

# **Palo Verde Neighborhood Board Meeting**

**July 20, 2023, 6:30 to 8:00pm**

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**Board in attendance:** Val Timin, Maribeth Slebodnik, Steve Poe (Zoom), Nancy Stromp (Zoom), Vicki France (Zoom), Patrick Hart, Rachel Dacquisto

## **Agenda**

- **6:30-6:40 PM Welcome & Quick Intros (10 minutes)**
- **6:40-7:05 PM Guest Updates (10 min)**
  - District 5 (5 min) Nicholas McCullough  
Introducing Naomi De La Rosa - new intern in the D5 office, will be attending meetings, tabling, this is her first NA meeting! She joined us over Zoom.  
Back to School - There are many back to school events happening now, see a list on the District 5 website: <https://www.adelitasgrijalva.com/back-to-school>.  
The next Board of Supervisors meeting is at 9 a.m. on 7/25. See <https://pima.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx> for the agenda and details.
- **7:05-7:35 PM Board & Committee Reports & Business (30 minutes)**
  - Brief Reports
    - President  
See below
    - Vice President  
See below
    - Secretary  
See below
    - Treasurer  
\$13,252.22 balance \$2271 restricted funds
    - Communications  
Will work on new resident welcome postcards/mailers - has past documents as examples.
    - Quad Reps  
SE- Patricia Perry - Has been seeing piles of stuff prior to Brush & Bulky, which begins the week of August 7.  
SW- No news  
NE- No news  
NW- See below
    - Graffiti - See below.
    - Traffic Circles - Peggy Marlatt. Reported that bollards have been installed in the traffic circles that did not have them. Currently working on the chicane project at the north end of Camilla. It is necessary for at least 60% of residents in the immediate area to sign. They have been contacted and she is confident that goal can be achieved.
  - Old Business
    - PVNA Merchandise: T-shirts, pens, business cards  
Val presented several options for local/online vendors.

Vistaprint & Gloo Factory (business cards) - roughly equivalent prices

Preference for Gloo Factory as a local company

Nancy moved to order 1000 business cards from GF, Steve second. Passed unanimously by show of hands.

Vicki moved to order 150 pens from Vistaprint, Steve seconded. Passed unanimously by show of hands.

- Circle K letter: follow up & thank you

The draft was shared with the Board. We would like to invite them to the August Board meeting to follow up with our June discussion and commitments. After discussion, Val will send the letter to the management.

Suggestion was made to share housing and food information at Circle K.

- July 29 & Ongoing 'Fourth Saturday Morning Event' - Update: To be led on 7/29 by Maribeth to clean up Bellevue from Country Club to Howard, 7:00 a.m. start time. Additional details in the 7/23 e-news.
- Board Zoom changed from Thursday nights to Monday nights. Next Monday we will focus on bylaws discussion. Val will share deadlines for completing bylaws in time for the annual meeting.

- New Business

- Motion without objection

Val shared the logic behind using adoption of a motion without objection. This has been used for decision making at past meetings, and she would like to continue using it for expediting our meetings. It was requested that these be used for published agenda items only to keep Board members in the loop, but if there is a quorum it should not be necessary to wait. Everyone on the Board has the option to object and return to regular procedure if we need more time for discussion. It was suggested that this be included in the revised bylaws.

- Annual mailer

The Board reviewed suggested content for the mailer and prioritized. We will request a four page letter size folded mailer. It will include a link to a poll of the neighborhood.

- Annual meeting

Switch to Saturday or another day to encourage attendance? It was requested that we make it fun. Discussion ended up with either day of the week having champions. We must decide the timing prior to this because of the upcoming deadline for the annual mailer and for voting. The Board will poll the neighborhood on Facebook and webpage, requesting preferences for when and where it will be held.

- PVN Commercial Real Estate transactions:

**Pima Commons Sale:** Easterly property sold in two parcels, Steve K and Val are starting conversations with the new owners.

**Food Truck Court:** Food Truck Court on the north side of Grant next to Robert's - there are concerns about pedestrians crossing Grant to get to the food truck.

Where does monitoring these transactions fall on our list of priorities? High, medium, low? All or case by case? Neighborhood strength is being involved with these changes.

If tracking commercial real estate changes is a priority, someone needs to be designated to monitor this - lots of work involved. May be connected to licensing and permitting.

Jefferson Park and Sam Hughes both have a code enforcement team and monitor real estate listings for new neighbor notification and welcoming.

- If time allows:
  - Revisit storage needs options/discussion
  - 4th of July Review

- **7:35 Neighbors Q&A (10 min)**

**Online question:** Speeding cars in bike avenues, running red lights, enforcement of speed limits. Heightened fines for speeding in bike avenues. It was suggested that we use the e-news to share info about notifying TPD of problems and request a mobile speed notification sign.

Neighbor Christopher introduced himself and volunteered to be the second SW quadrant rep. He is also interested in helping Arlene with the graffiti team. He pointed out that the website has some broken links/pages.

- **7:45 to 8:00 PM (10 min)**

- Reflection & Next Agenda Setting

- **8:00 PM Adjourn**

## Written Reports and Status Updates

A place to deliver status updates, written notes, or expand upon items that will be shared or discussed at the meeting.

- President (Val)
  - With support from Steve K., followed up with DTM to redo the vertical markers they installed at traffic circles
  - 4th of July event was a main focus; planning, organizing, designing, publishing items to website, and facilitating the day of. Overall a great success!
  - Published new advertising rates page
  - Assisted with e-news, emails, Facebook administration
  - Followed up with DTM, with support from Steve K., to redo the vertical markers they installed at traffic circles
  - Corresponded with Steve K. regarding new Commercial Real Estate activities from Pima Commons, and a new food truck court north of us on Grant, by Robert's Restaurant
  - Checked in with Ward 6 and Tucson Clean & Beautiful (TCB) regarding tree care assessment at Pocket Park. Tucson Water is sending someone, but we may also consider bringing an arborist out for an estimate.
  - Worked on [policy & procedure manual draft](#) and began review with Vicki. Edits and further review pending.
  - Updated letterhead template with current contact info.
  - Using Arlene's provided content, updated the Ace Hardware letter draft. Proposing that we offer a sponsorship as trade.
  - Included copies of receipt/invoices for a reimbursement request of \$199.57 for 4th of July expenses that went on Val's personal card
- Vice President (Nancy)
  - Nonprofit project updates
  - Working with Val on 'Be a Neat Neighbor' door hanger project
- Secretary (Maribeth)
  - Drafted e-news each week
  - Drafted June meeting minutes and sent to Board for virtual approval
  - Worked at July 4th event in the Pocket Park
  - Planning a clean up event on Saturday, July 29th - would like to target Bellevue from Country Club to Howard. Arlene's idea about cleaning up the Loft parking lot could be another event (coordinate with the Loft?) or with sufficient volunteers, we could try to tackle both. One area is probably more realistic.
  - Monitoring Facebook Page and Group. Fewer "spam" requests seem to be coming in this month.
- Graffiti Removal (Arlene)
  - Graffiti Report:
  - 50+ "fixes" were completed
  - NW-7, NE-9, SW-20, SE-14
  - All bus stops were checked, with 11 Graffiti fixes and some trash cleaned up. Two maintenance reports were made to Sun Tran and handled promptly.
  - I made approximately \$30 paint purchase to continue abatement.
  - A possible clean up event could be made at the Loft parking area. The area to the west facing Camilla has become a transient hangout. I also found a transient and big graffiti area in the

northeast corner of the parking lot behind the theater. Maybe this could be scheduled for August or September.

- NW Quad (Paula)
  - Distributed July 4th flyers to portions of the NW Quad
  - Reported 4 incidents of furniture in alleys in ClickFix
  - Canvassed neighborhood for issues (unsure what to do in some circumstances, i.e. running of auto business in residential zoned area; trees and bushes cut down but not disposed of on the owner's property (ClickFix doesn't seem to do anything with items on individual properties vs. things in a public space or right of way)