



Minutes of the Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, November 2, 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 5:33pm

Board Members in Attendance: Craig Steblay, Tristahn Schaub, Karen Magnoni, Jerry Eisen, Tom Thomas, Joan Warne, Craig DeMarco, Brian Flader, Jerry McKenna, Kali Dobry, Hillary Gurley, Marliyn Schmidlin, Sally Geyer, Courtney Sucato, Jody Moman, Patti Dietz

Absent: Paul Roshka, John Stofko, Dr. Marvin Borsand, Rick Spiegel, Brennan Giggey, Dan Drake

Neighbors and Guests in Attendance: Liz Ord, Mike Ord, Paul Gilbert

Moving Preservation items to first on agenda since we have guests in attendance speaking on a variance they would like at 6227 E Calle Del Norte

Variances:

Tristahn- The first variance is at Royal Palms. Verizon would like to put a tower palm up. Tristahn would like more info and a site plan. He is worried about neighbors on the north side around the area. We know that neighbors want a tower. Second variance is where the group homes are on 56th Street. Neighbors on the street had a resolution with group home owners and the investors have signed off on it as well to have a gated fence installed to block houses from group homes. Third variance is for 6220 E Calle Camelia. All we know so far is that they want to increase their lot coverage. When we get more info we will reach out to neighbors. Fourth variance is for 6227 E Calle Del Norte. Would like to reduce lot distance from required 30 feet to 19 feet. Rear to 28 feet from 30 ft min requirement and 33% lot coverage for a two story home when max is 25% for two-story home. Craig and Tristahn met with Ords and looked over original plot and received a letter with Liz's family history in Arcadia. Tristahn went two southern neighbors and one to west and to the east to get neighbor's feedback. The neighbor to the east didn't answer door. Biggest concern comes from southern neighbor about 2 story and about bringing their property closer to the lot line. They were within 2-week window and Tristahn said he was the first one notifying the immediate neighbors. He said most homes in that area are single-family homes. ACMNA has opposed every increase for density lot coverage. Tristahn received an emotionally charged phone call from Paul Gilbert because he was not aware that Tristahn would be speaking with the neighbors and he (Paul Gilbert) did not have a chance to talk to them at that point. Paul Gilbert then asked to be a part of the sub committee variance meeting. Tristahn then invited him to attend our ACMNA monthly meeting to speak to board.

Liz Ord- Liz told her architect she wanted to limit 2 story as much as possible. There is a kid's wing over the garage only. She also told architects to keep footprint down. Liz said she has signatures and enthusiastic endorsements from surrounding neighbors. She said all signed off on plan except neighbor to south. Liz says she wants what is best for neighborhood.

Michael Ord- Variances are for extenuating circumstances. He states they have one due to pie shaped lot.

Liz- Neighbor behind them does not want 2 story house but she feels he is shooting himself in the foot.

Mike- takes exception to neighborhood outreach as Mike says he has been talking to neighbors. If we don't get variance then we will shrink footprint down. 2 neighbors have sent emails stating the plans are an improvement to the neighborhood. They have 22 neighbors' signatures. Board should respect the fact that neighbors want this. Kara and Barry as well as Mark Phillips have signed off on this even though they were originally concerned about privacy. Craig Steblay reminded the Ords that the neighbors do not make the decision. Craig wants to know why there is a hardship.

Ords response was that they have a pie shaped lot irregular lot on 14,000 sqft. Can't be detrimental to neighbors because they need space and will otherwise have to go 2 story. Lot is currently zoned RE24.

Tom Thomas asked if they had considered a basement. Liz responded with fear of sending teens down to a basement.

There will be a subcommittee meeting following this ACMNA meeting and will have 1 week to get position together. If the Ords do not hear from Tristahn by noon on the Wednesday before then they can reach out to him. Tristahn asked that the Ords respect the process and allow board to meet. Respect privacy and individuals and do not reach out to them until as a team decisions are made.

(Return to original agenda order)

Block Watch:

Tom and Craig will reapply for block watch. Patti will help. John is also an authorized signer for this.

Board Meeting Minute Approval:

Oct. 5, 2017 meeting minutes need to be revised to remove the incorrect info on 501C (3) status. Karen Magnoni removed.

Tristahn made a motion to approve minutes with the revision. Second by Jerry Eisen. Approved by all.

Treasurer's report:

John Stofko is not present. However, report was turned in. Tristahn reminded us all that we need a budget. All agreed. Tristahn made a motion to accept treasurer's report. Second by Jerry Eisen. Approved by all.

Finance Committee:

Currently we have \$17,000. Block Watch is from July 1-June 30. It runs on fiscal year not calendar year. Charitable contributions are \$1,850 to date. Insurance is steady year to year. Craig Steblay called board's attention to legal fees. When we brought a lawyer on board it meant we mean business. We have a lawyer on retainer for \$10,000 but we have not had to use it, as so far we have been able to pay with contributions. This is the only neighborhood association that keeps a lawyer on retainer. For the Phoenician, \$7,500 came from neighbors 8 neighbors chipped in \$2,500 a piece. The lawyer sent a letter to those homeowners letting them know there was money left over and was going to refund them, they requested she keep it for future legal work. Tristahn asked what a retainer is. Patti responded with it is a law firm policy to ensure a client is not a dead-beat client. Our lawyer does a lot for us Craig stated. If a meeting comes up and our lawyer speaks on our behalf it does come out of our account.

Patti is working on corporate sponsors. She would like a personal connection with the sponsors. Courtney wondered if we are checking liability with the corporate sponsors. Patti ensures the sponsors the money will go to exactly what we say it will. One idea for raising money is a 5K run. There has also been a lot of interest in a car show. For example if 50 plus cars/motorcycles come

in and we ask for a donation of \$25 each to show the car then we have made \$1,250. Sponsors like to put their name on these events because it gets their name out. Brian Flader was wondering how the event would be crafted. Craig responded with maybe we have t-shirts made, have vendors, and have prizes. Brian stressed the importance of timing with other events. Craig asked Brian to hold an events meeting. As far as sponsors and donations go, Tristahn stressed that until corporate sponsors come through, we only have historical data to work with. Craig estimates \$8,000 will come in after mailer. Craig wanted to know if we should adopt a budget. Tom Thomas suggested we look at historical data first over the last couple years and have that completed, then look at adopting a budget.

Craig stated that we need to have a nominating committee for next year. We have elections in March. Need to make sure everyone wants to continue. Currently we have 3-year terms. In theory we should have 10-11 people whose terms are up.

Publicity Committee:

Social Media Protocol- Hillary suggested that our site not be used for community forum. No advertising should happen on site, but there is potential for sponsorships on site. Hillary will set FB controls.

Newsletters- Our next newsletters will be Feb-annual meeting, April- follow up to annual meeting, June-summer issue, Sept-GAIN, and November.

Jody mentioned that we need to make sure we refer people to the ACMNA site. We want to make sure any social media drives people to our site.

Craig stated that we had 1900 hits on our website last month. We had 300 hits just for picnic. The variances related to the Ord's had 18 hits.

Events:

Brian Flader- recap of GAIN event. Also our clean up is this upcoming weekend. Ray is bringing gloves and bags to the event. Brian is using sign up genius for link to volunteer. Brian needs an updated list of members. Craig said the last email has all of the latest emails for all members. Jerry Eisen asked us all to show our appreciation to Brian and Wally for running the GAIN event. They did an awesome job!! Wally had excellent feedback from those who attended. Wally thinks we need to do a better job of having people volunteer especially at clean up.

Patti suggested we get boy scouts to volunteer in future. Any leftover food from event went to the firefighters. We ran out of water. We had 400 waters. Need more next time. We ran out of plates and we had 250 of them. Shemer needs volunteers tomorrow and Sunday for their take down. Jody recommended boy scouts. As far as clean up on Camelback goes, Tristahn suggested we have police over by the nursery to help out around the bend there.

Annual Meeting:

Craig- who do we want there? Kate Brophy Magee, Maria Syms and Sal DiCiccio have all shown interest along with others.

Maybe we have Kate Brophy Magee speak about group homes and Sal DiCiccio about 56th St. Tom Thomas suggested we have someone from planning and zoning to way what we are doing and where we are doing it.

Jody suggested the Police Chief. Brian suggested someone on the Phoenician but Tristahn thinks that topic is coming to a close. We should mention Wright House. We will know more after Tuesday's meeting. Craig would like to have our governor come. Tristahn stated that there needs to be a balance between political platform and a neighborhood meeting and he wonders what the governor would talk about. Craig feels it is the fact that the governor would draw our neighbors in. We have to think about what our goal is. Issues to be discussed by politicians are issues involved with our neighborhood. Content driven-neighborhood only.

Preservation Committee:

Craig- Sign toppers have mostly all disappeared in our neighborhood. They will cost \$120 to make and install. We think we should sell them on our ACMNA site as well. Neighborhood leadership grants pay for the sidewalk paint and we were wondering if we could use \$5,000 for new sign toppers.

56th Street:

Tristahn- contracting firm has been selected. They are on a project in Tempe until end of November, but we hope they will be at our Nov. meeting. Next thing we need to do is community outreach. By 2023 56th Street will look very different.

New Business:

Craig asked if we should do a social on Dec. 7th instead of a board meeting??

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 7th at 5:30pm

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm

Submitted by: Karen Magnoni