

BBVNA BOARD MEETING NOTES –3/18/2019

The Board convened at 6:30 pm at the home of Mary Wolfe, and the meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. David Holder led the meeting.

1) Welcome & Introductions. In attendance were:

Board members:

David Holder (1st VP),
Mike Weingarten (Secretary),
Rita Toland (Treasurer),
Margaret Johnson (Neighborhood Watch Committee),
Suzie Husband (Welcoming Committee),
Richard Roati (Urban Forestry & Wildlife),
Justine Hernandez (Malvern Plaza Committee),
Mary Wolfe (Member At Large),
Richard Basye (MCRC)

Neighbors attending:

Annick Safken (Stratford)
Jim Wolfe (Devon)

2) Approval of Past Minutes (Mike):

The Board approved the minutes from the February 18, 2019 meeting.

3) Treasurer's Report (Rita):

Rita presented the current balance figures for our accounts:

Checking account:	\$12,249.94
Savings account:	10,592.21

Total:	\$ 22,842.15

4) General Meeting Plan (David, all):

Our general Neighborhood Meeting will be on Wednesday, March 27, at Robison Elementary School. As usual, the meeting will run 7:00 – 8:30 pm, but we will have informal gathering and conversation beginning at 6:30 pm.

Agenda will be as follows:

- Welcome (Barbara, Norma Flores)
- Approval of minutes from last meeting (January, 2019)
- Election of Board Officers
- Open Forum / Input to Neighborhood Plan Update
- Close

Regarding Board Officer Elections:

We now have a slate of candidates interested in each of the elected positions. Candidates are:

- President: David Holder
- 1st VP: Jim Wolfe
- 2nd VP: Jose Delgado
- Secretary: Mike Weingarten
- Treasurer: Rita Toland
- Member-at-Large (1): Mary Wolfe
- Member-at-Large (2): Annick Safken

In the meeting, we will open the floor for nominations for anyone else interested in one of these positions. We agreed that each nominee will introduce themselves and be prepared to tell very briefly why they are interested in the position (e.g. 30 seconds each). We will then conduct the vote. For each position that has just a single, uncontested nominee, the vote will be by voice or a show of hands. For positions in which there are two or more candidates, we will have a secret written ballot. Margaret will bring slips of paper and a container for the voting process. A person (or people) not a nominee for any of the positions will count the votes and announce the winner for each position so voted.

Regarding the Open Forum / Neighborhood Plan Input:

We discussed a number of design options for how best to structure this input session.

- Introductory presentation to ensure all attendees understand the purpose of the plan and the input session. (We all agreed that this will be important to do.)
- Single large group with a flip chart and a scribe;
- Small group breakout, with reports of captured ideas at the end;
- Provide paper/pens with pre-questions at beginning;
- etc.

We agreed that the above were just options, and that the Neighborhood Plan Committee would decide on the final structure to be used, and would run this portion of the agenda. We recommended that the team have a signup sheet and encourage other neighbors to get involved with the planning process going forward.

We agreed that Mike will send out a reminder email message a few days before the meeting to the Listserv and to Nextdoor. In that message, he will: a) List the agenda; b) publish the slate of Board Officer candidates, but make clear that other nominees are always welcomed; and c) Repeat the 2 prompting questions (from the newsletter article) for neighborhood plan input. He will also encourage people to look at the existing neighborhood plan, and will provide a link to it on our website. He will call Principal Norma Flores to request she provide an easel for our chart pad.

5) Committee Reports:

a) Historic Designation (Mike):

There is more evidence that Chris is now working on our project. (He copied Mike on responses to several neighbor's questions which we had forwarded to him. We continue to expect he will have the historic district nomination package completed and ready to submit by the end of August. Rita noted that there have been 2 or 3 more historic designation donations received over the past few months.

b) Urban Forestry (Richard):

-Citation Wash: Recall that there exists both health hazards (due to trash) and fire hazard (due to buffelgrass). Richard has called the City, and has opened up a request for the City to clean the wash. He will publish via the Listserv and Nextdoor the Request # and encourage other neighbors to call in reference to it to increase the City's priority. He noted that neighbors also share cleanup responsibilities in terms of keeping the alleys clear. Once Richard sends his message out, Justine volunteered to go door to door to speak with neighbors on Stratford to make sure they are aware and to encourage their support and participation.

-Weeds on Treat Walkway and along Arroyo Chico: Richard plans to rent a lawn mower from Home Depot to cut down the bulk of those weeds. He will encourage neighbors to volunteer help to rake up the cuttings that day (to minimize reseeding).

-Vandalism along the Treat Walkway. We discussed the multiple incidents of vandalism of plants along the walkway. Two attempts to confront/correct seem to have been ignored, and filing a police report seemed difficult. (The online form seemed to be inapplicable to this situation.) We agreed this would be best addressed with our neighborhood TPD contact. Margaret will get that contact info to Richard, and he will follow up. We agreed that our interest was corrective (getting the problem to stop) vs. punitive for the boy in question.

-Spill of an oily substance on neighborhood streets. A number of Board members reported noticing a wet-looking substance on Stratford (near the arroyo) and Eastbourne (near Broadway Village). Much speculation, but no factual answers as to what it was. Richard will call City to try to find out more.

c) MCRC (Dick):

There will be an MCRC meeting this coming Wednesday (Mar 20) at the Ward 6 Office, 6 pm. Neighbors are encouraged to attend. Dick also noted that there will be an Air Show at DM this weekend (Mar 23-24), and planes will likely be flying over our houses.

Separate from Air Force topics, Dick noted two items in the news:

-Barrio Bread has been nominated for a national James Beard Award; and

-Pima Council on Aging is opening a facility in the office building at the corner of Country Club and Winset.

d) Malvern Plaza Events (Justine):

-We had a very successful Plant Swap event. Suzie did a great job coordinating it, and we had perhaps a record number of plants brought to the plaza, and many new people come. Jessie Byrd from the Arizona Native Plant Society came to give info and ran a contest for the kids.

-Neighbor Jenn Soule-Hill has volunteered to run a "Kindness Rocks" painting session for kids in the Malvern Plaza on Wednesday afternoon. Justine has publicized this via email. We agreed that there should be a budget for Justine to coordinate small dollar reimbursements for neighbors on projects like this.

-Coffee & Conversation continues every 3rd Thursday. With warmer weather, it will again be held in the Plaza.

-Dinner Under the Stars will be held in the Plaza on May 5.

-Justine suggested we discuss and reach agreement on potential uses for the money currently reserved for Malvern Plaza infrastructure. Rita said that that could be done by Board action, and suggested Justine develop a proposal.

e) Welcome Committee (Suzie):

Suzie and Mary visited a new neighbor on Exeter last week. Two new volunteers have joined the Welcome Committee, bringing the number of members to 6, and balancing the North-South representation to 3 each. The Committee is beginning to plan for the next Welcome Brunch, to be held in April or May.

f) Neighborhood Watch (Margaret):

Continued activity on Exeter, and a new sign is to be ordered for the east end of the street. Margaret will have a sign-up sheet again at the General Meeting.

6) New Business:

- a) Resilient Neighborhoods in the Face of Climate Change: Mike noted that he had materials from the meeting held on this topic last week in Sam Hughes. He will summarize or scan and send out.
- b) Mike has received an "alert" from the Mountain View Neighborhood Association, sent to representatives of other NAs, about the issue of "Flexible Lot Development". The MVNA is facing development under the premise of FLD that they feel allows developers to ignore their neighborhood and area plans. There will be a meeting before Mayor and Council on the afternoon of March 27 at which Mike recommends we be represented, especially by someone from our own Neighborhood Plan Update Committee. Mike has already forwarded the message from MVNA to the members of our Update Committee, but will also forward it to the entire Board.

7) Next Board Meeting:

Monday April 8, 2019 (2nd Monday), 6:30 pm

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Weingarten, BBVNA Secretary