

BBVNA BOARD MEETING NOTES - 5/14/2018

The Board convened at 6:30 pm at the home of Barbara Becker, and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm. Barbara led the meeting.

1) Welcome & Introductions. In attendance were:

Board members:

Barbara Becker (President)
David Holder (1st VP),
Mike Weingarten (Secretary),
Rita Toland (Treasurer),
Richard Roati (Urban Forestry & Wildlife Committee)
Ann Pattison (Historic Designation Committee)
Dick Basye (MCRC rep)
Suzie Husband (Welcome Committee)
Mary Wolfe (Member at large)

2) Approval of Past Minutes (Mike):

The Board considered and approved the minutes from its last meeting, April 9, 2018.

3) Treasurer's Report (Rita):

Rita presented the current balance figures for our accounts:

Checking account: \$3387.25

Savings account: 6866.81

Total: \$10,254.06

These figures include \$1033 in profit made from the Laffs fundraiser (thanks roundly given to Richard for his hard work on this project). They do not include 3 additional donations just received:

\$1000 donated by Rita Gibbs (portion of commission on sale of a house)

1200 donated by an anonymous donor to match money collected from door-to-door visits

25 donated by a person from outside the neighborhood.

This now provides sufficient funding for Chris Evans' next month of work to finalize the list of contributing properties. Rita and Mary reported, in follow-up to the discussion at the last meeting, that Mary will provide Rita assistance, as needed, to physically make deposits of checks received.

4) Attendance at Neighborhood Meetings (Barbara):

We reviewed the results of the survey that Damian sent out regarding preferred timing of neighborhood meetings, and the value of providing child care. Regarding timing, the clear top preference was Wednesday evenings. We agreed to change the regular time for next year's meetings to be the 4th Wednesday of the month in the months we meet. Choosing the 4th Wednesday avoids conflicts with

the regular MCRC meetings that Dick attends.

As part of the discussion, we agreed that we will meet in September, January (2019), and March (2019). Mike will work with the City neighborhood resources and TUSD to get these dates scheduled with the school.

As for child care, relatively few people said that having child care available would make it possible for them to attend. However, there were several, and we decided we should pursue figuring out how to provide that. Suzie will follow up on this.

5) Updates to Our Neighborhood Plan (Barbara & David):

David reported on material he has reviewed so far from our previous (1988) neighborhood plan. A wealth of information is on our website under the "Official Neighborhood Plan" tab. He and Barbara explained that an initial questionnaire is due back to TRRG (Tucson Residents for Responsive Government) by June 15, but it is short and simple, essentially just to determine if we want to update our plan or not. If we say that we do, then we can get assistance from TRRG over the next 2-3 years to execute the update. The consensus in the Board was that it would be wise for us to do.

A committee at this stage is already in place: David, Barbara, and Richard. Input from the full Board and all neighbors is desired. Suggested next steps:

- Board members should try to re-read the existing neighborhood plan, and provide any thoughts/ comments to David/Barbara/Richard.
- Special attention should be given to update needs in the area Urban Forestry and Historic Designation, given the changes in those areas.
- Provide a link to the plan to all neighbors via the Listserve and NextDoor, letting them know that this is going on, and soliciting comments/input.
- Inform and request input from businesses in Broadway Village.

6) Air Force Meeting re: F35s (Dick): The Air Force / Davis Monthan public meeting to discuss possible introduction of F35 aircraft to the base here in Tucson was held on April 24. A number of BBVN Board members and neighbors attended. However, the meeting was informational through display stations, not a public open forum. Comments from the public were gathered in writing through May 11.

We discussed taking a public position as a Board. Meeting attendees were unanimous in their concerns about the noise and safety implications of a new F35 force at D-M. We agreed the following:

- It is appropriate for us to write a letter, as the BBVNA Board, taking a position on the F35s and on the noise and safety concerns. The letter should be addressed to D-M, and copy Mayor & Council.
- Prior to writing the letter, we should summarize the issues, describe our intent, and submit that to the neighborhood via the ListServe and NextDoor, and solicit any input / comments from our neighbors.
- The letter we write should reflect the comments we hear back from neighbors, in addition to our own position as Board Members.

Barbara and Suzie agreed to work together to author this letter, and the pre-correspondence to the neighborhood, soliciting input from the rest of the Board before the communications go out.

7) Historic Designation Project Update (Ann, all):

We discussed the timing and next steps surrounding Chris Evans' work to produce the list of contributing properties. We agreed that we should contact him to let him know that the funds for his next month of work are now available, and to get his estimate of when that next month of work will be completed.

We discussed timing for a neighborhood meeting -- possibly using our September meeting as dedicated to the Historic Designation project, which would include inviting Chris to address the neighbors directly. The majority view of the Board was that the list of contributing properties should be available and published to the neighborhood prior to that meeting, which makes Chris' timeline all the more important.

We discussed what we learned in the recent dialogue with Eric Vondy from the State SHPO organization. The new realization was that how replacement windows and other features will be treated by SHPO in a nomination request is largely dependent upon how the "story" of the neighborhood is presented in that nomination, and as such, Chris' work in presenting that story is extremely important to many of the questions we've been receiving from neighbors. The majority agreed that we should have a conversation with Chris soon to get a clearer understanding of how he intends to present those characteristics, and to explore options that would allow for more inclusion of home changes in light of changing needs (e.g. noise abatement) in the neighborhood. We agreed that a subset of the Board would contact Chris to set up a time to discuss as soon as possible. Timing is important, because the decisions that go into creating the list could be affected. Mike, Mary, and Richard volunteered to contact Chris.

8) Other Committee reports:

a) Urban Forestry (Richard):

-The project to stencil street names on the curbs at each intersection along the walkway is moving forward. Joan has done some preliminary investigation of materials needed. Neighbors John Walters and Danica Segona have agreed to do the work, and Richard has agreed to assist them as needed. The Board agreed to provide funding for the necessary supplies -- estimated cost is about \$50.

- Richard has worked with Oscar Blazquez on new landscaping plans for two locations in / near our neighborhood. Oscar has drawn up preliminary architectural plans for each. The two locations are:

i) The walkway between Stratford (near Exeter) and Tucson Blvd. Here he proposes plants and some palo verde trees. Richard plans to talk with neighbors adjacent to the walkway to gain their support;

ii) Along the sidewalk bordering the parking lot at Robison School. The plan would be to landscape it to harvest water from the lot, and to plant trees along that path. Richard has spoken with Robison Principal, Dr. Laird, who supports the idea if we can figure out the funding for the work. Richard is exploring a couple of grant options for this.

-Richard reported on the plan now being developed by Parks & Recreation to use Winsett St. as a bike route between Treat Ave and Reid Park. The specific plan would turn Winsett into a 1-way road between Treat and the alley entrance onto Winsett near Country Club Rd. One-way travel would be needed to preserve space for landscaping in addition to a bike path, and is an idea that was strongly

advocated for by neighbors living in Country Club Manor on Winsett. Only implications for the E Stratford neighbors whose homes back up to Winsett are stronger enforcement of the No Parking ordinance on the North side of Winsett, and the likely need to alter trash pickup for Stratford residents to the Stratford side of their homes (using individual trash cans vs. the shared cans in the rear of their homes). Dialogue with E Stratford neighbors would happen before any such changes are approved.

b) Malvern Plaza (Joan via written input):

- Coffee & Conversation will happen this Thursday at 9. Mary said the group will assess the interest and timing of continuing this during the summer, vs. suspending these meetings until the Fall.
- The Movie at Malvern night has not been scheduled, and may now wait due to the heat of summer.
- Fewer activities in general being planned for the Plaza now that the heat is arriving.
- We will have our annual planning meeting in August to discuss events and plans for the next season.

While not a Malvern Plaza event, we also discussed the upcoming Fourth of July parade. Richard agreed to partner with Rita in organizing it this year.

c) Welcome Committee (Suzie): A Meet & Greet for new neighbors was held on April 22 in Malvern Plaza, and was very successful, attended by 15 people.

9) New Business / Info:

a) Barbara noted that there will be a public meeting on the development of the City's 5-year action plan for the Department of Housing and Urban Development. To be held on May 30, 4-5 pm, in the Sentinel Building (320 N. Commerce Park Loop). Anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

b) Richard noted that a number of BBVN members attended the public meeting regarding plans for the Benedictine Monastery property on Country Club Rd. Many people are unhappy with the existing proposals (7-story high-end apartment buildings surrounding the historic buildings), but clear economically-viable alternatives are currently not identified.

10) Next Board Meeting:

June 11, 2018 (2nd Monday), 6:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Weingarten, BBVNA Secretary