

## **BBVNA BOARD MEETING NOTES - 12/8/2015**

The Board convened at 6:30 pm at the home of Rita Toland. In absence of an elected President, Damian Baca led the meeting, per the rotation schedule we agreed to in our June, 2015 Board meeting.

### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Damian Baca (1st VP),  
John Thomas (2nd VP),  
Rita Toland (Treasurer),  
Mike Weingarten (Secretary),  
Richard Roati (Urban Wildlife & Forestry Committee)  
Joan Thomas (Malvern Plaza Committee)  
John Swiss (Neighborhood Watch Committee)  
Dick Basye (MCRC Representative)  
Margaret Johnson (Ad Hoc By Laws Committee)

Because of the volume and complexity of items requiring action this month, we agreed to table the standard committee updates.

1) Minutes of the October 19 meeting were approved.

2) Treat Walkway Safety Issues were discussed, per status update material submitted via email by Shirley Papuga in advance of the meeting. Shirley's emails described the information that she had received from Ann Chanecka, City of Tucson's Bike/Pedestrian representative, and the options from which we had to choose. The Board made the following decisions:

- a) We DO want to request the "Dinner Plate" markings for the bike boulevard route at the Treat/Manchester and Treat/Stratford intersections. We also want to request that the City move the current Bike Route sign on Treat between Manchester and Broadway to a spot closer to Manchester to improve clarity for cyclists.
- b) We do NOT want to pursue custom templates for pavement markings in the roadway at this time;
- c) We DO want to request the City to evaluate the Treat Walkway crossings of each of our neighborhood streets to see if they meet the City standards for crosswalks, and if so, to have the crosswalks striped for better visibility. We debated the time of when there would be the most foot traffic on the walkway -- i.e., the time when the City should evaluate the crossings. Most felt weekday mornings, 7-8 am, would be heavily traveled times. A few suggested weekends or evenings. We discussed the possibility of waiting until Spring, but the majority seemed to feel that the City evaluation could happen any time.
- d) We DO want to request placards with the message "Path Crossing" on the current traffic warning signs (currently with just a pictorial icon of a pedestrian);
- e) We do NOT want to pursue the construction of speed tables in the roadways at or near the Walkway crossings;

- f) We DO want the city to complete the necessary signage at the Manchester / Treat Walkway intersection. Currently, there are no pedestrian warning signs in either direction on the roadway, and no "No Vehicles" sign at the start of the Walkway. We would like those installed.
- g) We do not want to invest neighborhood money in custom signs, but would like to inquire if the city would agree to add a "Please Walk Your Bike" sign under the "No Vehicles" signs on the Walkway.

3) Parking / Traffic Issues in the Neighborhood were discussed, per notes submitted by Shirley Papuga via email in advance of the meeting. Richard noted that the primary area of concern behind this agenda topic had been about a parking situation at the intersection of Stratford and Manchester, but that the resident there had adjusted his parking patterns and had alleviated the issue. (The Board requested that a "thank you" note be sent to the resident for his assistance. Richard will do that.) The Board concluded that there were no longer sufficient issues to warrant a walk-through of the neighborhood with City Traffic officials at this time, or to request any curbs be painted red to designate no parking areas.

4) Request for a Candidate Speaker at the BBVN General Meeting: The Board discussed the request by Laura Conover to have a candidate for the position of Pima County Attorney speak to the next general resident meeting. The Board decided to respectfully deny the request, for several reasons. Foremost, the Board, with support from the overall neighborhood, has in the past decided not to allow political topics in the neighborhood meetings. The only time in memory that a political issue was covered regarded a bond issue that had direct ramifications to the neighborhood, and then, competing sides were represented in the discussion. Also, TUSD has a policy of not allowing political activities in the schools, and since we use the school for our meetings, we believe we should respect their policy.

5) Continued Historic Designation work with Chris Evans: The Board considered the recommendation submitted by Ann Pattison via email in advance of the meeting. The Board agreed that Chris should be invited to attend our next Board meeting to review with us what will be needed to pursue the full historic designation nomination process. The Board also agreed that work Chris' time to prepare for and to attend that meeting should be covered under the "Additional Services" section of our existing contract with him. Further work by Chris would be subject to the Board's conclusions at that next meeting.

6) Treasurer's report for January - November, 2015 was reviewed and approved. Since the spending on the Historic Designation ROPE work, our balance is low. Rita also presented two recommendations for dues collection going forward:

a) Rita recommended that we create an option for residents to pay their dues online via PAYPAL. The setup is easy, and the cost would be 2.9% of the transaction, plus a 30 cent transaction fee. (This amounts to 74 cents on a \$15 payment, or 88 cents on a \$20 payment.) Rita said that only about 100 households (approximately 25%) pay the voluntary dues now, and that the online option would likely encourage additional participation. The Board agreed to have Rita begin the PAYPAL payment option.

b) Rita recommended that the dues be increased from \$15 per year to \$20 per year for residents, to help us with expected expenses coming in support of the historic designation work. (The \$25 annual fee for businesses would remain the same.) The Board agreed, and also reaffirmed its position that the payment of dues should be optional.

7) Ad Hoc Bylaws Revision: Margaret reported that she attended an NSN (Neighborhood Support Network) meeting of neighborhood reps from around the City, specifically focused on the effective development of neighborhood association bylaws. Margaret summarized what she learned, and distributed a template of sample bylaws, as well as an actual example from Jefferson Park. Our Bylaws Revision committee continues to target having new bylaws ready for a vote at our March General Meeting. This means having the proposal voted on by the Board by its February meeting, and then distributed to the Neighborhood at least 10 days in advance of the General Meeting vote.

8) Historic Designation: The Board agreed that Ann Pattison's recommendation regarding Chris Evans' work is the right next step. We noted that the workload on this effort is likely to increase dramatically over the coming months, and that we should be soliciting additional volunteers, plus possibly a person to work with Ann as a co-chair.

9) Meet Your Neighbors annual gathering: We agreed to target for Sunday, Feb 21 for this event, but to do the event this year as a pot-luck, vs. as a catered event. Rita agreed to check with the Fabers regarding using their yard as the location.

10) January Board Meeting: John Thomas will lead, and will send out a Doodle request to identify the best date.

11) Newsletter: We agreed to target publishing our next newsletter by mid-January. Rita agreed to contact Christy Voelkel to check on her availability to do the layout and printing. Topics and authors per suggestions from Shirley would be as follows:

- a. *Dues Report - with explanation of dues increase (Rita)*
- b. *Malvern Plaza Update (Joan)*
- c. *Request for Nominations to the Board (John T)*
- d. *Bylaws Revision Update (Margaret)*
- e. *Broadway Improvement Project Update (Shirley)*
- f. *Treat Walkway Update (Richard)*
- g. *BBVN Safe Bike Update (Shirley)*
- h. *Historic Designation Update (Ann)*
- i. *Broadway Village Update including Zoning (Mike?)*
- j. *Welcome Committee Update (Suzie and team)*
- k. *other things?*

The suggestion was also made to include an article on the "Math and Physics Bus", and to explore the idea of a tour of the bus as a Malvern Plaza event sometime next year.

12) MCRC: Dick informed us that at the most recent meeting of the MCRC, the proposal was submitted to have all visual approach flights use a flight path over the railroad tracks, vs. over neighborhoods. This idea has been discussed for some time, but this time it seems like most identified issues have been addressed in the proposal. The Base agreed to study the proposal for potential action. No clear indication of likelihood of acceptance, but this does seem to represent progress.

13) Tile Mosaic Project: Three of the 4 sides of the two walls has now been completed, and the final side is expected to be completed within the next month. The Board agreed that the final payment for this work should be made upon completion, even if before the next Board meeting. Past approval for the expenditure is sufficient.

14) Broadway Village Construction: We discussed the issue that has just emerged about the Broadway Village construction, and questions about whether it is being done within the appropriate requirements of the buildings' historic landmark status. Shirley has been gathering information from Councilmember Kozachik, and will publish information to the neighborhood.

15) Walk the HAWK Event: The event from Dec 7 was discussed and all agreed it was a great success. Our experience at Rocco's was excellent. We agreed that a "thank you" should be sent to both Rocco's and Falora's for their participation. John T. will ask Shirley to write it.

**NEXT MEETINGS AND LEADERS:**

January            John T

The Board adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Weingarten, BBVNA Secretary