



Minutes of the Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, April 5, 2018 5:30pm
Prince of Peace Church, Room 13 & 14
3641 N. 56th Street Phoenix, AZ 85018

Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm

Board Members in Attendance: Craig Steblay, Karen Magnoni, Sally Geyer, Hillary Gurley, Tom Thomas, Dr. Marvin Borsand, Brian Flader, Tristahn Schaub, Kali Dobry, Patti Dietz, Jody Moman, Craig DeMarco, Denis Frank, Amanda McCauley, Lisa Binsfeld, Marilyn Schmidlin

Absent: Joan Warne, Jerry McKenna, Jim Carland, John Stofko, Jerry Eisen

Ex Officio Board Members in attendance:

Neighbors and Guests in Attendance: Sam Stone (Chief of Staff Sal DiCiccio's office), Libby Goff (Phoenix Mountain Preserve Council), Scott Covey, Office Sherman

Announcements: Hopi Lights- They want to put lights on the field at Hopi. This means there may be noise and light concerns. Hillary will send out to community that there is a meeting at 7:30am on 4/10 in Hopi library.

Helicopters- A neighbor around Lafayette and Jokake has complained about helicopters flying over at night. We are not sure where the helicopters are from. Sam Stone has been involved and has looked into. It is not consistently the guard base, the police or rescue helicopters. She says she hears it a couple of nights a week and wakes her up. Hillary will put a blurb in the newsletter to let community know it has been researched and will continue to be researched.

Watch: Officer Sherman said they have also looked into the helicopter sounds. 1/3 of the helicopters are Police helicopters. Anytime there is a light on the mountain after dark, they are required to look into and they put a helicopter up. Also, the media did not used to have helicopters up and now they do. Also, some are from the military base.

At **Piestewa Peak and Camelback trailheads**, there has been break ins to people's vehicles the last 6-8 months. Last week, the police caught the burglar while he was in the process of breaking into a vehicle

Cholla trail has had lots of parking issues. It is on their radar and it is work in progress. Officer Sherman does not think there has been an increase in burglaries despite what was mentioned on nextdoor.com. However, make sure neighbors continue to discuss with each other anything suspicious. FB is a good way to keep informed. There are close to 1500 on our FB account. There has been an increase of people driving by and looking to see if a car is unlocked and if there are valuables inside. Remember to never leave anything valuable in your car. This increase is throughout the valley. Officer Sherman will look into the burglary that happened on Lafayette and Jokake this week. Again, Ring doorbells are a great way to help decrease a burglary from happening.

We were awarded another 10,000 for block watch.

56th Street: Another car accident on the roundabout on 56th Street and Exeter. Karen will email a letter to the 56th Street and Saves with information on the last two accidents along with the

videos and pictures. Karen will also include a copy and paste of a next-door post with near misses of children on bikes at the Indian School and 56th Street crosswalk. 56th Street was approved for a \$120,000 grant but has been delayed due to change of staff at the city. We need to keep the need for a street redesign relevant as this is a matter of life and death due to the increase in traffic and reckless driving. Hillary will also post the letter on the ACMNA website. Officer Sherman has us slated to receive a traffic radar van but it is being used in other places as well right now. He also has the motors out often. He has cited multiple people and arrested a woman for DUI at ten in the morning after he was notified of the last accident. Speed is an issue on the whole stretch of 56th, speed bumps are a short-term fix so we need to focus on the big picture and encourage the MAG grant to get signed. Hillary will continue to keep up 56th Street blog when issues occur.

Board Meeting Minute Approval:

March Minutes- Dr. Marvin Borsand made a motion to approve. Second by Tom Thomas. All in favor.

Phoenix Mountain Preserve Council: Scott Covey from Parks Department Park Supervisor with City of Phoenix Parks and Natural resource division. Libby Goff with PMPC- PMPC has been involved with getting mountain preserves established. There are always encroachments were someone wants to do something with the land. There has been concerns about Camelback being a city park. PMPC is trying to help it become a preserve. Camelback would have more protection against building and other activities. There is a political will and momentum to work towards getting it designated as a preserve. The most important thing it would do is give Camelback more protection. There are laws in place that put bigger road blocks in to prevent someone to build something on the preserves. Something that happened to Los Olivos park could happen to Camelback unless it is a preserve. Someone could run a tram up, build a restaurant, etc. A preserve would prevent all of this. PMPC would like ACMNA to help with getting the designation. PMPC will write two letters, one to Phx City Council one to Phoenix Parks and Rec letting them know they are in favor of a preserve designation. They would like us to send a letter as well. The process involves a small task force that would have community meetings to discuss community goals and organization of this. PMPC would like ACMNA to have some members of our board on this task force as members at large. PMPC would also like us to get word out to the community to get support for this designation.

Scott Covey- 9,000 a week up Camelback and Piestewa due to Spring training and other activities. It takes public vote or input for any trade, barter, exchange of land, or use of land if the mountain is a preserve. They are considering adding Camelback to the preserve so that they can balance preservation vs. quality of the enjoyment of the area. People are loving the mountain to death. Another advantage is the 3PI. It is a way to fund things they do in parks. 40% would be allocated for preserves and they have lower costs and fewer needed resources. It would be for maintenance, rangers, trails, etc. For example, they just finished up a campaign on heat awareness for adults and children. 2 years ago, a 14-year-old died on one of the trails so they created a task force to get out awareness. There are only 2 established trails on Camelback Mountain right now and being that people use the mountain for base jumping and other uses that are off trail, they know there is going to be an interesting study on how to turn this into a preserve.

Dr. Marvin asked what the downside is on it becoming a preserve. Scott Covey does not see a downside as it adds extra protection. However, some of those that are base jumping or not

staying on trails, they may be opposed to it, but PMPC may keep some of these other trails that are being used as hybrid trails and still allow recreational climbers to use those other routes. Phoenician sold the land to a developer and the developer is providing an easement for the trail to be moved. Amanda hikes the mountain several times a week and was wondering how the relationship would be between the resorts and the mountain preserve. The City already does outreach to the resorts and will continue to so that visitors are educated on the dangers of hiking and how to take precautions on keeping safe.

Amanda wanted to know if parking will be affected by preserve status. Steve Covey says no. It will remain the same. They already did parking renovations on Echo Canyon side and Cholla Trail will be the same as it is now.

Amanda McCauley is interested in joining the task force as is Jody Moman and Dr. Frank. Craig wants to know if board is ok with the ACMNA helping to move this along.

Dr. Marvin Borsand made a motion to support the movement towards designating Camelback Mountain to a preserve status. Second by Craig DeMarco. All in favor.

Proposed State Legislation

HB 2333- Home based Businesses. Pressure needs to continue to happen. This bill did die but they did a “strike all” so they can get it going again. It will go back to vote again in the house. Kelli Butler is opposed to this bill by Maria Syms is defending the bill. A lot of this is because of Goldwater Institute. The case in Tempe is what generated this interest. Also instances where lemonade stands are shut down. Maria Syms says purpose of the bill is to keep the status quo. However, if that’s the case we have to figure out why there is a bill out there if we are keeping status quo. The way the bill is currently written provides too much activity in neighborhoods and will be detrimental to the neighborhoods. Bill is flawed. Craig thinks we need to do an email blast. Also, template letters get ignored, so be genuine and put your own words even if just one sentence. Letters need to go to the senate now as well as house. This bill is for all of AZ so pass around the word. Craig wants to reinstate the letter Wendy wrote as well. Board agrees. We need to send a letter of thanks to Paul Barnes for all that he does. Karen will send a thank you.

Events:

Brian Flader-

Street Signs- Arcadia street signs were blue. New is tan with the green tree logo. The signs will go beneath the street name. We now have money for 40 of them. It costs \$160 each to install. Sam will talk to Ray Yocopis about making sure grant money will be provided soon.

Jody Moman made a motion to approve the new design. Second by Brian Flader. All in favor.

Annual Meeting- Feedback from this meeting- Do announcements at beginning of meeting. It worked well to hand out door prizes throughout meeting and also, as opposed to having the politicians speak, we should have them set up tables where neighbors can discuss issues directly with them before or after the meeting. Also, meeting should be a bit shorter than this year. Overall great meeting.

AutoRama- Brian is working on Autorama. Craig asked Officer Sherman to pass around flyers around the precinct. So far, we are up to 12 cars. One of the cars is a show winner “Riddler Award”. It is a huge award. 1908 Cadillac will be there. Dr. Frank is bringing his split window

corvettes, there is a concept solar car, a motorcycle, a police car, etc. Pass flyers out to all of your friends to get the word out. Brian will put out banners as well. Also, he will talk to Mike Orr about use of bathrooms or if we need to rent them. Plaques still need to be made and we still need judges. There will be a people's choice and judge's choice award. Karen and Craig could bring recycle trash cans if needed. Brian will bring water bottles for giveaway. There will be a subcommittee meeting this weekend. Brian will set it up and contact everyone.

Preservation:

5601 E Calle Paisano-

6220 E Calle Camelia-

Both of these variances were denied. For the Calle Camelia variance, applicant did not show up, however he could pay a continuance fee.

Calle Del Norte 4455 submitted plans for 3 lots. City should have rejected for R118 but they didn't. A neighbor filed a complaint and had meeting but only a few people showed up. They agreed to tear down garage extension. They are getting a use permit to extend set back in back. This goes in from of ZAH0 on the 26th. The builder says he will tear it down and build the 25% two story as opposed to the one he is currently building. Do neighbors want a 27% one story or 25% two story. Dr. Marvin Borsand wants to know how it got through the city in the first place. The city made a mistake. He wants to do if we should check into all building permits to see if they are following zoning restrictions since it appears some are being approved that shouldn't be and even without variance. How do we avoid not knowing what is going on? We need to have better trained zoning officers to make sure this doesn't happen.

Nominating Committee:

New Officers:

We need to elect a new president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Dr. Marvin Borsand asked if we can keep current slate? We can if they want to stay. Craig agreed to stay on one more year as president, Tristahn as VP, John as Treasurer and Karen as secretary.

ALL in favor of current slate being elected a current year. No one opposed.

Committee assignments: Lisa Binsfeld has offered to take over newsletters from Craig. Craig and Lisa will get together to discuss how it all works. Hillary will lead publicity committee. Lisa will then be part of that committee. Karen will stay on committee. Sally, Patti, Craig S, John Stofko. Preservation committee will be Marvin, Craig D, Craig S, Kali, Jody, Tom, Amanda, Jim Carland, Tristahn as chair. Events, Brian as chair, Marilyn, Jerry McKenna, Tristahn, Joan, Patti, Denis. Finance. John as Chair, Jerry Eisen, Jody, Craig, Joan, Patti. Nominating. Karen as chair, Brian Flader, Jody, Tristahn, Hillary and Jody.

Treasurer's Report:

No report from John this month. Unanimous consent to give \$400 to Neil.

Tristahn made a motion to ratify the fact that we did this. Second by Brian Flader. All in favor.

We have roughly \$26,000 in our account. Several people turned in envelopes with donations during annual meeting. Also, we had a big bill for the variance we opposed for the 33% lot coverage. We hired an outside law firm to help with this. The cost was \$6,000.

We also have \$7,000 of trust money we don't see in our account that is in the law office of Wendy Riddell. July we get another \$10,000 for block watch.

Additional Comments:

Dr. Marvin Borsand brought up the bicycles. He says OFO was here two months ago and we said we would revisit. He wants to know if we are comfortable with what is going on. Karen said she sees few yellow bikes and mostly green however Marilyn says she sees the yellow and green. Sally has complained to the lime bikes and the bikes did disappear. So, they are responding. There is a shopping court ordinance coming. We should post phone numbers for contacts again in newsletters. The bikes will be collected by neighborhood services if they are in a dangerous spot. Officer Sherman will send to Hillary the contact information. Tristahn wants to know if anyone has been able to get ahold of Paul Vidal. Tristahn texted him and bike was gone the next day. Paul put a geo perimeter fence and it failed. Dr. Borsand would like to talk about it again in two months.

Camelback East Planning Village is having a character plan meeting on April 28th at 9am at the Devonshire Senior Center. All are welcome to attend.

Adjournment of Meeting: 7:29pm**Next Meeting:** Thursday, May 3 2018 at Prince of Peace