

BBVNA Board Meeting September 17, 2013

The Board met at Rita Toland's home and the meeting started at 7:10 p.m.

Present were:

Mary Terry Schiltz, President  
Richard Roati, First Vice President and Green Infrastructure Chair  
Margaret Johnson, Second Vice President  
Rita Toland, Treasury  
Dick Basye, MCRC Rep  
Ann Pattison, Historic Designation  
Bryce Carey, Newsletter Editor

Mary Terry began the meeting by distributing the Agenda.

There was no Treasurer's report.  
There was no Historical Designation Committee report.

Committee Reports:  
There was no Historical Designation Committee report.

Dick Basye continues to advocate his proposal that aircraft at DM Airbase in Tucson "land long." The runway extends an additional 4500 feet to the east that is not currently being used. Doing so would not require any additional paving and would remove schools and houses to the west and north of the airbase from the accident potential zone. In a separate note, he related that the Snowbird aircraft are proposed to fly to the Goldwater Range from Tucson. He noted that the Yuma Marine Corps Station is adjacent to the Goldwater Range. He found that the F-22 airplane can fly 0.4 miles for each gallon of fuel used, and the Snowbirds likely have even poorer fuel economy, so it will cost at least \$1,500.00 for each Snowbird airplane to fly to the Goldwater Range and back from Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson each time. Further, the A-10's are already purchased and work well, so taxpayers will save money if the Air Force continues to use A-10's rather than purchase the Snowbirds, and that the A-10's have been found to work well. The board moved to give Dick Basye approval to state his proposal to save taxpayer money by moving the Snowbird training operations to Yuma or some other base closer to the Goldwater Range, and to request that the Air Force continue to operate A-10's rather than purchase Snowbirds.

Richard Roati noted that the Urban Foresters will be planting the Treat Walkway between Arroyo Chico and Croyden on Sunday, September 22. The group will be planting agaves harvested from the home of Jack McDaniel on Eastland, Steve Safken on Stratford, a Palo Verde tree donated by Realm Landscaping, and other plants. The board approved an additional \$50.00 to purchase plants and materials for this section of the walkway. Urban Foresters continue to seek additional drought tolerant plants, so any neighbors that have extra plants, donations are welcome. In a related note, the board noted happily that Wayne Anderson recently painted out graffiti found in the Arroyo Chico wash where it is crossed by the Treat Walkway bridge.

Mary Terry discussed a recent meeting at attorney John O'Dowd's office with representatives from several neighborhoods regarding the former Roses and More building at 2510 East Broadway. The City of Tucson Board of Adjustment will be holding a hearing on the variances requested by the property owner on Wednesday, September 25 at 1:30 pm. The owner is requesting a variance to increase the height of the building to 34 feet for the purpose of adding signage to the top of the building, among other variances. The variances requested are out of compliance with the BBVNA neighborhood plan and the building

design is not compatible with the historic nature of the surrounding structures and the neighborhood. Neighborhoods such as Sam Hughes, Colonia Solana, El Encanto, Julia Keene, Barrio Centro, and Barrio San Antonio have gone on record joining BBVNA in opposing the granting of the requested variances.

There is word that Broadway Village has purchased the Americana Apartments which sit between the Broadway Village parking lot and BBVNA. There is discussion that Broadway Village may request to demolish the apartments for the purpose of building a parking lot, but nothing has been submitted to the city yet. A parking lot would be a zoning change that would require approval from the city. The apartments act as a buffer between the neighborhood and Broadway Village. Mary Terry noted that Broadway Village had promised in their PAD agreement to place dumpsters behind walls, maintain the surface of Manchester by Broadway Village but the road is in bad shape, and that unsafe parking has been setup along Manchester contrary to promises. The board agreed to oppose plans to demolish the Americana Apartments and to file a complaint with the city of Tucson concerning promises not met in the PAD agreement.

Bryce Carey will produce a Newsletter for October. The Newsletter deadline was agreed to be set for October 1.

Oktoberfest will be happening this year on Saturday, October 19 in the afternoon. Rita will send out an email requesting volunteers. Rita is hoping that the Fabers on Arroyo Chico might agree to host the party, with Malvern Plaza as a backup location.

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

- Broadway Village
- Historic Designation
- Oktoberfest
- Urban Forestry

Richard Roati