

MEMORANDUM

TO: Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association Board Members
FROM: Alison Hughes, President
SUBJECT: Agenda Items Explanations—February 23 Board Meeting
DATE: February 23, 2015

Board Action Items

Agenda Item 5a: City Councilor Steve K has arranged for representatives of **Banner Health** to attend our meeting to give a brief presentation on their buildout plans for the new hospital on Campbell Avenue. They have been advised to talk no more than 10 minutes, followed by board Q and A. Catalina Vista, like the Blenman Elm neighborhood, could be directly impacted by the proposed hospital exit point on Elm. This is an excellent opportunity for discussion about the exciting plans for a new hospital.

Agenda item 5b: Officer Becky Noel will give us a 10-minute presentation on how to form **Neighborhood Watch** groups. This will be followed by a brief Q and A from Board. Neighborhood Watch groups are dependent on individuals who volunteer to take on a leadership role in their street(s). Board members are encouraged to invite a potential volunteer from your street to attend this board meeting to learn more about the program.

Agenda item 5c: A brand new CVNA member **Listserv** has been created using email addresses of current members and/or potential members. This is for direct communication between board officers and the neighbors. Executive Committee members hope to begin using the list ASAP for neighborhood communications as needed.

Agenda item 5d: Some board members have voiced interest in organizing a Catalina Vista **Home Tour**. An effort like this could be used to not only raise funds to support neighborhood clean-up efforts, but also to attract new homeowners to the neighborhood. Discussion is encouraged.

Agenda item 5e: **Board leadership succession** is of critical importance to continued engagement of neighbors in protecting the integrity of the Catalina Vista neighborhood. At the January meeting, I reported that I would add this topic to each board agenda for discussion. It is recommended that a nominating committee be formed, in order that members have adequate time to scout out potential leaders and recommend an officer slate BEFORE the board ceases to meet over the summer months. These names, of course, would need to be placed on the ballot for a vote during our annual meeting in November. (Current board members are, of course, encouraged to volunteer to assume the leadership slots that will be vacated – i.e., the president and secretary slots.) Board members are encouraged to volunteer to serve on a nominating committee!

Agenda item 5f: Colette Altaffer reminded us last December that she is storing many, many boxes of **CVNA files**. These folders no doubt contain important history about the neighborhood and the neighborhood association. It is recommended that the board form a History Committee whose members will peruse the boxes and select important documents for scanning and storing electronically, and perhaps posting on our Website, in order to preserve our history.

Board Information Items

Agenda item 6-a: Easement clean-up with Mortar Board students. Mortar Board (MB) is a national honor society of university students. There will be approximately 50 University of Arizona MB students involved in cleaning some Catalina Vista Neighborhood easements (alleys) on Saturday March 7 from 8 am to 11:00 am. A committee was formed to complete the advance planning necessary to make this happen. Board members Anne Barrett, Laura Mielcarek, Dave Sunderman, and resident Alison Jones and myself met to plan logistics. We teamed up to walk the easements and select the worst ones for MB student cleanup. In addition, neighbor Phil Losca heard about the project and offered to cover the cost of having his gardener help with the cleanup. The group agreed that the easements that are in the worst shape are the two just south of Grant Road between Norris and Tucson Blvd, along with the area behind Circle K. Ordering rollofs required letters of authorization from the homeowners impacted by the rolloff placements. We obtained three letters, and have submitted a request to the City for three rollofs, two of which will be placed near the alleys, and one on the north side of Juanita. The MB students will bring their own rakes. Dan Schnurr will loan a wheel barrow and loppers. **NEEDED FOR LOAN: WHEEL BARROWS; LOPPERS; GAS POWERED WEED WHACKERS.** If you are willing to loan these tools, be sure your name and address is clearly marked on them. Please let Alison Hughes, Anne Barrett, or Laura Mielcarek know of their availability. **RECOMMENDED: That the board spring some money to buy soft drinks and water for the MB students.** We want to place coolers in strategic areas so the students know where to come for a drink. If there are any drinks left over, we can use them at the neighborhood social.

Agenda item 6b: A draft of a CVNA **newsletter** is being sent to board members separately. Board needs to decide if we can send it electronically (preferred) to CVNA members with e-mail addresses, and deliver or mail to those without e-addresses. The other option is to mail to everyone. If the latter action is the choice of the board, we need a volunteer or volunteers who will take responsibility for getting the full mailing out.

Agenda item 6c: At the last board meeting I reported that the **blue water fountain** at Tahoe Park is a public health menace, because of dog owners encouraging their dogs to jump on the fountain to drink. The city agreed to have the fountain retrofitted with a dog drinking basin. The fountain manufacturer no longer makes the retrofits, and city staff have reported they are researching other manufacturers. More to follow on this issue.

Agenda item 6d: Historic designation.

Agenda item 6d: Neighborhood Social.

Agenda item 6f: Corporation Commission

Agenda item 6g: Scary backyards!