

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Monthly Meeting

Thursday, September 6, 2018 5:30pm
Prince of Peace Church, Choir Room(temp location)
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, Sally Geyer, Tom Thomas, Brian Flader, Tristahn Schaub, Patti Dietz, Jody Moman, Marilyn Schmidlin, Dr. Jim Carland, Dr. Denis Frank, Craig DeMarco, John Stofko

**Absent**: Lisa Binsfeld, Kali Dobry, Hillary Gurley, Amanda McCauley, Dr. Marvin Borsand, Jerry Eisen, Jerry McKenna, Joan Warne

## Ex Officio Board Members in attendance:

**Neighbors and Guests in Attendance**: Chief of Staff (Sal DiCiccio's office) Sam Stone, Jaimie Aeshock (DiCiccio's council office) Officer Jared Sherman, Paul Barnes, Bob Kant, Ellen Kant, Ryan Patten, Morrie Aaron

**Announcements:** Craig added "Murals" to the agenda. We have several guests in attendance. Jamie Aeshock (Sam Stone's Assistant), Ryan Patten, Bob and Ellen Kant, and Morrie Aaron who will speak later. Craig announced that we will be changing the order of items on our agenda due to the guests who are in attendance.

## **Board Meeting Minute Approval:**

May Minutes- John Stofko made a motion to approve. Second by Tristahn Schaub. All in favor. June Minutes-Dr. Jim Carland made a motion to approve. Second by John Stofko. All in favor.

**Block Watch:** Officer Sherman discussed how Tristahn Schaub did a ride a long before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. There were residential burglaries in the neighborhood that day and several of the suspects involved were arrested. Tristahn shared his insight of what it was like to be part of the ride along. If anyone is interested in doing a ride along, please let Officer Sherman know. They are welcome as long as they do not have a violent felony on record.

Police were able to arrest suspects involved with recent stealing of furniture from front yards. They were able to catch them due to the homeowners having the RING camera. This underlines the importance of having security cameras. Videos gives them more to go on for prosecution. Also, the use of Nextdoor as another social media forum to alert neighbors when thefts are occurring. It is important to keep neighbors informed and to be informed yourself.

Halloween (Fall Festival) is coming up on October 25<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8:30pm. This is at the Mountain View Precinct. The street near the precinct will be blocked off. There will be rides, events, a dunk booth, trick or treating, etc. It is open to the public and is FREE!

Jerry Eisen made a motion to donate \$250 towards the Mountain View Precinct's Halloween event. Second by Marilyn Schmidlin. All in favor.

New Subdivison Planned for 48th St and Exeter:

Morrie Aaron lives on Exeter on the north side of the street of the planned subdivision going in on the south side of Exeter (the old Sperling Estate with the ficus trees) Ryan Patten who is also in attendance tonight is the builder of the proposed subdivision. It is a 2.6-acre estate that is being divided into 4 lots. Mr. Aaron looked at the zoning and proposed build and is uncomfortable with what is being proposed. Tristahn mentioned that ACMNA would not have a position on this as long as it is conforming. Mr. Aaron is concerned with the proposed plan to have a drive/pathway going through the property that will create an inconsistency with the street. The lights from vehicles exiting the property would then shine directly into his house. He is also concerned that this pathway could be abandoned down the line with homes changing hands and could be a haven for trash and other unwanted occurrences. Ryan Patton owns the lot and says there is not a road going through it and that Morrie wants the drive in a specific spot that would limit the flexibility for build. Ryan states the planning on this is not complete so it is possible it will go where Morrie would prefer. At this point, Ryan's plans are all conforming with the city and there are no variances required. It is going to be a gated community. Bob and Ellen Kant are direct neighbors to the south of Ryan and they support what he is doing. Ryan shared with Morrie updated plans. Morrie is hopeful this will get resolved.

Preservation: Builders Job Site Postings- Tristahn compiled a document that would have all of the job site requirements that would be posted on each construction site within our neighborhood. The purpose of this is to reduce confusion amongst neighbors and to inform the neighbors on whether the workers are complying to what is and what is not allowed. When neighbors were upset about things happening at a construction site such as working before hours or on weekends, they would call the police. The police are busy with other issues and can't always respond in a timely manner. The police then came up with a call line but the issues that were being left on the call line were not typically getting answered until Monday mornings. Therefore, Tristahn proposed that we have voluntary job site construction rules. Builders will be asked to post permits and other requirements of the site. It will also have contact information. Tristahn's hope is that all builders in our neighborhood agree to this. See attachment with rules to be posted.

**56<sup>th</sup> St:** Tristahn- First meeting was packed that was held at Prince of Peace. It was standing room only. At this meeting neighbors had a chance to talk about "pain points." Harrington design then gathered all of the information from neighbors and compiled a wish list. The idea is to have a safe corridor for pedestrians and bikers while providing connectivity and enjoyment. Harrington worked on this plan and provided solutions at the second meeting. Community was then able to vote on their favorite proposed options. The third meeting will be held on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Veritas. During this meeting Harrington design will present the proposed plan. This is a PROPOSED Plan. The time frame for this project is estimated to take 3-5 years. Tristahn is also currently working on a separate school grant. This would be for the implementation of a possible "HAWK" and crosswalk by Veritas.

## **Events:**

Brian Flader- Gain Event- ACMNA is teaming up with AONA. Banners are ordered to advertise the event and Arcadia News is doing a write up on the event. The Dusty Tuppit band will be playing. Food will be supplied (Burgers, popsicles, etc) Denis Frank will help with getting food. IT IS ALL FREE TO THE PUBLIC. Officer Sherman and Sam Stone will be grilling. Tristahn will be the point person for the event. -Adopt a Street is Nov.  $10^{th}$  at 8am-10am. Meet at Shemer Art Center.

-Annual Meeting- March  $2^{nd}$ . We will run the meeting ourselves.

**Publicity Committee:** For next newsletter, it is suggested we add Bulk Garbage pick-up info, builder spec form to be posted at job site (Tristahn) and 56<sup>th</sup> Street design. If there are any other suggestions on items we should include in our newsletters, please contact Lisa Binsfeld, Hillary Gurley, Craig or Karen.

**Treasurer's Report**: John provided the proposed budget for July 2018-2019. He also provided us with the final summary of July 2018 statement. **Dr. Jim Carland made a motion to approve the budget. Second by Brian Flader. All in favor.** Jim suggested including in the report the \$5,000 we have in retainer held with outside counsel.

**Murals:** Paul Barnes spoke on behalf of the Neighborhood Coalition of Greater Phoenix as they were asked to take over the discussion on murals being painted in neighborhoods on private property walls. They want to create a special committee to work on this issue. There are many houses in Phoenix were homeowners are creating murals on their walls and houses that can be seen by other neighbors who may not want to look at them on a daily basis. They know that murals are a positive and cultural artistic addition to the city but they believe there are places and conditions under which these murals are appropriate and places and conditions under which they are not. He is asking for all of our support to keeping this art out of our residential neighborhoods. He is asking we contact Phoenix City Council and "ask them to initiate a set of enforceable guidelines regarding the placement of murals and that a working committee involving stake holders, include neighborhood representatives, be established to draft enforceable guidelines."

**City Council, District 6 update: -** Sam Stone- 2050 transportation funds and prop 400 funds could be in the equation for funding for 56<sup>th</sup> street. City Council is meeting on Sept 19<sup>th</sup> to review shifting of funds. Tristahn will go to meeting to speak on behalf of himself and Jamie states the importance of videos of us recording our support.

It is possible that the Home-Based Business bill will return as well as changing gas tax. There is a need to look at hybrid and electric vehicles as they use the streets just as much but use less gas. Water is also an issue as Lake Mead and Powell are potentially 2 years away from negative flow barring a large snowfall this winter.

**Additional Comments:** Jody mentioned Camelback Mountain changing from a park to a preserve status. The last meeting was well attended and were all in support. They would like the support of ACMNA in form of a letter. Next meeting will address Camelback as well as 56<sup>th</sup> St.

**Adjournment of Meeting**: 7:20pm