

## BBVNA BOARD MEETING NOTES –6/10/2019

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

Welcome & Introductions. In attendance were:

Board members:

David Holder (President),  
Barbara Becker (Past President),  
Mike Weingarten (Secretary),  
Rita Toland (Treasurer),  
Richard Roati (Urban Forestry &  
Wildlife),

Justine Hernandez (Malvern Plaza)  
Suzie Husband (Welcome Committee),  
Margaret Johnson (Neighborhood  
Watch Committee),  
Mary Wolfe (Member At Large),  
Annick Safken (Member At Large),  
Richard Basye (MCRC)

Neighbors attending:

Frank Sagona (Stratford)

Guests:

Mark Clark (CEO, Pima Council on Aging)  
Maddy Bynes (Public Policy & Advocacy Coordinator, Pima Council on Aging)

1) Approval of Past Minutes (Mike): The Board approved the minutes from the May 13, 2019 meeting.

2) Pima Council on Aging presentation (Mark Clark, Maddy Bynes): The Pima Council on Aging (PCOA) has purchased the building at 600 S. Country Club Rd (SW corner of Country Club and Winsett). Mark and Maddy came to present information about their program, and the plans for how that building in particular will be used.

PCOA provides a wide range of services for older people and those serving as caregivers for older people. Services include:

- “Aging Well” classes (exercise, balance/fall prevention, medication education, nutrition programs, etc.);
- Family Caregiver Services (Family caregiver training, support groups, individual consultation);
- In-Home support (Pima Meals on Wheels, Housekeeping/personal care services, Companion programs, Home repair/adaptation services), and
- Health/Rights/Benefits Assistance (Medicare education & counseling, Long-Term Care ombudsmen, End-of-life Care Planning).

The program also staffs a help line to address requests for assistance and information, both by phone and also for walk-in requests. PCOA partners with a number of other organizations in its service delivery, such as Catholic Community Services and Lutheran Social Services. It also works with Adult Protective Services on referrals involving possible elder neglect or abuse.

Funding comes in part from Federal money under the Older Americans Act (PCOA gets 16% of the

federal money allocated to the State of Arizona), and other state and local monies used as matching funds for that federal money. Funds also come from other local sources, such as United Way and donations and bequests. This coming year's budget is expected to be a bit over \$14 million. Seniors taking part in some services (e.g., classes, etc.) may pay modest fees, which may be assessed on a needs-based sliding scale.

Use of Country Club facility: Acquisition of the Country Club facility was prompted by the fact that currently, the main PCOA offices are near Broadway and Camino Seco. It serves the many seniors in the eastern part of the city well, but they wanted another location that is more central. The facility will be named the Katie Dusenberry Healthy Aging Center (Ms. Dusenberry has been a longtime elder services activist and contributor to PCOA). Interior remodeling is underway now. The design will feature two large rooms. One will be an exercise room designed for "enhanced fitness" programs, and where the exercise classes will be. The other will be a Community Meeting Room, where meetings and other training classes will take place. In some cases, outside organizations will make use of the room (e.g., AARP driving classes, etc.). The facility will operate 8:30 am – 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Timing / next steps: Construction is expected to be completed by the end of August or September, and they hope to begin staffing services soon after. Mark has offered that at some point once they are underway, he'd be willing to host a tour for our neighbors of the facility, and a presentation on their services.

The Board expressed its appreciation for the services that PCOA offers, and for their reaching out to us as new neighbors to ensure we understood their program and their plans for that facility.

3) Treasurer's Report (Rita): Rita presented the current balance figures for our accounts:

Checking account: \$6,631.41

Savings account: 10,718.64

Total: \$17,350.05

These figures include a payment of \$3800 just made to Chris Evans for his work over the past month on Historic Designation. They also include \$1824 received from the City of Tucson for the grant award portion (60%) of our payments to Chris through 4/30/19. Per agreement at a previous meeting, Rita and David will schedule a time to go to the bank and register David, as President, as a second authorized signature on our account.

4) Old Business (David): None discussed.

5) Citation Wash (Richard): Richard recapped the sequence of events that has occurred since December as we have tried to clean up the Citation Wash between Treat Ave and Arroyo Chico. In December, we realized that cleanup was needed because of significant areas of buffel grass (a serious fire hazard), and lots of trash and overgrowth. We also assessed that it was more than the neighborhood could do on its own. Richard established a ticket with the City for the clean up, and the City responded, but worked on the wrong section of the wash (the section east of Treat). So Richard established a new ticket number, many neighbors called the City in support of that work, but we waited for several months without results. Crystal Dillahunty from the Ward 6 office reached out to us to help, Steve Kozachik got involved, and we then received quick attention from the City.

The City has now completed its work, but there remains considerable work still to be done by the neighborhood. Richard will coordinate a neighborhood cleanup event for Citation Wash, to be scheduled the morning of June 23. In advance, Richard, Justine, and Frank Sagona will knock on the doors of each of their Stratford neighbors whose back yards border the easement, to explain the situation, and to encourage their participation. Richard will order a roll-off bin from the City for that weekend. Justine and Judd Ruggill have offered to host a back yard party that day for all the participants. The Board approved a \$100 budget for pizza and drinks.

6) Neighborhood Plan Update (Barbara): Barbara attended the Mayor & Council meeting during which the TRRG organization presented, and the Council considered the issues associated with Planning Department change processes when they conflict with Area and Neighborhood Plans. More to come on this. The BBVN team will be constructing a survey to be sent out to all neighbors via our Listserve as another means of gathering input for the plan. Barbara will share a draft of the survey with the Board for feedback and input in advance of sending it out. The plan is to have the survey out prior to our September neighborhood meeting.

7) Fourth of July Parade: Rita agreed to send out a message to the neighborhood soliciting volunteers to help coordinate the parade this year. She also has materials (e.g. items for awards, prizes, etc.) that she can pass on to whoever is willing to lead this.

8) Committee Reports:

a) Welcome Committee (Suzie):

The Spring "Meet & Greet" event for new neighbors was held and was very successful. About 10 adults came. In addition to providing an opportunity for the adults to get to know more about the neighborhood and about each other, it proved to be a great opportunity for the kids to meet, play, and start to establish friend relationships.

b) MCRC (Dick):

The completion of the Environmental Impact Study of the potential basing of F-35s here in Tucson is further delayed. We do not expect a public comment period to occur until at least July or August. DM personnel appear to have little interest at this point in the MCRC meetings, and meetings may not be held until September.

c) Neighborhood Watch (Margaret):

No new data. However, Margaret brought up a separate subject, that of TEP's new solar farm and program to solicit individuals to "go solar" by being designated customers of that solar farm. See [tep.com/gosolar](http://tep.com/gosolar) for more information.

d) Malvern Plaza Committee (Justine):

Nothing formally scheduled for the plaza right now, other than the regular monthly Coffee & Conversation meetings. Justine will be looking for an opportunity to do a planning meeting for next year's events as some point in the future.

e) Historic Designation (Mike):

Chris continues to work on the project, and has confirmed again that all appears on track for finishing the nomination package by August. Rita has successfully worked with the City's Historic Preservation office to get our grant proceeds to reimburse 60% of our first payments to Chris from earlier this year. Now that the process is clarified, this should happen regularly over the remainder of the grant period. Mike noted that he and Joan did an informal survey of the neighborhood, and identified about 10 homes that likely have been "lost" from our contributing properties list due to extensive renovations to the front of the homes. At this point, that appears to be the only serious risk we face in this project. If we were to drop below 50% of our homes being contributing properties, we would lose our nomination. We currently have slightly more than 60% of our homes designated as contributing, but this is a watch out that we need to be aware of. In particular, we need to be sure that when houses are sold, that the new owners are made aware of the contributing nature of their houses and the things that they need to do to preserve that.

9) New Business:

- a) Annick reported on several items related to the City and environmental interests.
  - a. The pilot project on IPM (Integrated Pest Management) focusing on an "Organic First" management of weeds is being implemented.
  - b. Annick attended the Mayoral candidate forum on environment and sustainability. Lots of agreement across all 3 candidates in attendance. Against I-11, the mine. In favor of expanding solar and the solar farm, public transportation, etc.
- b) Annick made a recommendation that a new ad-hoc committee be formed on sustainability practices in the neighborhood. Focus would be on education and supporting neighbors who want to establish sustainable practices. The idea was suggested for a regular "Sustainability Corner" article in each newsletter. The Board agreed and voted to establish that committee. David, in his capacity as President, appointed Annick as the Chairperson. Annick will draft a more detailed description of the committee and its purpose for the next Board meeting.
- c) Richard suggested a neighborhood tree planting event for this fall, with trees provided by Trees for Tucson and TEP. More to come on this.
- d) David and Richard reminded us of the next Brush and Bulky scheduled for the week of July 22. Once again, we are being asked to identify additional work we would like the City to bundle into our B&B week. Richard will provide another list of piles of brush expected in common areas. We also can identify other work, such as graffiti removal, pot hole filling, etc.
- e) Mike requested, and received, Board approval for scheduling 3 neighborhood meetings for the coming year, following the same schedule as our previous year: 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of September, 2019, and January and March of 2020. Mike will contact the City and TUSD to begin the process of formally getting those dates onto the calendar for Robison school.

10) Next Board Meeting: Monday July 8, 2019 (2nd Monday), 6:30 pm. Location TBD.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Weingarten, BBVNA Secretary