoned RE35 which requires a 20-foot setback. ACMNA did not oppose as it was a remedial variance for a planning error missed by all parties

**4910 E Indian School**-OHSO is buying the drycleaners next door and OHSO will use it as a to-go area. Problem is the parking so they needed a variance. It was approved by the city but it did bring up concerns about canal right away as well as parking and noise from an outdoor patio. ACMNA asked for sound studies to be conducted.

**4456 E Thomas Road**- There was a request for this to be a marijuana dispensary. This is AONA's neighborhood but our position was that there is already one at 40<sup>th</sup> and McDowell and then if one goes in at 44<sup>th</sup> and Thomas the next request will likely be at 48<sup>th</sup> and Indian School or Camelback. This dispensary did not meet any of the 4 tests needed for approval. If it does get approved though it will set a dangerous precedent. Dispensaries do an amazing job at keeping business safe however the surrounding area can become affected by smoke and those that park to smoke.

**4502 E Calle Tuberia**-20-year-old carport in the right of way. They did not meet criteria but it was there for 20 years and multiple other structures along the street were also built within the city easement. ACMNA just asked that it not be enclosed, remains one story, and that the footprint will not change. In AZ you have the right to have covering from the sun. This will be heard at the next hearing.

**Cholla Trail**-Jody Moman- Progress is being made but they are dealing with drainage issues on old golf course. They have design but will not reopen trail until new trail is complete. You cannot access Cholla Trail right now. City of Phoenix and HOST were supposed to meet last week, but have not met yet.

**City of Phoenix Homeless Plan**- Dr. Jim Carland- There is nothing actionable right now but the City is keeping an eye on rezoning for higher density.

**Communications**-Karen- September newsletter will be arriving in the mailboxes soon. ACMNA typically has 5 newsletters per calendar year. They are the Jan/Feb edition which will provide information on the annual meeting, the April edition to discuss annual meeting recap and Autorama, June edition will cover Arcadia Cares and summer safety, the September edition covers Welcome Back to School safety as well as Halloween events such as the Mountain View Precinct Halloween and the GAIN event and finally the November/December edition which will have the ACMNA donation appeal as well as Holiday Safety.

Dr. Marvin Borsand suggested that we only produce 4 newsletters a year as to save money as well as to make sure that the newsletters we are producing have applicable information in it as to keep the interest of the neighborhood. Craig Steblay said that block watch covers 5 newsletters a year. This will be revisited during next application for Block Watch. It was also recommended to reintroduce doing personal stories in our newsletters of neighbors. More to come on this as well.

### **Events:**

**GAIN**- GAIN has been cancelled for this year. Annual meeting will be the next ACMNA event followed by AutoRama. Brian will reach out to Maria Renovato from Prince of Peace about annual meeting to be held possibly on Sat. Feb 27, Sat March 6 or Sat Feb 20. Sue Tessmer had mentioned possibly holding the meeting at HOPI as opposed to Prince of Peace to maybe attract more of our neighborhood families. It was also suggested to have the meeting in the evening as opposed to a Saturday morning in hopes that more people may be able to attend due to the fact that Saturday mornings are typically busy for families. Possibly on a Thursday evening? If it is going to be held at HOPI it was suggested doing it the week of March 4-11. Brian will reach out to HOPI.

**Camelback Cleanup**-Camelback cleanup should be held after elections in order to help clean the political signs up. Looking to do the cleanup on Sunday November 15<sup>th</sup> at 8am at Shemer. It was suggested to possibly reach out to Ingleside to students who need volunteer hours. Parents would need to be present.

**Autorama-** will be discussed at a later date.

**Precinct Support Days-** ACMNA supported Precinct Support Days with funds not within ACMNA but donations from individual board members. They donated drinks and snacks. Officer Sherman mentioned how much this was appreciated. Officers have been working quite a bit of overtime since May so it came at a much-needed time.

**Shemer-** Dr. Marvin Borsand- a Go Fund Me page has been started and it has already received around \$1,000 towards the Shemer Expansion. They need 1.7 million to cover the expenses. They have already received hundreds of thousands of dollars. Nov 13-16 from 6-10pm there will be a GALA to help raise additional funds.

**Financial:**

Michael Phillips- Michael provided a recap of the fiscal year ending reports. Legal fees in addition to not holding the autorama event decreased our budget. \$6,500 of the \$10,000 Block watch grant goes to newsletter and since the cost of mailings has gone up it was suggested as mentioned before to go to 4 newsletters as opposed to 5.

Since the beginning of COVID ACMNA has only received \$200 in donations and given the current state, it is suspected that we will not be receiving the typical amount of donations that have been received in the past. Michael would like to have the board review the budget and proposed budget for next year and approve it next meeting.

**Dr. Jim Carland made a motion to approve July and August Treasurer's report. Second by Dr. Marvin Borsand. All approved. No one opposed.**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:04pm**