

DRAFT: please email comments and changes to Ann Pattison

BBVNA History

Minutes (Thanks to Linda Abrams)

Monday, 3/22/10

Attending: Linda Abrams, Lisa Anderson, Connie Anzalone, Dick Basye, Norma Lopez, Barbara Murphy, Ann Pattison, Richard Roati, Marry Terry Schiltz, John Thomas, Rita Toland

1) The Committee named itself 'BBVNA History.' This name should go into email subject lines for ease of mail sorting.

2) We discussed skill sets needed and who could do what.

Lisa Anderson and Marry Terry Schiltz are good with research. Linda Abrams can do leg work. Rita can do data entry. Barbara Murphy works for an environmental firm which does evaluations for historic designations and can advise but not do certain things due to conflicts of interest.

3) General first steps

Previous windshield surveys by architect/historian Brooks Jeffries and city representatives have indicated that BBVNA qualifies for historical designation with over 50% of the houses maintaining their original style.

We discussed asking Broadway Village and St Ambrose Church if they want to join with the neighborhood historic designation. Connie Anzalone will contact St. Ambrose with an initial query of interest.

We discussed asking a neighborhood realtor to provide a list of information to include addresses, owners, and year built for every house to be potentially included in the neighborhood. Ann Pattison will contact Wayne Anderson.

Connie has several files of documents relating to the establishment of the neighborhood, Broadway Village, and their histories. The Neighborhood Plan is on electronic file with the city, and it is possible that the Arroyo Chico Plan and the Landscaping Plan are also on file. Connie at one time had more than one copy of many of these documents, but they have been loaned out and not returned. Ann suggested we get the ones not on e-file scanned (professional quality). Rita said she might be able to do this at work later in the year. [Note: scanning and double-checking the scans to get a good quality version is a laborious process: Rita may be able to use some help with this. Does anyone know of another high-quality scanner that can be used for this?]

Barbara reviewed some of the early steps we need to take. She suggested the first step we take is a door-to-door survey to ascertain interest because if too many households will not participate, the process could be derailed. We agreed that we need to have more information in order to be able to answer questions about the process and outcomes.

The National Register of Historic Places has a website from which many of the forms can be accessed. However, it is a detailed website with a plethora of possible forms and we might need some guidance in finding the correct form. Barbara will contact Jonathan Mabry (the City of Tucson Developmental Services contact for historic

designation) and get the proper form and a list of what information is needed from each household.

In a previous start, former BBVNA President Tom Arnold created a database for information. John Thomas agreed to contact Tom and retrieve the database.

#### 4) Requirements.

There was some discussion of the requirements individual houses need to qualify for historic designations. We seem to be fairly clear on the general requirements (front of house must be visible from the street and must look like the original; some modifications are acceptable but the exact ones are unclear or subjective). Clarification is needed before we begin a door-to-door survey.

#### 5) Additional Resources

Jonathan Mabry and R. Brooks Jeffery

Information from other Tucson neighborhoods that have successfully completed the process. Ann Pattison will contact Presidents of Colonia Solana, El Encanto, and Sam Hughes for this information. Another likely very helpful person is Alice Rowe(?) of Blenman Elm. She has spoken to the neighborhood about the process and would be a good source of information. [Anyone have a contact?]

6) Next meeting date: early May. In late April, Ann will send an email with a link to doodle.com, a very easy-to-use scheduling website which can be used to pick the time best for most. Several attendees liked Monday evening, and it is likely that that time slot will be popular again.

P.S.

Barbara was not able to reach Jonathan Mabry on Tuesday and was called into the field unexpectedly on Tuesday night. She will try again when she returns.

R. Brooks Jeffery had not yet replied to Ann's initial inquiry at the time of our meeting, but he did reply on Wednesday. He suggested he and Mabry come together to a meeting of our NA or our committee to answer questions. Since both men have spoken to the NA at separate times, I suggest the committee alone meet with them (perhaps the May meeting?). Jeffery also encouraged us to apply during the Drachman Institute's RFP process for planning and design assistance which is held every summer. Last year's announcement is attached along with these minutes.