

Call to order

A meeting of the Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association Board was held at the Arizona Inn on January, 26, 2015 and called to order by Alison Hughes at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Ellen Adelstein, Anne Barrett, Jan Hastreiter, Alison Hughes, Marco Liu, Jeannie Stearns, David Sunderman, Sara Wisdom, Bill Young, and Nancy Zeldin.

Excused: Anne Barrett, Betty Jo Drachman, John Fendrock, Gerald Geise, Laura Mielcarek, and Dan Schnoll.

Introduction of guests

- Councilman Steve Kozachik, Ward 6
- Kate Kish representing Ward 6
- Tim Loftus, neighbor
- Officer Daniel Lucas, TPD Midtown Division Representative

Approval of minutes

Motion to approve the December 1, 2014 meeting minutes by, Nancy Zeldin, Seconded by Dave Sunderman and the Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Jan reported our account balance of \$10,462.85. Bench is paid for but designer's payment is pending.

Action Items

- a. Officer Lucas passed around a handout of map with sectors - CVNA is in TPD Sector 3. Review of our sector and nearby areas for a recent 30 day period revealed 1,741 incidents with 64 domestic, 6 gun, 4 disturbances, 152 property crimes. Proactive calls occur as well. Not many suspicious activity calls are made. Officer Lucas highly encouraged the reporting of these in light of the fact that we are contemplating a Neighborhood Watch program.
- b. Councilman Kozachick provided a brief update on Banner/UA Healthnet as well as the Grant Road project. The road repaving is scheduled to begin March and be completed within 75 days.
- c. Neighborhood Watch topic was covered by officer Lucas, however it was suggested we invite TPD officer Becky Noel to February meeting. Next steps would be street by street with someone as lead.
- d. Water fountain at Tahoe park - The City will retrofit the blue water fountain for dogs. Also will remove the damaged fountain on NW end.
- e. Banner/UAHN - Will invest many millions in building a new hospital and campus. An update was provided in the President's Memorandum to the Board. Councilman Kozachik noted he would be willing to ask the Banner representatives to present at a CVNA board meeting.

- f. Neighborhood CCRs: Alison explained a situation with the neighborhood CCRs. The City's planning office will not enforce the CCRs during approvals for home expansions or two-storey guest homes on their properties as they are required only to ensure that plans are in compliance with zoning codes. She pointed to recent construction of a two storey guest house on Sierra Vista which caused great consternation for neighbors, but which met the City's code requirements. Councilman Kozachick noted that it is up to the individual neighbors who feel impacted by construction plans to enforce the CCRs through personal discussions or legal means. Hughes noted that the neighborhood is notified by the city of construction plans only if there is variance. By the time new construction starts, it is usually too late for negotiations or legal interventions to occur. Councilman Kozachik agreed and said he is trying to get the City staff to notify neighbors of new construction plans regardless of whether or not a variance is requested, but he is meeting with some resistance. He is holding a meeting with neighborhoods to discuss timeliness of notification at his Ward Office on Tuesday, March 3 at 5:30 pm and invited the board to attend. Jeanie Stearns agreed to attend on behalf of the Board.

Information Items

- a. Elected official representation. Councilman Kozachick's office and Supervisor Elias' office will send a representative to the CVNA board meetings when available.
- b. Historic designation – the neighborhood now has some new eligible properties but historic designation requires a new application with accompanying fees if property owners wish to pursue at their own expense. The City's Historic Designation Website is very good. Question was asked about need to start the process over (plan amendment). Steve will inquire about possibility of streamlining the process.
- c. Dark skies initiative (DSI) – There is an opportunity for the neighborhood to be a testbed for the use of special bulbs and lamps that are cost effective and have less glare. Some homes in the neighborhood are unintentionally using outside lights that violate the City ordinance. Nancy Zeldin asked if we would be interested in testing the new bulbs and several board members agreed to do so. Jeanie Stearns was given a bulb to test out at home. There was agreement that we would ask the DSI representatives to bring the information to our neighborhood social at the park and make bulbs available to those willing to join the initiative.
- d. Two story construction projects - The problem remains that the loft designation loophole exists and the neighborhood is powerless to do anything about it.
- e. Speedway/Campbell multi-use construction project - continues to move forward
- f. Student damage to mosque - as previously reported there have meeting meetings with city officials and the issue is being addressed, however it appears the Mosque may move in light of the troubles.
- g. Colette's bench update. Hughes reported that Colette is working with the artist for completion.
- h. CVNA newsletter - newsletter volunteers: Sara Wisdom and Nancy Zeldon both offered to write stories for the newsletter. Steve does a regular newsletter and invited us to use any part of it. Alison will put the CVNA newsletter together.

Committee reports

- A. Grant Road - Dave reported nothing new. Task force meeting 2/26/15.
- B. Parks/Islands - Still active - commendations offered. A suggestion made to add pet waste bag dispenser. Sara reported we get "credit" from City for hours reported. Newsletter tip to put plastic bags in dispensers. Sara reported graffiti abatement is occurring. We may need more paint. Brush and bulky pick up is March 2nd so we need to get islands cleaned up
- C. Hughes explained that we have an opportunity to get UA Mortar Board honor students to help with neighborhood clean-up on March 7. There was discussion about how the neighborhood can best benefit from this opportunity, with agreement that it is a great opportunity for easement clean-up. Alison will follow up and send more details by email. She asked for volunteers to assist.
- D. CCRC - presentation by University re: off campus student housing and incident with mosque. They have a good publication to inform students about housing and being a good neighbor. Steve confirmed the meeting outcomes were positive and leaders working together to find solutions.
- E. Social- no response from Nancy yet. Jeannie remembers two individuals signed up during the annual meeting.
- F. Pot holes issue was brought up by Dave. Dave volunteered to take over the neighborhood Pothole Committee. Alison will send him the name of the City contact. Steve invited us to give the pothole locations his office for follow up.

Parking lot / new business

Board Succession planning. Please bring guests and potential members to board meetings to get them interested in leadership positions. We know there are several board members that have announced they will not continue next year and we have done a lot of great work for our neighborhood.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Marco Liu
Secretary

Date of approval