

Sam Hughes Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2001 - 7:00 to 9:00 PM
Himmel Library Meeting Room

Attendees:

Anne Hernandez - President, CCLN Delegate, Improvement District Task Force
Mary Zulli – V.P., Zoning
Leon Bear – Treasurer
Sherry Medina – Secretary, Home Tour Captain
Alex Munday – Webmaster
Janys Neill – CCRC Delegate
John Blackwell – Historic Preservation
Joan Johnson – Traffic

Absent:

Al LeCocq – Home Tour, CCRC
John S. O’Dowd, Legal Advisor

Welcome & Introductions:

The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Approval of Minutes:

Alex noted that the Oct. 16th meeting was not officially adjourned and that the minutes should reflect this. Joan moved to accept the October 16th minutes with the correction indicating that the meeting ended (rather than was adjourned) at 9:00 p.m.
John seconded.
Motion carried.

Approval of Agenda:

The agenda for 11/20/01 was approved as written.

President’s Report – Anne Hernandez:

Neighbors who are concerned regarding the condition of trees in the neighborhood have suggested that Trees for Tucson be invited to the SHNA annual meeting to announce and organize a workshop in February to discuss tree maintenance. Rather than designating a time slot for Trees for Tucson during the meeting, Anne will announce the workshop and Trees for Tucson will have a representative available to answer questions after the meeting. It was also suggested that Trees for Tucson write an article to be posted on the SHNA website.

Anne recently attended the Citizen’s Voluntary Emergency Preparedness meeting and has

copies of the resulting family emergency plan.

Regarding installation of reclaimed water meters by Tucson Water, Anne was prepared to ask Tucson Water or the U of A to subsidize the cost of the meters. Instead, due to recent city and U of A budget woes, she asked Tucson Water if the cost of the meters could be spread out or amortized over several bills rather than being paid up front by the homeowner. Anne received a letter from Tucson Water stating that this is not possible. Alex suggested that Anne pursue this matter with Barbara Hayes of Tucson Water Public Relations.

Regarding the 7th Street wash, with the help of Juvenile probation & “Streets”, the neighbors are organizing a wash cleanup to remove overgrown vegetation.

Anne received a call from an appraiser from the State of Arizona regarding the SAMHC property at 6th and Campbell. There is concern regarding the 2 freestanding homes on the property and the possibility that the homes will be razed if it is determined that this is the “best use” of the property. Anne told the appraiser that the neighborhood would strongly object to this approach.

The potential partnership between the U of A and the 2nd Street School has resurfaced. Previous U of A non-compete and fiscal issues have been resolved and the U of A is once again pursuing the partnership. It was suggested that this be addressed at the annual meeting, citing the Board’s concerns regarding U of A acquisitions in the neighborhood. Instead, Mary moved that (with the involvement and agreement of John O’Dowd) Anne should have the authority to consult with Anne Graham-Bergin to discuss deed restrictions to benefit the neighborhood while saving the school. Joan seconded. Motion was carried. Anne will report back to the Board in December.

Treasurer’s Report – Leon Bear:

Bank Balance as of **10/31/01**:

Regular Shares		59.81
Regular Checking	4,372.79	
<u>Money Market Account</u>	<u>9,430.69</u>	
Total	\$13,863.29	

Committee Reports:

CCRC – Janys Neill: See attached committee report.

Himmel Park - Anne Hernandez:

Toby Ann Sidney has accepted the Himmel Park chairperson position.

There has been no action regarding installation of lights at Himmel Park – Toby will work with Ward 6 on this issue.

Historic Preservation – John Blackwell:

Regarding the “historic neighborhood” signs, placement of 104 signs throughout the

neighborhood is proposed at a cost of \$6,500. Mary moved that the Board allocate up to \$6,500 toward the purchase of the signs. Janys seconded. Motion carried with one opposed. John will still apply in January for funds from the Southwestern Foundation.

2002 Home Tour – Sherry Medina:

Planning for the Tour (scheduled for Sunday, March 10th) is underway. Tickets will be \$10, regardless of when they are purchased, and will be sold at the Arizona Flower Market. Businesses and individuals will have the opportunity to place business card ads in the Home Tour program at a cost of \$25 per ad. Income from the ads will substantially offset the program production costs.

With Board approval, proceeds from the 2002 Tour will benefit pursuit of historic preservation in the neighborhood.

Several more homes are needed for the Tour. “Garden tours only” may also be included in this year’s tour.

Mosquito Task Force - Anne Hernandez:

Anne will send an e-mail to Joe Tabor regarding the 7th Street cleanup as it directly relates to abatement of our mosquito problem.

Newsletter - Anne Hernandez:

The upcoming newsletter will announce the date of the annual meeting and will include information regarding the Home Tour, Historic Preservation Committee efforts and the family emergency plan.

Traffic – Joan Johnson:

The Board continues to support its position to keep the light at Broadway and Plumer. The City of Tucson is asking everyone for their opinion before making a recommendation to the Mayor & Council.

Zoning – Mary Zulli:

The committee is staying abreast of the Winged Foot parking lot issue.

Effective October 6th, the Ki-Rin liquor license was revoked.

Old Business: (none)

New Business:

Recruitment Plan for 2002 Board (Alex Munday) – tabled.

Janys will contact Al LeCocq regarding attendance at the monthly meetings.

Board position on Light Rail (Joan Johnson) – tabled.

Design of Historic District Street Signs (John Blackwell) – There are several options, from simple to ornate – some being significantly more expensive. John will research the options and bring them to the Board. He will also bring examples to the annual meeting to keep neighbors informed.

Water Tower Restoration – There is concern regarding the expense and purpose of the long-term restoration project. John suggested that, since Tucson Water has already painted and restuccoed the structure, that the restoration process should simply involve removal of the existing chain-link fencing and installation of an attractive wrought iron perimeter fence, new landscaping and display of a commemorative plaque explaining the historic significance of the tower. John moved that we pursue this approach and investigate how to raise necessary funds. Joan seconded. Motion carried with one opposed.

Agenda Items for December 18th Meeting:

- 1) Planning for the Annual Meeting on January 16th, 2002.
- 2) Followup regarding the 2nd Street School issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.