

MINUTES

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

Thursday, **February 2, 2017**, 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: Karen Beckvar, Marvin Borsand, Patricia Dietz, Dan Drake, Jerry Eisen, Brian Flader, Al Frei, Sally Geyer, Jerry McKenna, Karen Magnoni, Jody Moman, Claudia Richardson, Paul Roshka, Marilyn Miller Schmidlin, Tristan Schaub, Jennifer Sheedy, Craig Steblay, John Stofko, Courtney Sucato, Tom Thomas, Joan Warne, Emily Whitwell

Excused Absences:

Absent: Paul Roshka

Ex-Officio Members Present: Rick Spiegel

Neighbors & Guests in Attendance: Ben Carro, Wendy Riddell, Jerry Gaffaney, JoAnn Gaffaney, Rich Feldheim, Nick Cappellini, Victor Sidy, Hubert Tupay, Jim Bonadino, Jordan Cohen, Maria Hinderleider, Jim Warne, Brian Mahrer, Chris Winters, Chuck Duff, Dorie Duff

Report from Officer Ben Carro: Officer Carro reported that traffic speed on Camelback and Indian School Road is a problem. He clocked less than a dozen cars and wrote three tickets. He also used a radar gun on 56th Street between Camelback and Indian School Road. While speeds were greater than the limit, they tended to be less than ten miles an hour over the limit, and were generally within a range where officers had discretion to ticket or not, depending on the circumstances. He will continue to monitor the speed by radar. He also reported an accident at 56th Street and Indian School on the morning of our meeting. The drivers were a teacher, and a student at Veritas. Apparently, the morning sun temporarily blinded one of the drivers, leading to the collision.

The President introduced new board members: Karen Magnoni, Jody Moman, and Patricia Dietz. Patricia explained that she became active when a house across the street from hers was purchased for investment, and then converted to a party venue where partygoers were charged as much as \$150 per person to enter.

Phoenician Update: The board received an update on the situation with the Phoenician project. Attorney Wendy Riddell reported that she met with homeowners living near an area of planned high density, multi-story structures in an area referred to as Parcel H. Those plans led to a resolution in December opposing the project. Through meetings with Paul Gilbert, Wendy reported, she worked out a solution acceptable to all. It reduced the number of units on the four-acre parcel from 60 to four units, one per acre. Further, the Phoenician through Mr. Gilbert agreed to restrict the height. As a result, all the concerns leading to our December resolution had been resolved, such that resolution was no longer necessary, and she recommended the board withdraw the resolution.

Mr. Gilbert went on to explain that unlike any other PUD, he had drafted a provision that major amendments to the PUD must follow the application and approval process of the City of Phoenix Ordinance. In addition, minor amendments to the PUD required the Resort Owner to provide notice to ACMNA, as well as an opportunity for ACMNA to provide input to the City regarding the proposed amendments, and to appeal the decision of the Planning and Development Director or designee. This provision, and a summary, are included in the

Phoenician Planned Unit Development Land Use and Development Standards proposal dated November 10, 2016. They can be found at page 10 and 16, respectively. In addition, the Phoenician is working on a plan to create an easement to reach the Cholla Trail on Camelback Mountain. A path on part of the former golf course would divert Camelback Mountain hikers off Cholla Lane and onto the path, thus reducing or eliminating foot traffic on Cholla Lane, and shielding homeowners along Cholla from the congestion and other negative consequences produced by as many as 10,000 hikers per week in peak seasons. This plan needs City approval. Mr. Gilbert estimated that the first construction on new units was probably one year off.

Dr. Borsand moved that the board issue a resolution withdrawing its December resolution of opposition. Mr. Stofko seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved with Ms. Beckvar recusing herself and abstaining from the vote.

Arcadia Cares Sponsorship: Ms. Schmidlin and the President explained the Arcadia Cares project that involved preparing dry meals for underprivileged in Phoenix and elsewhere in Arizona. The meals were assembled at Prince of Peace Church with help from neighbors and Boy Scouts. ACMNA contributed \$500 to Arcadia Cares last year.

Mr. Eisen moved that we contribute \$500 to Arcadia Cares this year, and that we send letters or otherwise solicit funds for ACMNA. Mr. Friei seconded the motion. In the discussion that ensued several board members suggested that the Finance Committee establish an annual budget, reflecting receipts and proposed expenditures for matters such as Arcadia Cares and our Fall GAIN event. There was also discussion that board members contribute financially to ACMNA. This suggestion was also passed to the Finance Committee. Following discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

David and Gladys Wright House Update: Victor Sidy, architect, and Chris Winters, landscape architect, spoke on behalf of Zach Rawling who although invited, declined to attend the Board meeting. They were interested in forming a task force or small group with ACMNA to discuss proposed uses of the property. President Steblay made clear the fact that ACMNA had long asserted opposition to any commercial use of the property, and if such use was contemplated, ACMNA was not changing its position and viewed any task force or group effort fruitless. Ms. Sucato, joined by a substantial number of directors, said she would rather hear from Mr. Rawling, since he appeared to be the decision maker. Others pointed out that in the four year's since Mr. Rawling acquired the structure he had made no personal contact with neighborhood residents, instead dealing only through hired intermediaries.

Mr. Sidy explained that under current thinking the amphitheater was no longer included, the visitor center reduced to 5,000 – 10,000 sq. ft., and efforts were underway to route virtually all traffic to the structure from Camelback Road, rather than Rubicon or Exeter. He explained that Mr. Rawlings goal was to transfer the structure to a non-profit. He indicated he could not speak for any such non-profit and its proposed use for the property, but was willing to invite the non-profit to participate in the discussions with ACMNA and neighbors.

No action was taken as a result of this presentation since it was only informational.

Events Committee Report: Mr. Flader reported on the preparations for the Annual Meeting March 11, 2017. Mayor Stanton has been invited. Councilman DiCiccio will speak, with his primary focus on alleviating traffic issues on 56th Street. School representatives will also attend. Mr. Schaub reported that neighborhood businesses had been very supportive and contributed items for door prizes. The prizes would be awarded following a drawing of information cards submitted by attendees.

Preservation Committee Report: Mr. Schaub reported there were a few minor variance requests since our last meeting, and the committee had taken no position or opposed as appropriate.

New Business: Mr. Schaub reported on a joint committee with representatives of the Osborne Arcadia Neighborhood Association, AONA and ACMNA to address traffic issues on 56th Street. The committee also involved school representatives. The committee has already had one meeting with City representatives. The committee is including traffic speed, volume, safety, aesthetics, and enjoyment as it attempts to develop workable solutions.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 2, 2017.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Drake, ad hoc Recording Secretary