

**CATALINA VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
BOARD MEETING AGENDA EXPLANATION  
MONDAY, April 25, 2016**

**Agenda items 1-3: As usual**

**4. Action Items**

**a. Ramada Project:** As you know generous donors wishing to remain anonymous have committed \$10,000 in matching funds for ramada construction, with a challenge that we raise another \$10,000 by April 30. I have been hounding the neighbors through the Listserv and they are stepping forward beautifully with donations. Dave Sunderman called a meeting of the Ramada Committee on April 20 during which time we agreed on which committee members would approach targeted businesses and people to raise funds as part of the matching challenge. Not all our board members have donated yet. It would be wonderful if 100 per cent of our board donates in some amount. Please donate if you have not yet done so. Any amount is just fine. Meantime, we are working to find an artist who will pull together a rendering of how the ramada might look when complete. I have asked neighbor Steve Romaniello if he can help, and am pleased to report he is delighted to do so. I also wrote a \$1,000 grant application to Long Cares Foundation, which Jan Hastreiter submitted as a Long Realty employee. If we receive these funds they would be included as part of the donor matching requirement!

**b. Grant Road Update:** On April 11 we collaborated with Steve K to walk on the Grant Road frontage road, Catalina Vista side, accompanied by two City engineers and their colored maps of the widening plan. About 30 people joined the walk, including some from the Campbell/Grant neighborhood whose interest is focused on the north side of Grant. Pretty much everyone who showed up wants walls like those on Campbell Avenue. Engineer Beth Abramowitz was firm that there are no funds available for noise abatement walls. She did confirm that 1 percent of the RTA funds allocated for this project can be spent on art, and yes, walls can be considered art. We don't know what the 1 percent yield is yet, as this must cover art for the entire widening project up to Swan Road. Since Catalina Vista is the final phase of the widening, there is time yet for us to work out alternative solutions. I am staying positive and Steve K is really working hard to help us out in this regard.

Another little matter arose recently regarding the empty lot at the southwest corner of Grant, across from Bookman's. The owner of the empty lot also owns the house on the lot to the immediate east. The man who rents the house (it used to be a childcare center but is now being used as an office) wants to buy the house and also the empty lot so he can build a fairly large child care center and have some sizable parking. Steve K invited me to a meeting with the potential buyer to listen to his case. Both lots are currently zoned R-1. The lots would need to be re-zoned in order to comply with City Code if he were to succeed in his quest. He wants to make his case before our board, and I have agreed to place this issue on our May agenda. Please note that historically, the neighborhood has not supported zoning changes that will

enable commercial enterprises to function on the Grant Road south frontage area at Catalina Vista. The gentleman has been apprised of this and even so, would like to talk with the board.

c. **Neighborhood Watch.** Dan Schnoll is holding a meeting on April 27 to initiate neighborhood watch groups. So far about five people have indicated they will attend.

d. **Campbell/Elm Update:** The owner of the house on the northwest side of Elm/Campbell has complied somewhat with the City's request that he create a pedestrian walk-through area at the corner where he closed off traffic. He bent back some of the wrought iron fencing to create an opening for pedestrian traffic. Neighbors continued to complain that the gravel he poured in the area continues to make walking difficult, and the curb he installed at the end of the wall he built can cause people to trip and harm them. Steve K has asked the City to monitor this, and get the owner to remove the gravel and part of the curb. This is still under negotiation.

e. **Open burning in easement:** This is a new one! A neighbor on the Grant Road frontage area contacted me to let me know one of the residents on Juanita has been performing open burning of "stuff" in the easement. I drew the issue to SteveK's attention and we learned this is illegal. I informed the complainant that next time this happens, he needs to call 911. He is extremely grateful for the intervention.

f. **Kitty House on Grant Road:** At the end of the April 11 Grant Road walk I offered to give a little tour of our kitty house on Grant Road, and half dozen people chose to gaze upon those furry creatures through the dirty windows. Steve K found out later that the house is owned by a group called SAFE...they save the animals from euthanasia, and keep them in this abode until they are adopted. So if any among you wants to adopt a cat, we have at least two dozen nearby from which you can choose. Evidently, the house is legal.

## 5. **Committee Reports**

a. **Annual Social**—April 30. Don't forget to bring your dish. Plans are moving along well. There will be two sets of musicians joining us, and we will once more be promoting donations toward the matching funds for the ramada.

b. **Helicopter**—letter was submitted to Banner following March board action. Banner has integrated Debra Huffman's reporting statistics into theirs. Debra will report further.

c. **CCRC**—Bill Young and I attended the April meeting. President Ann Weaver Hart spoke and addressed questions from the neighborhood representatives. First question was about her affiliation with DeVries University to which she responded by providing her justification. Comments focused on student noise abatement challenges, and the like. I asked her assistant if we could expect a UA donation toward our ramada project, but she responded the university is broke. (Come on...)

d. **Neighborhood huddle**—Anne Barrett agreed to attend this event on behalf of Catalina Vista and will report. Steve K wrote about it in his newsletter which I am sure most of you receive.

e. **Islands**—Jan Hastreiter is still cleaning up our islands. She is amazing.

- f. Central Segments Coalition: I could not attend the last meeting of the Coalition.
  - g. **Bylaws Committee**—Our Bylaws need to be revised. Ellen Adelstein has agreed to call a meeting of the committee at her home to put some thought into the changes and come up with recommendations. Hopefully we will have recommended changes to discuss during our May meeting.
  - h. Grant Road Frontage walk—see item 4-b above.
  - i. **Casa Seton update:** Bob Gugino wants to give us a donation equal to the cost of pouring the slab for the ramada. He is guessing this at around \$2500, but I am waiting for confirmation from Nate Kappler. Bob proposes that this donation be put into the matching funds pool, which I think is a grant idea. Meantime, the construction trucks are kicking up a lot of dust and noise and driving the immediate neighbors nuts. (I emailed you some photographs of the place as it looked on April 16.)
  - j. **Banner Hospital:** There will be a meeting of the surrounding neighbors and Banner folks on May 11. I plan to attend and will report on the meeting results at our May board meeting.
  - k. **Spring CVNA Newsletter:** Signed, sealed, and delivered! Cost to our treasury was \$204. The City policy is to print and mail one newsletter per year, per neighborhood. We have been generating three newsletters per year. I have gradually been building up our neighborhood Listserv, but it contains only about one-third of the Catalina Vista homes. The Listserv is a confidential document that is not shared and used only to send blind emails to those listed.
- 7. Parking Lot: This is for issues raised at the meeting that are not on the agenda.
  - 8. Call to audience
  - 9. Adjournment and Networking

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