

## **BBVNA Neighborhood Meeting -- Meeting Minutes September 21, 2016 Robison Magnet Elementary School Cafeteria**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm, with Mike Weingarten presiding. Attendance: 30

1) Principal's Welcome. Dr. Julie Laird, principal of Robison Magnet Elementary School, began by welcoming us to the school. She was pleased to note that over this past year, children from several BBVN families have begun attending Robison, and encouraged the neighborhood to continue to consider Robison for its elementary-aged children. The school continues to have magnet status, and although an area of specialty has not been formally established, the school is focusing significantly on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects. These will be skills critical to the next generation.

2) Councilman's Update. Councilman Steve Kozachik addressed the meeting, and provided an update on two upcoming events and two key issues in the City. The events:

- a) Thursday, 9/22, 5:30 pm, there will be a meeting in the Ward 6 office to discuss code enforcement for maintenance and cleanup, addressing illegal dumping, etc. Objective is to determine ways of simplifying and speeding up the process.
- b) Wednesday, 9/28, 6-8 pm in the DuVal Auditorium at Banner Medical Center, there will be a panel discussion on end-of-life choices and medical assistance in dying. It will be moderated by Dr. Richard Carmona, former United States Surgeon General.

The issues:

- a) Storm Water Management: Flooding from the July 1 monsoon rains caused a refocus of attention on a 20-year old, extensive plan on managing storm water in the Tucson area. In the past 20 years, only 10 of the recommended projects for midtown have been implemented. Steve has engaged Pima Co. Administrator Huckelberry and Tucson City Manager Ortega to move forward with a list of high priority projects. A list of 10 such projects has been developed, and Steve is pushing to see that these get attention.
- b) Broadway Widening Project: There continues to be contention around the project approach. Steve recounted some of the discussion from yesterday's Mayor and Council meeting, in which the project was discussed. Key questions under discussion are whether to incorporate bus pullouts in addition to the 6 lanes of traffic, and the degree to which land use outside of the curb-to-curb roadway area is brought to bear in discussions with property owners before they must make decisions about keeping or selling their properties.

3) Minutes from our last neighborhood meeting on March 16, 2016, were brought for consideration, and were approved by vote of those in attendance.

4) Historical Designation: Ann Pattison presented the current status of the Historic Designation work. Her key points:

- We have engaged architect Chris Evans, per the approval from the neighborhood in our March meeting, to help us with the nomination process for historic designation.

- We sent out a request for an initial contribution of \$100 from all homes in the neighborhood (approximately 370 of them). We received donations from 100 of those houses, and that provided the seed money to pay for Mr. Evans to begin work.
- Mr. Evans provided us a list of 137 properties that he felt were beyond a doubt contributing properties. Since these are among the homes that would stand to gain the most in terms of reduced property taxes, a second letter requesting an additional donation was sent to those 137 home owners. At this time, only about 30 donations have been received from this second group, not enough for us to fully continue Chris' work. So money and cash flow for paying for this project has become an issue.
- A set of 7 volunteers were trained by Chris on the details of the historic research that will be helpful in reducing Chris' time (and therefore, charges) on this project. Each volunteer has taken a street and has begun doing the research. At this point, 2 of the streets have been completed, and work has begun on the others. The work has proven to be interesting, but far more involved than most realized, and there are still several streets that have not been assigned to a volunteer. Because this research is taking longer than expected, it may delay the completion of the nomination process, and potentially push the date when we can expect to see actual tax reductions out to 2 years, vs. the one year originally expected. If anyone else in the neighborhood is willing to volunteer time on this, their help would be greatly appreciated.
- Questions about the criteria for determining which properties are contributing properties continue to be asked, especially questions around what changes are "ok" or "not ok". It is not always a simple answer in the abstract. However, Ann and Chris have tentatively set up a time and date for Chris to lead a "Walk about" the neighborhood, in which he would identify examples of key categories of changes that impact qualification as contributing, or not. Tentative date is 10/22 in the morning, but this will be publicized to the neighborhood when it is finalized.
- Point of fact: the tax reduction that would be received by contributing property homeowners would be reduction in STATE real estate tax only. Tax payments for our local services, schools, etc. would be continued at the unreduced levels.

Margaret Johnson, one of the volunteers doing the street-by-street research, provide a helpful recap of the nature of the information that the volunteers were seeking, and the sources and tasks involved in getting that information.

- 5) BBVN Website Demonstration: Judd Ruggill provided a brief review and live demonstration of the BBVN Website, highlighting the features that are included on the site and the information that is available. The website has been in existence for a number of years, but Judd, since taking on the role of BBVNA Webmaster, has revamped portions of it to bring it up to date and more intuitive to use. More improvement work will continue to be done, but people are encouraged to go to the site and browse it to get personally familiar with what it offers. Suggestions for additional enhancements can be forwarded to any Board member.

Thanks to Judd for this demo, and to Julie Laird for making her TUSD computer available to enable the live internet access.

- 6) Information Item: Oktoberfest: Rita informed the group that the neighborhood would celebrate its annual Oktoberfest event on Saturday, October 22, 1-3 pm at the home of Cynthia Holmes and Ralph

Pattison. Details are included on the flyer that was handed out at the meeting, and which is attached to these minutes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Weingarten, BBVNA Secretary

# Celebrate Oktoberfest with your Broadmoor neighbors

Saturday, October 22  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

at the home of Cynthia Holmes & Ralph Pattison  
2802 E Croyden (just east of the Treat walkway on the south side)

The Neighborhood Association will provide brats, buns & condiments, iced tea & water, and paper plates, cups, napkins & utensils.

- ✓ Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
- ✓ If you want beer or beverages other than iced tea and water it's BYOB, but we'll have coolers and ice.
- ✓ RSVP to Cynthia Holmes so we have a rough headcount.  
520-307-8254 (text is fine) or [holmes@email.arizona.edu](mailto:holmes@email.arizona.edu).

