

BBVNA BOARD MEETING NOTES - 8/18/2015

The Board convened at 6:30 pm at the home of Rita Toland. In absence of an elected President, Rita led the meeting, per the rotation schedule we agreed to in our June Board meeting.

IN ATTENDANCE:

Shirley Papuga (Acting President),
Damian Baca (1st VP),
Rita Toland (Treasurer),
Mike Weingarten (Secretary),
Ann Pattison (Historic Committee),
Richard Roati (Urban Wildlife & Forestry Committee)
Joan Thomas (Malvern Plaza Committee)
John Swiss (Neighborhood Watch Committee)
Dick Basye (MCRC)
Christy Voelkel (Newsletter Editor)
Terry Quinn (Welcoming Committee - for Suzie Husband)

1) Minutes of the June 2 meeting were approved without changes.

2) Treasurer's report for January 1 - July 31, 2015 (submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting) was reviewed and approved. Rita answered a few questions about some line items, and noted that in early August (so not represented in this report), a check for \$3400 was written to Chris Evans for the start of the work on the Historic Designation ROPE.

3) Historic Designation report: (Ann's written report was submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting.) In the discussion, it was agreed that the initial ROPE work would focus on just the BBVN neighborhood, excluding the few houses on Country Club that might be eligible for historic status. Ann suggested that once the draft is complete, we can re-evaluate with Chris what it would take, and if it would be advisable, to try to include those few homes in the ROPE submission. We noted that in our last meeting, we approved spending for up to 8 hours of Chris' time to do preliminary evaluation of those homes.

4) Urban Wildlife & Forestry: Richard reported on three items:

a) Work to complete the murals on the walls at the Treat Walkway bridge is expected to resume in the October timeframe, once it becomes cooler. Cost of completion will be \$600, in line with the amount allocated for the project.

b) Greenspace Maintenance. The Urban Wildlife & Forestry Committee plans to join with the Malvern Plaza committee to plan approximately once per month maintenance days, primarily on the Treat Walkway and Malvern Plaza.

c) A neighbor's complaint regarding a parking issue that was raised to Richard. The Board discussed the situation briefly, concluded that the truck in question was parked legally, and no action needs to be taken by the Board.

5) Welcome Committee: Terry reviewed the approach the committee is taking with new neighbors. New neighbors are visited by members of the Committee, and are presented with a folder that has information about the neighborhood, a contact list, and coupons for local businesses. The committee emphasizes the value of face-to-face contact with the new neighbors to maximize the meaningfulness. A new neighbor brunch is also planned for this fall. One of the biggest challenges is knowing when a new neighbor moves in. Committee members try to track this, but they also request this Board's help in identifying new neighbors. Anyone knowing of a new neighbor moving in should pass the information on to Suzie Husband. The Board agreed that the Committee's work is instrumental in encouraging new neighbors to feel positive about Broadmoor-Broadway Village, and to get involved in neighborhood activities. The Committee is doing a great job!

6) Neighborhood Watch: John reported that he successfully used the Urgent Alert feature of NextDoor last week, so that seems to be working now. It was suggested that the Neighborhood Watch committee might take a role in encouraging neighbors to organize events to partner with the Tucson Police's "GAIN" (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) program. More info is expected from TPD on this program.

7) Malvern Plaza: (Joan's written report was submitted to the Board in advance of the meeting.) The committee meeting to brainstorm potential events was very positive, with many participating and/or volunteering to lead one or more events. Joan reviewed some events that have coalesced further since the meeting:

- Two "field trips" being planned by Terri Quinn (Group outing to volunteer at Ben's Bells, and A visit to the Tucson Water Treatment's Sweetwater Wetlands Park.)
- Edible Plant walk planned for Sunday, Aug 23. (Justine Hernandez, Suzie Husband)
- Flower Arranging Class planned for Nov 15 (Terri Quinn)
- Craft Fair planned for Dec 5 (Jennifer Funk-Weyant)
- Swap Meet now being planned by Elizabeth Salper and Ginny Kovatch)

Joan sought calibration, and it was agreed, that the focus of the Malvern activities be on encouraging participation, as opposed to doing fundraising.

8) MCRC (Military/Community Relations Committee): Dick reported that they are still looking for an alternate representative to work with him in representing out neighborhood on this committee. Next committee meeting will be on Sep 16, 6-8 pm. Any member of the neighborhood is encouraged to attend. Two major issues on the table continue to be: a) getting D-M flight paths changed to use the railroad rights of way as opposed to flying over midtown neighborhoods; and b) extending the runway at D-M so that landings can take place further down the runway - translating to higher altitudes that the planes would be flying when over populated areas.

9) Neighborhood Calendar: We discussed the request by the Malvern Committee to reactivate the neighborhood calendar. The calendar on the website is active, but has no current content. It would take someone to learn to manage website changes in order to use that again, but that is possible to do. Another alternative is to use the events calendar on NextDoor. We agreed that Mike will first experiment with making updates to the calendar on the website. If that proves to be too difficult we will make use of NextDoor.

10) Newsletter: Christy has agreed to manage the construction of the next newsletter, as long as the Board members can provide the content. We agreed to the following schedule: All material to Christy by Sep 10; Christy will provide the formatted newsletter to Office Depot by Sep 15; Printing completed by Sep 17; Distributed to the neighborhood by the end of the weekend of Sep 19-20. She will have 450 copies printed. Rita will arrange payment to Office Depot. Christy or Rita will send out an email detailing request for articles, and will provide Christy's contact info.

11) Social Media: No report, but some discussion about the roles that Facebook and NextDoor play. In general, NextDoor provides content for internal consumption within the neighborhood. Facebook provides a face to our neighborhood for use by those external to the neighborhood. Heather Free manages posts to our Facebook page, and we are encouraged to send her more material for posting.

12) Fourth of July Parade: We discussed that the parade drew a smaller than normal attendance. Rita said that it is usually smaller when the holiday falls on the weekend, since many people choose to travel then. We agreed that those who attended still enjoyed it, especially the kids, and that it was important to have held it regardless.

13) HAWK Installation at Treat & Broadway: Shirley reported that work is finally in progress. Once it is completed, she would like to encourage a "Walk to Rocco's" event for our neighborhood, and a similar "Walk to Falora" for the Sam Hughes neighborhood. A concern was discussed that the HAWK would create more bicycle traffic on the walkway by people from outside the neighborhood who don't know that is prohibited. We discussed the idea of signs at either end of the walkway saying "Walk your Bike". Shirley will investigate.

14) Memorial Plaque: A plaque or some other feature to remember neighbors who have passed away was discussed. Elaine Holub is investigating some ideas, and other suggestions are welcomed.

15) Night before Halloween: A suggestion was made to have a neighborhood event to tour Halloween decorations around the neighborhood on the night before Halloween. Neighbors are encouraged to arrange that informally.

16) Octoberfest: We chose October 4 as the date for Octoberfest this year.

17) Neighborhood Meeting: We agreed to have a Neighborhood Meeting on either Sep 24 or Oct 1. Agenda will include a review by Chris Evans on the status of the Historical Designation ROPE report, and

Steve Kozachik for a governmental update and potentially a presentation he's developed on social media watch-outs for young people. Shirley will investigate availability of the speakers and of Robison School on these dates.

18) No Board meeting in September, in lieu of the Neighborhood meeting. Next Board meeting to be scheduled by Mike Weingarten for the month of October.

The Board adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Weingarten, BBVNA Secretary