

**Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Monday, February 22, 2016 7 p.m.**

**In Attendance:** Alison Hughes, Ellen Adelstein, Jan Hastreiter, Dave Sunderman, Betty Jo Drachman, Sarah Wisdom, Nancy Zeldin, Anne Barrett, Debra Huffman, Dory Martin, Dan Schnoll, Gerry Geise, John Fendrock, Bill Young. Guests attending were Mark Homan, Laura Tabili, Alison Miller, Steve Kozachik, Mary Wenner, Laurie Ellerman, Ruth Beeker, Lisa Jones.

1. Call to Order

President Alison Hughes called the meeting to order shortly after 7 pm.

2. Approval of Minutes of January 25 Board Meeting

Ellen Adelstein made a motion that the minutes be approved. Sunderman seconded. Motion passed.

3. Treasurer's report

Treasurer Jan Hastreiter reported we had \$8,953.54 in the bank. There were no expenses this past month.

4. Action Items

- a. Mark Homan and Laura Tabili from the Broadway Corridor Coalition came to ask CVNA to support a resolution by the Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association opposing any boundary change to their historic district and reaffirming their insistence that the Broadway project respect the historic built environment. They noted that about 150 letters have been sent by the City to property owners regarding acquisition of their properties due to the Broadway widening project, while traffic counts on Broadway have been dropping. The street is rich in historic buildings. Although the Coalition would prefer to stop the widening project altogether, if that is not possible, they wish to preserve the historic buildings as much as possible.

Some discussion followed regarding the historic value of these buildings. Many have not been maintained because the owners were told the road was being widened and owners have not wanted to invest in the structures.

The CVNA board will make a decision whether or not to support the resolution at the next meeting. Mayor and Council will meet on April 19 regarding the widening. The 30 percent design of the Broadway widening will be online on March 14.

- b. Neighborhood Picnic

Laurie Ellerman asked that we set a date in late April for the picnic. April 23 and 30 were suggested options. Alison Jones moved we have it on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Dave Sunderman seconded. Motion passed.

Laurie requested \$500 for the event. Nancy Zeldin made a motion to authorize these funds, Dan Schnoll seconded. Motion passed. Funds are needed for jumping castles, tables, chairs, etc.

c) Mortar Board Cleanup

Will take place March 5. Anne Barrett took the lead last year for this event but will not be in town this year. They cleaned 2 alleys last year. Phil Iosca paid his landscapers to do work which was helpful, as the students were really not equipped to do much except pick up trash. Annie generously offered to hire the landscapers to help out this year, which is much appreciated by the Board. The group will meet at Alison Hughes's house at 8 am. Some equipment rental will be necessary. Ellen Adelstein made a motion to pay up to \$200 for equipment rental. Nancy Zeldin seconded. Motion passed.

d) Neighborhood Watch—Dan Schnoll

The Police Department came to speak to us last year about organizing a neighborhood watch. After some discussion it was agreed to get a Neighborhood Watch coordinator to come to a Board meeting, or perhaps even to the neighborhood picnic, where people could sign up. It was noted that they really don't need to meet with the Board, but rather with neighbors. Dan said he will pull together a NW Committee. Alison will provide Dan with the TPD contact for follow up. Dan will divide the neighborhood into logical sections for possible NW groups.

e) Campbell/Elm St Issue—Mary Wenner

Mary Wenner is concerned about pedestrian and bike access from the frontage road to Elm St. The neighbor to the east of the frontage road has seized the whole south end of the frontage road (on the north side of Elm), cut down two trees, erected a gate, and made passing through to Elm St. impossible. Alison Hughes spoke with Jesse Sota at the City to let him know that CVNA supports getting the City to take back the property. Soto said they would not knock down the wall. There is an opportunity to make changes to the wall when the new neighborhood sign is put up. Sara Wisdom said this was brought up before, and Colette Altaffer said that the City gave him this land. Steve Kozachik will look into it.

A motion was made by Hastreiter and seconded by Jones to support gaining access via the frontage road to Elm St. Motion passed.

f) TRRG: Ruth Beeker and Lisa Jones

Tucson Residents for Responsive Government began in summer of 2013. They are not an issue-oriented organization. There are 93 or 94 current members. Organizational membership is free. Individual membership is \$10. In the past, CVNA has been a friend of the organization and has thus supported their mission. They asked us to continue our membership. The Board agreed to look at the materials that were handed out and add to the next agenda.

g) Historic Ramada

David Sunderman has a sheet for signing up to canvass different areas of the neighborhood so we can ask neighbors to buy bricks.

Dan Schnoll said he would follow up with Raytheon regarding a donation. Long Realty only gives to 501-c-3 organizations. The City will not help with grants. Banner has purchased 2 bricks.

Sam Hughes has a 501-c-3. Ellen Adelstein moved that we apply to be a 501-c-3. Jones seconded. Sara Wisdom said we need to look into what is involved with 501-c-3 status. The motion was withdrawn. Alison H said she would ask Elliot Glicksman about the implications of applying to be a 501-c-3 organization.

David Sunderman said he would call board members regarding going door to door.

h) Garden Tour

Moved to a future agenda.

5. Committee Reports

- a) Historic Ramada Walking Assignments: covered under item 4g above
- b) Helicopter—Debra Huffman

A committee made up of Debra Huffman, Art Sanders, Lloyd Wisdom, and Alison Jones met regarding the issue of helicopters flying low over the neighborhood as they approach and leave the helipad at the hospital. The group looked at logs and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the hospital and the Jefferson Park Neighborhood. The group decided we should invite a representative from Banner to come to a board meeting and review the MOU. We would also like a copy of their annual report regarding neighborhood overflights. Safety is the primary concern, but noise is also an issue. There has been a 400% increase in helicopter use in 7 years. Debra has been keeping a log of her observations regarding violations of the flight path as described in the MOU. Banner's reports do not include the same violations, and they are not acknowledging overflights of our neighborhood. Banner has said they are willing to install a camera system.

Bill Young is the CVNA board representative to the CCRC. He will bring the issue to CCRC.

Steve Kozachik suggested we go to the CCRC first and then get the City to get Banner to attend our board meeting, if necessary.

c) CCRC—Bill Young

Bill was unable to attend the last meeting. It was moved at the last minute due to an issue with the venue.

d) Islands—Jan Hastreiter

Jan has been working diligently on cleaning up the islands. She has had some help. She says that tree wells in the island between Norton and Tucson on Waverly were never dug. She would like Primavera to dig those out and take out prickly pear. It would cost about \$750 to do this and remove grass on the edges of the streets. Jan made a motion for the board to approve \$750 for this use. Adelstein seconded. Motion passed.

e) Grant Road Widening—Dave Sunderman and Alison Hughes

There will be a meeting at Steve Kozachik's office on March 25 at 4:30 pm regarding the frontage road and widening of Grant. The need for a wall was discussed along with the need to keep the frontage properties residential and not commercial. The widening project is under the RTA, so it differs from the Campbell Ave. widening which was accomplished with bond funding. There are no funds for public art under RTA. A sound study on Grant did not support the installation of a wall for noise reduction.

Steve K says that there is no "no action" alternative for Grant Road widening. It will happen. He recommended we go to view the 30 percent design at the open house when it is scheduled.

Regarding the Campbell/Elm issue, he will look into it and convene a meeting of the owners on Campbell.

Other agenda items will be delayed to the March meeting.

Call to adjourn at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alison Jones

CVNA Secretary