



## MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING

Thursday, March 3, 2016, 5:30 p.m.  
Prince of Peace Church – Room 13 & 14  
3641 N 56<sup>th</sup> Street (at Indian School Road)

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

**Board Members in Attendance:** Craig Steblay, Linda Bair, Joan Warne, Jerry Eisen, Sally Geyer, Karan Beckvar, David Gordan, Dan Drake, Claudia Richardson, Marilyn Miller Schidlin, Kera Drake, Jennifer Sheedy, Emily Whitwell, Paul Roshka, and Tracy Wadas

**Excused Absence:** Jordan Cohen, Jerry McKenna and Donald Squire

**Ex Officio Members Present:** Paul Barnes, Jim Bonadino, Kendis Drake and Sue Bloom

**Neighbors & Guests in Attendance:** Craig Doyle (Sal DiCiccio's office) and Jim Warne

**Minutes:** February 4, 2016 minutes were offered for the Board to review. Minutes were approved, with one correction noted. Motion to approve by Karen Beckvar and Second, by Claudia Richardson

**Treasurer's Report:** Craig Steblay presented the Treasurer's Report, in Al Frei's absence, due to Block Watch meeting regarding grant funding. Report was approved offered on proper Motion by Claudia Richardson and Second, by Marilyn Miller Schmidlin and unanimous vote.

**Report from Lieutenant Nicholas DiPonzio:**

- \*Commended robust Community Action Program and Officer Ben Carro
- \*Reviewed partnerships and resources with DPS, FBI, DEA, Neighborhood Services and Abatement Detectives, for broadening sustainable victories in crime suppression throughout the Phoenix area.
- \*Arcadia has two of the best burglary Detectives: Doug Peckins and Jeremy Prater
- \*Reviewed Stats for crime in Arcadia: Low on violent crime and more significant on Property Crimes.
- \*New record management system making data collection more effective
  - Property Crimes most often Wednesday at 9am
  - Heavier mid-week and slower on weekends
- \*Remind neighbors to keep track of valuables using serial numbers and photos
- \*Look out for our neighbors, especially in summer when so many are out of town
- \*New Program identifying residents with security cameras and citizens helping officers with the footage attained

**Elections of Officers:**

Motion offered by Jen Sheedy and Second, by Emily Whitwell for Craig Steblay as President.

Motion offered by Tracy Wadas and Second, by Jen Sheedy for Tristhan Schaub as Vice President.

Motion offered by Tracy Wadas and Second, by Craig Steblay for Emily Whitwell as Treasurer Elect.

Motion offered by Emily Whitwell and Second, by Joan Warne for Tracy Wadas as Secretary.

Motion offered by Karen Beckvar and Second, by Emily Whitwell for Al Frei as Treasurer.

**Committee Appointments:**

Kera Drake appointed as Publicity Chair and Tracy Wadas appointed as Preservation Chair

**Appointments to Committees:** Karen Beckvar, Kera Drake and Joan Ware will serve on Events. Claudia Richardson and Dan Drake will serve on Preservation. Paul Roshka will serve on Finance & Legal.

**Preservation Report:** Craig Steblay introduced Craig Doyle, Sal Diccio's Chief of Staff, to present on the David Wright House and possible ASU partnership

Craig Doyle stated that DWH, LLC had requested a ninth continuance on the HP-L Application filed by City of Phoenix Historic Preservation in September of 2012 due to a possible partnership with ASU and others to see what they can come up with. Nothing would be of the scale we have seen so far. The focus would be on Preservation, Education and the Arts. He and Sal would be monitoring this new proposal to make sure it fits in the neighborhood. They both were hoping ASU would be a better partner to work with.

Craig Steblay asked if the proposal would require a need for the Special Use Permit. Craig Doyle was unsure because specifics had not been revealed yet.

Paul Barnes commented that the pre-application for the current special use permit had not been worked out yet. Paul also discussed the history of the text amendment and special use permit with the Board and Craig Doyle. He stated he was at the council meeting for the continuance and implications were a special use permit would still be filed, however, specifics weren't stated.

Paul Barnes also addressed a letter from DWH to Alan Stephenson, the head of Planning and Development for the City of Phoenix, stating DWH, LLC was looking for partnerships that would help create a revenue stream for maintenance and operations of the David & Gladys Wright House. Craig Doyle shared that he was under the same understanding that the partnerships were being explored in order to create revenue for the operations and maintenance of the David & Gladys Wright House.

Emily Whitwell asked if ASU was aware of the parking issues faced by DWH, LLC and would their involvement take away from the obligation of obtaining adequate parking.

Craig Doyle reviewed that the David and Gladys Wright House Foundation (DGWHF) would suspend all "Third Party" operations at the beginning of May, as they had a few of these events already committed to.

Discussion was held with regard to remaining cautiously optimistic while not losing sight of the experiences of the last 3 years. Tracy Wadas said she would schedule a Preservation Committee meeting to review information as it becomes available. Additionally, the committee would comprise a list of questions and concerns to forward to Sal's office.

**Variances:** (64<sup>th</sup> St & Calle Redonda)

Craig Steblay reported the Board was not notified of a variance hearing for this property seeking 32% lot coverage and 4 ft Front and Side Yard setbacks. Craig had contacted city staff, to object to moving forward since the Association had not been notified. City Staff stated the conflict was in the map boundaries and the corrections would be addressed, however, they would be moving forward with the hearing date as scheduled.

Linda Bair reported on the variance for a driveway on the north side of Camelback Mountain and noted the hearing officer continued the request until May.

Tracy Wadas reported that she was seeking a Use Permit/Variance for a batting cage at her residence and would be recusing herself at the Preservation Committee on this issue.

**Other Business:**

Newsletter content for March and issues going forward discussed.

Publicity discussed content for website and social media

Events committee reviewed the annual meeting

Pack-A-Thon Update: Marilyn reported 400 volunteers packed 73,246 meals and expressed the gratitude of the group for monetary donations. Craig Steblay expressed Steve Crofton had asked for a member of ACMNA board to sit on the Pack-A-Thon. Marilyn Schmidlin stated she had already discussed this with Steve.

Craig Steblay reviewed that Paul Roshka was researching the ACMNA non-profit status and obtaining a 501(c) 3 tax-exempt letter from the IRS. Paul will update the Board in March.

The meeting adjourned at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Tracy Wadas