



MINUTES

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, **April 7, 2016**, 5:30 p.m.

Prince of Peace Church Room 13 & 14

3641 N, 56th Street (at Indian School Road)

Call to Order & Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Board Member Attendance: Jerry Eisen, Al Frei, Sally Geyer, David Gordon, Claudia Richardson, Marilyn Miller Schidlin, Jennifer Sheedy, Craig Steblay, Courtney Sucato, Tom Thomas, Joan Warne, Emily Whitwell, Karen Beckvar, Paul Roshka, Dan Drake, Tristahn Schaub

Excused Absences: Marvin Borsand, Jerry McKenna, and Tracy Wadas

Absent: Alan Maguire

Ex-Officio Members Present: Rick Spiegel and Paul Barnes

Neighbors & Guests in Attendance: Vanessa Salinas from Councilman DiCiccio's Office

Minutes: **March 4, 2016**, minutes were offered for the Board to review. The minutes were approved with corrections offered on proper Motion by Jim Bonadio and Second, by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report: **January 2016** treasurer's report was offered by Al Frei for the Board to review. The minutes were approved offered on proper Motion by Jim Bonadio and Second, by unanimous vote. Al also reported on the Blockwatch funds. They have been used largely for website maintenance, room rent, and liability insurance protecting the association and its directors and officers. There is still enough money for one more newsletter.

Preservation Committee Report: Craig Steblay led this discussion. ASU is exploring whether it wishes to be involved with the David and Gladys Wright House. Schools can receive different treatment under zoning regulations. This is a fluid situation.

Reports on various action in the area were discussed.

A schematic regarding a proposal to add a turn-around and parking at Cholla Trailhead would increase the traffic and likely cause more problems than it would solve.

The Phoenician Resort is considering adding 250 dwelling units on the nine-hole golf course east and south of the hotel, generally in the northwest corner of the intersection at Invergordon and Camelback. The housing would be townhomes and condominiums, somewhat similar to those on the east side of Invergordon. The Royal Palms cannibalized its golf course to put in housing, but it kept large lot, single-family residences consistent with the zoning in adjacent areas. Royal Palms added about 20 dwelling units, compared to the 250 being considered at the Phoenician. The large increase could have substantial impact on traffic adjacent to the resort and in cut-through neighborhoods.

The batting cage was denied a variance and a use permit. However, in the process it was discovered no variance was required. The proposal goes to the Board of Adjustment on May 5, 2016, for a use permit.

The discussion turned to concerns that construction on Camelback Mountain had dragged on for nearly a year to the great disruption of the neighborhood, and concerns about other structures, including a building under construction by Joe Marovic. Concerns included a detached structure and lot coverage. It appears that everything on that property is within code.

Publicity Committee Report: Courtney Sucato suggested we include an update on the status of the Wright House.

Events Committee Report: Our semi-annual Camelback Road cleanup is this Saturday, April 9, 2016. Board members were encouraged to attend.

The GAIN (Get Arizonans Involved in Neighborhoods) is scheduled for October 15, 2015, and the Shemer Center is booked.

New Business: Paul Roshka reported that we should be able to qualify as a non-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. If granted, contributions to ACMNA could be treated as charitable contributions, and thus deductible on tax returns.

Craig appointed a committee to review our bylaws and revisit our mission statement. He asked Dan Drake to lead the committee, with Paul Roshka, Joan Warne, Karen Beckvar, and Tom Thomas as committee members.

Former ACMNA President Dr Rick Spiegel spoke about the situation with the Arcadia Water Company (AWC). Arcadia is cool and pleasant in large measure because of the trees and vegetation permitted because of irrigation water. Unfortunately, as houses have turned over in the AWC irrigation area new owners have eschewed flood irrigation for a sprinkler system. This cuts down on customer and revenue base for AWC. Current prices for flood irrigation are substantially less (perhaps only 20 percent) to the price paid for similar water from the City of Phoenix. Compounding the problem is the age of the system and the natural deterioration that occurs over decades of use. Home owners wishing to preserve the cool, green Arcadia neighborhood can place restrictions on future use of the property at time of sale. Emily Whitwell offered a nice article she has on AWC, something we may want to put in the newsletter. The AWC Board meeting and election will take place April 19, 2016, at 7:00 pm at the AWC office, 7000 E Via Solare.

Craig would like to get a newsletter out the first week of May given that we have funds to do so.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 5, 2016.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 6:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,