

BBVNA Board Meeting August 20, 2013

The Board met at Rita Toland's home and the meeting started at 7:20 p.m.

Present were:

Mary Terry Schiltz, President
Richard Roati, First Vice President and Green Infrastructure Chair
Anita Scales, Secretary
Rita Toland, Treasury
Dick Basye, MCRC Rep
Ann Pattison, Historic Designation

Mary Terry began the meeting by distributing the Agenda.

Revised July 16th minutes were distributed and approved.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Committee Reports:

The Historical Designation Committee met with Ralph Comey in their efforts to interview people to help our neighborhood with the designation process. There was a discussion about the fees for this work and factoring in for non-payers. Richard liked his presentation. But it was agreed to investigate others who do this work. The charge per house is made back in the first tax year with historic designation. Dick suggested speaking to John O'Dowd. Messrs. Mabry and Jeffreys have already spoken to our neighborhood. Our problem is that residents are very busy and it is increasingly obvious that we will need a professional. Ann said she would speak to Bob Vint and Bill DuPont for their input. Andie Zelnio's name was also put forward. She is very busy, but does live in Broadmoor.

Dick Basye related that the DM-50 wants to shut down the MCRC. We have already voted to continue the organization. The suggested replacement for the MCRC will lack neighborhood representation. The next MCRC meeting is September 18th.

Richard Roati commented on the successful event to eradicate buffel grass. However, there is more on Winsett between Treat and Country Club. While he was out with the volunteers, the group attracted welcome neighborhood attention. Also he noted that the Temple Emanuel 8th Grade students will take on the Citation Wash for buffel grass removal as their special project. Richard said that there are two sections of the walkway left to be planted. The group plans to plant agaves and will probably meet the last weekend of September.

The conversation turned to the graffiti problem and whose responsibility it is for clean-up of washes. It was noted that sending graffiti photos by phone to the appropriate agency facilitates a rapid response.

We then talked about a mural for the arroyo. Apparently the concrete is not stable enough, so there was a suggestion for tile work near Arroyo and Treat bridge. This discussion was followed by a suggestion that the tile work at Malvern Plaza be finished by adult professionals.

The Newsletter needs to be put together soon before the Neighborhood Meeting in September. Bryce was absent from the meeting, so he needs to be contacted.

Under Old Business it was noted that the proposed cell towers were rejected and that Walmart was in discussions with neighborhood representatives and liquor sales. These discussions were arranged by Steve Kozachik.

Under New Business Mary Terry said that the Board of Adjustment Variance for 2510 E. Broadway will be discussed by the Mayor and Council at 1:30 p.m. on August 28th. We need to spread the word in other neighborhoods that we oppose the variance. Ann said this is necessary to maintain existing use. The conversation moved to Broadway Village and the proposed changes by the new owners. Rita has sent an e-mail on the subject.

The Oktoberfest gathering for the Neighborhood will most likely be at Malvern Plaza and not combined with the Exeter Block Party.

At the upcoming Neighborhood Meeting we will have three agenda items:

Broadway Village
Historic Designation
Oktoberfest

Anita Scales