

Palo Verde Neighborhood Board Meeting

February 16, 2023, 6:30 to 8:00pm

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Board members present: Val Timin, Brian Gill, Vicki France, Diane Teegarden, Steve Poe, Maribeth Slebodnik

Minutes approved 3/16/2023

- **6:30 PM Welcome & Quick Intros (10 min)**

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

- **6:40 PM Board & Committee Reports & Business (45 min)**

- **Follow Up Items: (5 min)**

- Discussion/approval of January minutes Diane moved, Brian seconded, approved by a show of hands, 6-0.

- Linden/Waverly Christmas Wash Tree Service Quotes

Quotes were presented to the Board from Urban Forestry of Tucson LLC and Extraordinary Tree Service, both for \$550. We have worked closely with Randall Port of Urban Forestry in the past. It is not clear if Extraordinary Tree Service employs licensed arborists who are bonded and insured. Diane made a motion to accept the bid from Urban Forestry and Brian seconded the motion. The **motion** passed by a show of hands, 6-0.

- Waste bin at westbound Pima/Dodge

Neighbors report that a waste bin has been installed. Dora M reports that SunTran will step up maintenance of the shelter on westbound Pima.

- **Committee Updates (5 min)**

- GAAP Update, Book of Life

Vicki France reported that the GAAP report has been released and while there may be minor revisions, she notes that she is pleased overall with the direction the City is taking and the report is clear and understandable. The report will be available for public comment later this year Vicki also reported on her recent email correspondence with Code Enforcement (Thom Thomure) regarding ongoing violations by the Book of Life Church and Veritas Academy. A notice of violation was issued for modular classrooms for Veritas Academy installed without permitting on the property in July 2022.

Mr. Thomure stated that the church was notified that a plan resubmittal is required to move that process forward. In addition, new HVAC equipment was recently installed without permitting, and notice of violation has been sent.

- Art Walk Update

Peggy Marlatt reported that twelve gardens and approximately 30 artists will participate. We discussed the need for parking and a staging site; Peggy has requested that Tori Bacal reserve the CHS parking lot on Pima near the tennis courts for that purpose.

Peggy also requested a budget for printing and supplies that will need to be purchased before the event. Steve Poe made a **motion** to approve Art Walk expenses up to \$200 to be funded from PVNA petty cash; revisit in March if additional funds are required.

Brian Gill seconded the motion, and the motion passed by a show of hands, 6-0.

- **Group Discussion Items (30 min)**

- Reflection on Camilla Development - 10 min

Dora will share electronic files that were displayed at our recent meeting. The project is in its early stages, and is zoned to build 'by right' and therefore no public comment period is required. There may be opportunities for comment later in the process. The Board will

institute follow up communication (at 30-60-90 days) for unanswered questions. Vicki France volunteered to track down the City planner for this project as direct communication with that person gives the neighborhood a better chance for our input to be heard.

It was suggested that light exteriors will look like mobile homes so stucco or dark exteriors are preferred. The City has design guidelines that we can refer to when commenting.

Because there will be fewer residents with the updated plan, and due to budget constraints mentioned by the developer, they are no longer contributing to traffic mitigation on Camilla. There was discussion about what the Traffic Circle committee plans and available funds are at this point, so that will be clarified. Dora has contacted Nichole from Tucson Clean & Beautiful for potential updating of the plan for chicanes on Camilla and other traffic calming measures and to investigate past plans for traffic mitigation for the neighborhood. She noted that additional stop signs can be requested on Camilla before the larger traffic calming project begins but may require re-evaluation by Traffic.

- Facebook Group - 10 min

Continuing the discussion from the January meeting, the current Facebook Group administrators were approached with an apology and to request that they step down. Former VP agreed to step down and encouraged us to have at least two active administrators for the Group. A **motion** was made by Vicki France to a) accept Steve Poe, Val Timin and Maribeth Slebodnik as administrators of the existing Facebook group and revised to add b) remove the current administrators. We thank the current administrators for their work on behalf of the neighborhood. One current administrator, Sally Miller, is deceased and it will be difficult to remove her name from the account administration. After discussion, Vicki revised the original motion to clarify the language. Dianne Teegarden seconded the original motion and Brian Gill seconded the revised motion. The revised motion passed by a show of hands, 6-0.

The board also discussed the planned reset of the Facebook Group, including an examination and expansion of the current rules, admin/member policies and questions that need to be answered to be admitted to the Group. Val will draft the new policies and procedures for the Board to workshop and adopt.

- Board member application & recruitment next steps - 10 min

There are still several open positions. Val encouraged us to directly invite our contacts in each quadrant to consider Board service.

Steve noted that one candidate, Nancy Stromp, was in attendance, and moved that the Board approve her appointment as Southwest Quadrant representative. Dianne Teegarden seconded the **motion**. The Board approved Nancy's appointment by a show of hands, 6-0. Welcome, Nancy!

Candidate Avery Howayek will be invited to the March Board meeting

- **Floor open for any additional board member & committee updates (5 min)**

- **7:25 PM Guest Updates (15 min)**
 - Ward 6 (5 min) Dora Maldonado - No updates at present
 - District 5 (5 min) Nicholas McCullough - The Youth Art Contest had 150 submissions from ten schools - four more schools than 2022. Winners will be announced very soon and Supervisor Grijalva's website will be refreshed to display this year's submissions.
 - Q&A (5 min)
- **7:40 PM Neighbors Q&A (10 min)**
 - Web Questions/Comments:
 - Crimes/automobile theft - Resources for reporting theft will be added to the weekly e-news. Information about the Alvernon Grant Initiative (AGI) meetings will be shared.
 - Nazi/white nationalist materials delivered to a resident - Details minimized. The Board will investigate actions taken by other neighborhoods, such as Jefferson Park, and organizations like the Jewish Community Center.
 - Request from Veritas Academy to support a 5K run on Seneca - Board response was not in favor of supporting this, will communicate suggested actions to the requestor.
 - Floor open for questions
- **7:50 to 8:00 PM (10 min)**
 - Reflection & Next Agenda Setting
 - Next Agenda:
 - Restoring Nonprofit Status
 - Board Member Packet
 - Review and/or Approve Art Walk Budget (see Art Walk Update section above)
 - Distribution of Funds for Projects

What are Camilla Development next steps?

- Send a thank you email to Ward and developer
- Send follow up questions to developer / Ward
- Ensure we have current materials / designs, Q&A replies from developer
- Share update as website blog post
- Highlight the info/blog post in e-news
- 30 day follow up for answers / materials to share
- 60 day follow up for answers / materials to share
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Suggested New Board Member Ideas / Next Steps

- Board members begin reviewing current applicants now
- Continue to reach out for and accept new candidates through first week(s) of March
- Get a few printed flyers for each board member and neighborhood leaders
- Feature board members or fun pictures in the e-news
- Invite candidates to the March board meeting
- **New board members begin work at April meeting:** E-vote new members on to the board before April board meeting
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Suggested Recruitment Ideas / Next Steps

- Print posters to display at pocket park board
- Each board member invite 5-10 neighbors to see if they'd like to join or if they know anyone
- Each board member submits 1-2 sentences about what inspires them to be on the PVNA board and we share these as graphics on social media
- Run a Facebook ad on the weekends
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