

Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2015 BBVNA Annual Meeting
Robison Magnet Elementary Cafeteria, 2745 E 18th St.

The meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with a pizza reception and a “Year in Review” slide show. The slide show was prepared by John Thomas using pictures taken by the Board and committee members who coordinated the many neighborhood events this year.

The formal meeting began at 7:00 p.m. with BBVNA First Vice President Richard Roati presiding, as President Shirley Papuga was unable to attend. He welcomed attendees and introduced the various speakers during the evening. 39 persons attended.

1. Andy Quigley, the City of Tucson’s Environmental Services Director, provided an overview of City collection and recycling services, and services available to neighborhoods. He was joined by two operators, Guy Hileman and Frank Soto, who helped answer questions. Mr. Quigley highlighted the following:
 - A “MyWaste” app is available on the City website that shows collection days, including Brush and Bulky collections.
 - Garbage and Recycling cans should be separated by 3 feet to allow automated truck pickup.
 - Trash should be bagged in the garbage can to prevent the wind from blowing the trash around when the can is emptied.
 - Do not recycle plastic bags, as they gum up the recycling equipment. All grocery stores will take plastic bags back.
 - Put Styrofoam and foil in the garbage can.
 - All plastics can now be recycled, from fruit containers to plastic (not Styrofoam) coolers.
 - Neighborhoods may request any number of free rollofs to assist with their cleanup activities.
 - Mr. Quigley would welcome the opportunity to come to a future meeting to discuss other activities of his department.
2. The Minutes of the September 25, 2014, General Assembly Meeting were duly approved.
3. Steve Kozachik, Ward 6 Council Member, provided extensive comments on the City budget, Broadway Village, Broadway widening, and road repairs.
 - Budget: The new City Manager, Michael Ortega, has strong financial experience but will not be on board until after the new budget is finalized. The State legislature is passing additional costs to the City, and more costs are expected regarding public safety pensions. The City does not want to reduce services, so will look at other ways to address the deficit (e.g., refinance debt).
 - Broadway Village: CM Kozachik reported the Mayor and Council’s action regarding the rezoning requested by the developer for expanded parking where the Americana Apartments is located. As a condition of rezoning the developer must seek historic landmark status for Broadway Village, agree not to construct further buildings on its current site, and transfer \$10,000 to BBVNA to assist the neighborhood to obtain historic status.

- Broadway Widening: CM Kozachik provided an overview of the project, RTA funding, and current issues (e.g., vehicle usage projections have not been met, 115 properties could be razed and therefore no longer on the tax base, and the County could decide not to fund the project if it concludes that the City design reduces the functionality of the project).
- Road repair: Currently, RTA funds are for project construction only and the gas tax has not changed in years. To provide more funding for road repair (in addition to possible changes in the gas tax and/or new bond funding), CM Kozachik wants the public to authorize some portion of RTA funding for road repairs (e.g., 10% of the RTA tax would be \$120 million per year).

CM Kozachik introduced Alison Miller of his staff, who is the liaison to BBVNA and other nearby neighborhoods.

4. Peter Norback introduced the “One Can a Week” program that he started 6 years ago in the Miles neighborhood. Residents put out 1 can of food each week and/or contribute money, all of which is collected by Mr. Norback and donated to the Tucson Community Food Bank. On average, each week the Miles program provides 220 pounds of food and \$50 in cash to the Food Bank. Mr. Norback is interested in expanding the service to other neighborhoods, and is soliciting a volunteer from BBVNA to begin the program here. More information can be found at his website www.onecanaweek.blogspot.com.
5. Richard Roati passed along extensive thanks from Shirley Papuga naming the volunteers whose work on the many activities and events this last year made it a spectacular year in the neighborhood. He also expressed thanks to Shirley for her hard work and leadership of the Board.
6. Margaret Johnson, BBVNA Second Vice President, chaired the BBVNA officer nominating process and elections. She passed out ballots allowing for write in candidates as well as the following proposed slate: First Vice President, Damian Baca; Second Vice President, John Thomas; Secretary, Mike Weingarten; and Treasurer, Rita Toland (the slate did not include a nominee for President). Margaret asked for nominations from the floor for President or any officer position, but none were received. That being the case, she advised that the new Board would meet to discuss how to fill the President position, and could consider rotating the position among existing Board members. The proposed slate was adopted by voice vote without dissent. While no President was elected, Shirley Papuga continues on the Board as immediate past President.
7. During call to the audience, it was announced that the next BBVNA General Assembly meeting is scheduled for September. In response to a question as to whether more frequent General Assembly meetings would be desirable, there appeared to be no consensus from those present. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
John Thomas, Interim Secretary