



Minutes of the
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting
Thursday, October 5 2017 5:30pm
Prince of Peace Church, Room 14
3641 N. 56th Street Phoenix, AZ 85018

Call to Order and Roll Call: Meeting was called to order at 5:31pm

Board Members in Attendance: Craig Steblay, Karen Magnoni, Brian Flader, Hillary Gurley, Karen Beckvar, Sally Geyer, Tristahn Schaub, Jerry Eisen, Rick Spiegel, Jody Moman, Brennan Giggey, Dan Drake, Joan Warne, Patti Dietz, Marilyn Schmidlin, Craig Demarco, Tom Thomas, Jerry McKenna, Courtney Sucato (present via facetime).

Absent: Paul Roshka, John Stofko, Dr. Marvin Borsand, Kali Dobry

Neighbors and Guests in Attendance: Officer Ben Carro, Sam Stone (Sal DiCiccio's office), Wally Graham (AONA), Kandis Drake, Amanda McCauley, Annica Benning, Karen Longo

Block Watch: *Officer Carro*- Officer Carro has been tested for robbery. This means there is a possibility he will be leaving as our Community Action Officer. Will know within a week or so. *Oct. 17 is Police Department Block Party for Halloween.* Local businesses will be there. There will be a dunk tank, trick or treating, kids in costume, free dinner, drinks cotton candy snow cones, Dbacks, SWAT, fire dept etc. Mary Rosenberg is back in position to be the mastermind behind these big community events. Address for this event is: 2075 E Maryland at the Police Precinct from 5:30pm-8:30pm. *Transients*- do not engage them. Just call police. Neighbor called to let officer know there was homeless sleeping in her yard. They left behind bedding, clothing and other items. Please do not pick these items up, as there may be needles or other dangerous items inside. Call police and they will clean up any items left behind. If you do need to pick it up, do not use hands. Use a shovel and put directly into trashcan to avoid being poked by needles or anything else. *Speeding*- Speeding on Lafayette by Hopi school is going to be addressed. Phoenix Motors will be doing random patrolling in and out of the speed zones. It is typically residences speeding. It was asked about drivers going into the bike lanes during pick up and drop off near Hopi if it was legal. Officer Carro's response was as long as the vehicle does not impede a bike and can't be within 25 feet of a bike. However, they can't pass in a school zone under any circumstance. *Construction debris and notice*- Dumpsters and dirt piles in streets are not legal unless they have a permit to have it there. Typically you can tell if a dumpster is permitted if it has reflectors on it. For off hours construction, there must be a permit and a notice must be given to all neighbors affected to let them know. Otherwise, the permit for construction can be revoked. There is a construction noise hotline. It is in the educational phase. Information on this hotline will be in the ACMNA November newsletter.

Board Meeting Minute Approval:

Sept. 7 2017 submitted by Karen Magnoni-Motion by Tristahn to approve Second by Jerry Eisen. Approved by all.

Sal DiCiccio's Office update:

Sam Stone- 56th St- There have been complaints coming into office about vehicles making turn lanes out of an area where there is not a turn lane on 56th St. and Indian School. *PUD on Phoenician*- passed with easement to trail. Developer put up \$100,000 to do this. Only item not passed yet was removal of bathroom near this site. *Hopi*- SUSD went through extensive community review mostly with parents and families of Hopi. Neighborhood was not notified and therefore lack of communication has led to controversy. Oct. 16th is another community meeting with community and SUSD in regards to Hopi rebuild. Sam also recommended SUSD do phone communication. Karen Beckvar asked what type of inspection is taking place on Hopi. Sam response was Hopi did go through a permitting review process. Technical aspects are permitted. Drainage plan in going up for review. Joan asked that if it is correct that there is no way to put a hold on the job. Sam said, yes. Sam also mentioned that schools are exempt from traffic studies.

Finance Committee:

Craig Steblay discussed the City of Phoenix Halloween Event. Craig mentioned that this is a big event and mentioned the idea of maybe we as a board can donate towards this event. Karen Magnoni made a motion to donate \$250 towards event. Jerry Eisen second. All approved except 1- Patti Dietz opposed. Motion passed. It was noted by Patti that we need to figure out a set budget before we donate to events. It was agreed upon by board that a budget needs to be set. This will be revisited at a future date.

Craig met with John Stofko. In November, we will send out a donation appeal to the neighborhood. We used to get up to \$8,000 when appeal with envelopes was in the newsletter, but we can no longer put return envelopes in the newsletter. However, we will send out a separate mailing in addition to the newsletter that will have envelopes and a donation appeal letter. There has been a letter drafted that will be sent to the publicity committee for review prior to going to print. Hillary asked if this was an annual campaign. Answer is yes. It used to be described as “dues”, however it is not mandatory. It is suggested.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Tristahn to approve Treasurer's report. Second by Dan Drake. All in favor. Report approved.

We spent \$750 to Ridell, then the rest on insurance. It was mentioned again that we need to have a budget. We as board need to have “buckets” to where money goes and how much. It was suggested that John Stofko gather history of how much we have spent on each item and then come up with a budget based on historical data. It was then suggested by Hillary that once we come up with a budget, we would still need to reevaluate every year. Karen Beckvar then mentioned that during every annual meeting we need to be displaying our annual budget so there is transparency. Tristahn asked what we should do if someone is passionate about donating to a specific cause, if they can earmark where money goes? i.e law firm. Craig suggested that if a neighbor wants to do that, they should donate directly to the law firm.

Publicity:

Karen Magnoni-September newsletter. We received great feedback from information in the newsletter. November newsletter will have information on the GAIN event follow up, Hopi update, Block watch-keeping house safe, preventing package theft., 56th St update, campaign for donations, construction noise hotline and local events to look forward to.

Rick asked how the Hopi update would be written. There are different points of view on each side of the issue. Also, is there still opportunity for design changes? It was mentioned that this is very different to date from the Arcadia High school rebuild. When a committee met on the Arcadia rebuild, the builder changed plans.

Dan Drake mentioned that when Craig sent out the petition that was going around, he did a good job of simply stating that this needs to be revisited. Craig then asked if we could revisit the Hopi discussion for the end of the meeting.

John Stokfo had asked before meeting if we should ask companies to donate toward our association. A sheet was passed around with companies the board thought we should ask. John and Patti will ask companies.

Events:

Brian Flader- Brian needs help setting up the GAIN event. Event starts at 2pm so Wally suggested we begin setting up at 11am. He also needs help cleaning up.

Parking is going to be an issue. The fire truck will be in the main Shemer parking lot.

Will talk to Shawna about using dry lot. Those helping with traffic should wear vests. We should have sign in table but should not ask for donations at this event. Courtney says we are good with table and chairs for the event. Banners will be ready Tuesday or Wednesday and Brian and Tristahn will then put up one at Arcadia and Lafayette, one at Lafayette and 56th St and one at Prince of Peace also one in the AONA neighborhood. We are on budget with everything. Officer Vasquez will bring K9 unit. Hillary will put in Ingelside newsletter. Patti will send to Hopi. Wally will get to Tavan. Karen will get info on St. Theresa FB site. Brian will send list of sign up opportunities through signupgenius. We will have multiple tents with arts and crafts, etc. Board members should wear shirts.

Nov. 4th is going to be our Camelback road clean up party. 7:45am-10am. We should be done before 10 as Shemer has an event beginning at 10 that day. Craig will see if we can use city trashcans. City can provide us with tools, bin, etc. Brian will get in touch with Ray Yocopis. Ray Yocopis wanted to help. We should have donuts and gloves available for all helpers.

*Craig asked if we could go back to publicity of a moment...need to address social media protocol. We need a vetting system before anything from board is posted. We need to be careful how our brand is used. For example before Tristahn can post on behalf of ACMNA, his comments need to be reviewed. Courtney handles formal face book page. Before anything is posted, it needs to go through publicity committee. Dan suggested we have a publicity committee to see how we want to go about this properly. Courtney suggested we look at our liability policy.

We have to remember that what is our own opinion may differ from what ACMNA as a board opinion is. Any eblasts, Craig will vet through Tristahn. He will send out one for Halloween event and one for GAIN event.

Hopi (added agenda item):

Dan wants to make a proposal that we are not taking a position of what is right or wrong, but that we will take a position that we would like to see more time for community input. Dan would like a letter drafted that states regardless of differing opinions on rebuild, majority of Arcadia would like the process to slow down and be re reviewed. We could post this letter on social media outlets, a letter to Scottsdale School board as well as an open letter in Arcadia News.

Joan mentioned that it seems that everyone feels we should have been informed before as to what was going on with Hopi. Craig S. mentioned that our purpose is to facilitate dialogue and address harmony in the neighborhood. We as a board should not put blame on anyone. Tristan mentioned that as Dan's letter was currently written, he would not support it as it pointed blame in his opinion. We need to be on a solution side of the issue. Sam Stone mentioned that a positive approach with the school and board would benefit everyone. We all notice the development and the school leaders are focused on the kids and the school. Mistakes were made, but we should encourage more dialogue moving forward but not place blame. Rick referenced the rogue organization with the Wright House that made our board look silly. We need to be aware. Dan then mentioned that the purpose of this letter is to send a message to the SUSD school board to slow down and have better dialogue. Sam mentioned that legally, the board could continue with the tear down. Patti mentioned that the letter as written sounded adversarial. We should say we support continued dialogue. Dan stated that if they had engaged community then there would be no Monday morning quarterbacking. Tristahn stated that as a board we should not have a formal

stance at this point but to get the word out. Dan stated that Louis Hartwell's visit made us aware of other issues we didn't know about. Such as, not getting all of the money if we have a delay. It was then asked that the school district send out a survey. Dan stated that school has not made available feasibility letter so we know why decisions were made. There is misinformation out there. Wally stated that he wrote a letter to SUSD that the last meeting was not a well-run meeting. He agrees we should not point fingers. We should not kill public schools. We should state firmly what we want but not force a divide. Craig stated there is a bond oversight committee. Joan stated, as ACMNA is up to us that we should agree that we are asking them to slow down and give opportunity to get out information. Courtney asked who decided who should be on Bond oversight Committee? Wally stated he was asked to be on it by school district. It was then mentioned by another it seems school district handpicked a watchdog committee. The oversight is the board. The last election was uncontested so there was actually no election. Tristahn stated that Hillary was past PTO president of Hopi. He asked her if there were supporters of this rebuild? She stated that there are supporters of the rebuild but not necessarily this architecture.

It was then mentioned that while we all want to preserve, we still need to work within budget. It is difficult to rehab buildings at budget. Karen Beckvar mentioned that she is not against tearing down building (except gym), but wondered how campus gets organized, what does it look like, the site drawings, etc. Part of the process is understanding what facts are and why decisions were made.

Dan Drake mentioned that new build has been decision since day 1 according to committee. Amanda asked that the district should have in writing how many students it will have moving forward. Craig S. stated that during the Oct. 16th meeting, there should be pointed questions asked. We would like more representation from district at meeting to answer questions. Rick suggested the letter we send out to neighbors should state that this is a contentious issue. Proposal was made to send out an eblast with short statement advertising meeting and letting neighbors know there are two sides that need to be heard. We should be facilitating dialogue and keep harmony. Kendis Drake asked if our board should offer and ACMNA board member to be part of the oversight committee?

Craig DeMarco mentioned that there is frustration over communication. Structurally a good size. Virtually impossible to save existing building. Time and money will prevent a change in structure. Rick mentioned he thinks there are a lot of alternatives to make it better. Dan Drake mentioned that in the past with other projects, there were options. We need a constructive dialogue. Back and forth gives good product. Too many taxpayers in neighborhood do not even know that this is going on and that Hopi will be torn down.

It was agreed upon that we are all ok with sending out email eblast about meeting and importance of being in attendance. There are differing opinions and your opinion matters.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 2nd at 5:30pm

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:29pm

Submitted by: Karen Magnoni