



Minutes of the Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, January 4, 2017 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: Karen Magnoni, Joan Warne, Sally Geyer, Marilyn Miller Schmidlin, Jerry Eisen, Craig DeMarco, Karen Beckvar, Jerry McKenna, Tom Thomas, Jody Moman, Dr. Marvin Borsand, Hillary Gurley, Kali Dobry, Brian Flader

Absent: Patti Dietz, John Stofko, Brennan Giggey, Tristahn Schaub, Courtney Sucato

Neighbors and Guests in Attendance: Ryan Rosensteel, Chris Janson, Adrian Evarkiou, Peter Baker, Amy Hommen, Officer Jared Sherman and ACMNA's Attorney Michael Zimmerman

Block Watch:

Officer Jared Sherman introduced himself. He is taking over the Community Action Officer position held by Officer Ben Carro. In April, he will have 10 years on the force. He has worked this area for 8 years and spent 2 years in the Sunnyslope area. He trains field rookies. He is encouraged by all of the new officers joining the profession. They are working on encouraging new recruits to come in and to stay in one neighborhood, so they can build a long-term relationship with their community. Dr. Marvin B asked if he would be available to be at the car show ACMNA is putting on in April and spending time with our community then. Officer Sherman said he would. Officer Sherman dealt with the Palomino house (Gatsby House) and is continuing to work on it. He has hands on approach and likes to be in the area to talk to people. Both his Dad and Granddad were officers. He has the same phone number as Ben Carro used to have. 602-882-9666. If we email him, Jared.Sherman@phoenix.gov he will receive info as he checks email several times a day. His business work hours will be Tues-Fridays 5am-3pm but those will adjust as needs arise.

Board Meeting Minute Approval:

Craig asked if anyone had a chance to review them from last meeting and only a couple raised their hands. It was then suggested that we table voting and approving the minutes until everyone who is voting had a chance to review. We will vote on them during the February meeting.

New Board Members:

During the last few months, Craig appointed several new members to join our board. As per our bylaws, they need to be voted in by current board. The four-new appointed in are: Hillary Gurley, Brennan Giggey, Kali Dobry and Craig DeMarco. Karen Beckvar made a motion to approve new members. Second by Jerry Eisen. All were in favor.

Board Vacancies:

We have 3 current board members who will be leaving as of March. Therefore, we need to recruit 3 new members in. The three leaving are: Paul Roshka, Courtney Sucato, and Karen

Beckvar. Karen Magnoni is heading the nominating committee. The nominating committee consists of Jody Moman, Brian Flader, Karen Magnoni, Hillary Gurley and Tristahn Schaub. Anyone who would like to nominate someone or knows of someone or themselves who are interested should email Karen Magnoni at Kmersi@aol.com. Or the ACMNA contact through the ACMNA website. We will do an email blast as well as post through FB that there are vacancies by January 9th. We will then review applicants and they will be voted on during the annual meeting.

Hopi School:

Craig Steblay apologized for last meeting for being out of order as we did a non-agenda item after meeting adjourned. Our attorney advised we do not send letter that the board voted on last meeting as we voted on it after the meeting was over and it was not on the agenda to begin with. We suggested we hold an executive session for the board, ask questions at that time and then make a decision as to what we want to officially do. Minutes included items not on the agenda. Dr. Marvin Borsand asked if we could make a motion to hold a quorum now as opposed to holding a special meeting? Mr. Zimmerman advised against that as we have guests in attendance as well as Mr. Zimmerman in attendance.

Joan suggested that we got ourselves into trouble with the Wright house because we waited so long to get involved and didn't know what was going on. She doesn't want us to do the same with Hopi. Dr. Marvin asked again if we could hold an executive session now, but Craig stated that because it was not on agenda, we should not. Jerry Eisen asked what the harm would be if guests hear our discussion. Craig said it is because of client and attorney privilege since board is Michaels's customer.

Craig then stated that Louis Hartwell lied to us and said there was a feasibility done and that we would give it to us. That never happened. We never received one. Karen Beckvar said there was one done years ago but doesn't know if there was a new one done. 10 years or more ago, there was one done but when Dan asked for it, he was not provided with it. Either they could not find the old one or they never did a new one. Craig stated there are several issues: Dan Drake did not receive the info he should have received, School did not reach out to neighborhood to do their due diligence, Board needs to focus on what is currently going on and not on what is going on with the superintendent or the district. Karen Beckvar went to May meeting and design was already done. So they were not looking for input on design other than paint.

Craig then asked for our guests in attendance to speak as to why they are here and what they think the board should do.

Chris Janson began discussion:

He has been on rebuild committee since March. They had 16 meetings, 3 community meetings and he caught wind that this was still as topic of discussion in our neighborhood meetings. He is concerned about what was actually passed during our last meeting. He has a second grader and fourth grader who attend Hopi and he lives across the street and has for 11 years and is very focused on what the school will be. He doesn't understand what the opposition is for. Whether it is for what is happening today or what was going on before. He is happy it is moving forward as is. He was part of the bond process in the first place and understands there are 35% of people that did not want the bond to pass in the first place so he knows not everyone will see eye to eye. Karen Beckvar is wondering if parents are happy with new revised plan. Chris said yes. There has been improvements made from original site plan that committee saw that was laid out by architect. It is still a single classroom building, rec, and administration building. The height has been lowered, the window classroom situation and class situation have been addressed. There are five parents on rebuild committee and the principal was present. All plans are on SUSD website. Karen Beckvar was concerned that the process that was followed was flawed and waiting that they had a final plan before presenting it rather than saying here is what we think and then working from there. That never happened.

Craig Steblay asked for Craig DeMarco's opinion since he was on the committee. Craig DeMarco stated he is aligned with what Chris Janson was saying and would like it to move forward.

Chris Janson said there were 47 applicants who applied to be on the rebuild committee. He doesn't know how it was decided who would actually be on committee, but it appears there was a cognizant effort to have people who represented everyone. Patti Dietz represented ACMNA and all of the rest of the committee that was chosen has a role in different parts of our community. Chris agrees SUSD should have done a better job with letting community know what is going on but he was focused on getting things done that needed to be done. He did let his neighbors know what was going on so they were all aware.

Craig Steblay mentioned that after last meeting he received a letter from Ryan Rosensteel stated that he objected to what we did during last meeting. Craig understands that what we did made it look like we did things in secret. Karen Magnoni and Craig met with Ryan to discuss this. Craig shared the letter from Ryan with the board. Craig is wondering at this point why our association should get involved. He is afraid we are only going to muddy things up. They have a PTA, a rebuild committee, Scottsdale school board and now the attorney general.

Joan Warne stated that it is important to hear both sides and recognizes that these guests in attendance are obviously for rebuild but she doesn't feel procedure was very poor in way groups were picked and that no one came here to speak to us. Craig DeMarco agrees they did not do a great job in the beginning but for community to spend time on things that happened in the past, we can't change things in the past. Karen Beckvar agreed that we can't change history, but we can use this as an example for the other schools that have not gone through this process yet. Maybe we can help them. Start before architect draws final plans as they did with Arcadia. Craig stated that they apparently did not learn from Arcadia High School but Karen Beckvar stated it is an entirely new administration.

Craig agrees we were dissed by administration in Scottsdale, but we need to do what is best for the kids in our neighborhood and feels we are getting two things confused. Joan does not agree. She feels a lot of parents are concerned about procedure. They have kids in school and are concerned about procedure. Craig said yes, procedure is bad. The way they handled it was bad. But the school itself is today's school. It has all the technology and environment that will encourage learning. Joan agreed.

Dr. Marvin Borsand wanted to mention that he doesn't think we did anything wrong last meeting because the discussion came under new business and the fact that Craig DeMarco left early was his choice. He could have stayed for whole meeting. He feels Craig apologized for something he should not have. Craig mentioned there was not new business on the agenda and the adjournment time was supposed to be 6:15, which is when Craig DeMarco left. Dr. Marvin Borsand apologized that he misunderstood that and brought it up as new business. He also doesn't feel board was opposed to project but was concerned with whether money should have been spent on remodeling versus rebuilding. Craig stated that that was what Dan Drake was focusing on and demanding answers on. We did not have enough information and the district would not provide it to us either. Dr. Marvin was also curious about solar panels and that he brought it up to district but no one ever got back to him. He asked Chris if sustainability was something that was brought up to rebuild committee. Chris said it was addressed. It was definitely something the rebuild committee and teachers asked. The architect said they are doing some sustainability things. As far as solar panels go, they were told by district it would not work financially as they are losing money on 8 of the 9 schools that have solar now is what they think the district said. Board was focused on safety, security and technology. Craig DeMarco also agreed that they were told it would not work financially.

Karen Beckvar stated that with solar it is based on assuming there will be an increase in utility rates but the price of gas did not go up as expected so schools are not getting payback on the solar as they expected. They put it on the high schools with a private company to do front end of installation and then get a level rate of price of utilities moving forward but with not having increase in utilities they do not get the payback they expected. Craig Steblay mentioned there have been three meetings. One in May one in September and one in October and at least 3 of the school board members were there and heard everything going on as did Craig and then made decision on Hopi. All three were open and advertised to community. Karen Beckvar sees there

are two camps here. We are sort of in a unanimous thought that the procedure issues were wrong and that the district didn't involve community at the appropriate time before the finished final design. That is an issue we could address. We can state that ACMNA is concerned about that and that district should make sure that happens before it moves on with other projects. There is another subset group on our board that feels the district should have moved forward with a remodel versus a rebuild. Karen Beckvar herself was convinced years ago that a rebuild was the only option after seeing the studies done in the past between the asbestos, air conditioning duct systems and the way the school is currently designed. It was too expensive. Craig Steblay said it looks like they are moving forward now with the way the school is now designed. He then asked who on the board has kids at Hopi. We only have 2 members, and both were on the rebuild committee. Craig feels parents are primary stakeholders here. Hillary Gurley mentioned a school is a great thing that draws people to the community and having a high-tech state of the art school is not a detractor and by not doing anything we will be doing an injustice to ourselves. Craig DeMarco mentioned that people do not like change. Hopi has a ton of history, soul, memories and people see it as all going away. He feels that Chris and rest of committee did a great job on this.

Joan mentioned that we all want a new great school but we don't like the procedure that was used. Craig DeMarco agrees but said we can't go back in this situation and fix the past procedures. Joan is concerned about if legally procedures were wrong. Hillary said yes that is a concern, but Attorney General is dealing with this. Craig DeMarco is concerned that neighbors are fearful the board will try to slow down the construction process.

Craig Steblay said that yes procedures are not good, but in the meantime, they are building a school and that is a good thing for the kids. Joan agrees.

Chris Janson states that stopping construction would be so detrimental to our kids, our teachers, staff, the school, our neighborhood. School has benefited in being in a great school district. It is a great public-school district. He feels it is inaccurate to think that community wants building stopped.

Ryan Rosensteel feels logistics of remodeling was going to be very difficult for students and the cost was very high and that was not in the budget. Kids would have had to relocate, teachers would have to move classrooms. It was not feasible. Ryan loves the box. The inside is phenomenal. We are up against other school options such as Veritas. People have other options and we have to be competitive.

Joan again reminded Ryan we were not opposed to school we are opposed to procedure.

Ryan understands that but when he heard what board wanted to do by stopping construction, he thought "what are they doing?" Kids will have to be bussed off of campus for assemblies, lunches are staggered because the facilities are inadequate. Joan understands but she feels there were illegal procedures that are being investigated. She feels that maybe they hired an architect that didn't know what he was doing. Maybe your child would have been better if procedure was followed properly.

Craig said that certainly process is in question and attorney general is looking into it and he doesn't know what we can do over them.

Dr. Marvin Borsand feels that we have been burned in the past such as with the Group Homes where we get involved or learn about it after the fact and then it is too late. So, at some point we need to put the brakes on things. He is frustrated things are happening after the fact.

Karen Beckvar stated that at some point we should go on record as saying we are disappointed at the process but we should not delay on building, as the kids would be punished by decisions made by adults.

Jerry Eisen mentioned that no one was suggesting we delay the building.

Craig Steblay stated that by the vote we took last meeting, that was what would have happened.

Adrian Evarkiou agrees with Karen Beckvar. He also stated that the opposition used our last board meeting and announced that now ACMNA board wants the building stopped in a public forum. He agrees that things weren't properly handled in the beginning. But we don't want construction to stop. You guys are now on record as wanting construction stopped.

Karen Beckvar wanted to make a motion that we rescind the letter and the motion made at last meeting.

Joan doesn't feel we have enough info to stop the past vote.

Michael Zimmerman stated that if board wants to rescind the vote from last meeting, we could take action to clarify our own record but the motions and votes that took place after the meeting ended should be addressed by an executive council meeting.

Jody Moman states she does not want our neighbors or our guests feeling we are not supporting them when we are. Procedure sure was wrong but not the rebuild. She would like us to clarify on how ACMNA association feels.

Craig Steblay stated that our spirit and intent to what we objected to was of the procedure and process. We are NOT objecting to the school getting built on the current schedule.

Chris agreed that would be really great to let the Hopi community know that.

Karen Beckvar made a motion that we would like it to be on the record that the board wishes to express in a more formal process in the future to the dissatisfaction to the process the board had used for the rebuild but is not intending to stop the construction at the current schedule or to delay.

Second was made by Jody Moman.

Dr. Marvin Borsand and Joan Warne objected from the vote. Everyone else approved the motion. Motion passed.

Craig mentioned that until Attorney General is done he doesn't know what we can do. He (Attorney General) might do all of our work for us.

He asked if we want this on a future agenda or see how this plays out for next couple of months.

Karen Beckvar suggested we should have some information in an executive session and that would be worthwhile. Craig said we could do that.

Treasurer's Report:

Everyone received Treasurer's report. We passed \$10,000 mark on receipts from our mailer asking for donations. Our goal was \$8,000. Do we have a motion to accept Treasurer's report?

Jerry Eisen made a motion to accept and approve Treasurer's report. Second was made by Jerry McKenna. All were in favor. Report was approved.

Events:

Brian Flader- Our annual meeting is on March 10th at 8:30am. Officer Sherman will be there. We are in the process of securing speakers. We will start with housekeeping items. Then we will move onto Eucalyptus trees on 48th St. They are on the historical register. But they have to be maintained and the question is who will pay for it.

We will have Sal DiCiccio speak on 56th St. Kate Brophy McKee on Group homes, Kelli Butler on the party houses, Tamara J. from Hopi on Hopi and then Anthony Vasquez.

We are working on sponsors. We should have the same from last year and some additional. We will hand out prizes throughout the meeting instead of waiting until end as we did last year. Boy Scouts will do the color guard. ACMNA members should all wear their shirts.

Brian asked Craig DeMarco if he could arrange for a meeting with Greg Bruns to see if we could try to get ACMNA and Arcadia Nsews more connected. Craig D. said he would.

Craig mentioned that a comment from last year was how great it was to have greeters. He would like that again. Greeters will have clipboards, nametags, pens and will welcome everyone in.

Karen Beckvar mentioned that it is also great to sit at the tables with the community to hear what concerns are.

We will have the inaugural Autorama. It looks like the LDS church will allow us to use their parking lot. We are still working on approval. We will either hold the event on April 7th or 28th.

We are trying to decide what we will charge. \$50 per entry? Committee will firm up details. Food trucks are an issue because if it is held on church grounds, there cannot be profits made.

Arcadia Cares in on March 24th. We should decide next meeting if we will donate again to the event. It is their 4th annual one. Jody asked if we have a budget in place yet. Craig said we do not yet but that we still need one. We will have to decide on one. If John is not at meetings, we may need to have another treasurer, but he does such a great job with the checks and information. We do need to make sure we only have in budget what we can count on.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 1st at 5:30pm at Prince of Peace

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm