

Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Agenda
Monday, February 22, 7 pm, Arizona Inn

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of Minutes of January 25 Board meeting
3. Treasurer's Report: Jan Hastreiter
4. Action items
 - a. **Broadway Corridor Historic Preservation:** (Mark Homan) The Broadway Corridor Coalition would like CVNA Board to support their effort to preserve some designated historic sites along the corridor, prior to the widening of Broadway. During our January CVNA Board meeting, board members asked that a Broadway Coalition member attend our board meeting to further explain the request, and to bring photographs. Mr. Homan has agreed to do so.
 - b. **Annual Catalina Vista Neighborhood Picnic** (Laurie Ellerman): Laurie Ellerman has once again agreed to chair the annual picnic committee. She distributed an email to former committee members asking for their assistance once again, and some have agreed to do so. Ms. Ellerman wants to set a date for the picnic in late April and will attend the Board meeting to discuss and enlist more committee members.
 - c. **Mortar Board clean up** March 5: The U of A Mortar Board students have definitely committed to working with Catalina Vista volunteers for neighborhood clean-up on March 5. We need volunteers who will select the clean-up areas and work along with the students that morning. We make arrangements with the City for some large dump trucks to be located near the selected clean-up areas and for their removal after clean-up ends.
 - d. **Neighborhood Watch** (Dan Schnoll): Dan wants to generate a Neighborhood Watch group or groups in the neighborhood. He will discuss this with the board.
 - e. **Campbell/Elm Street Issue:** Mary Wenner lives at 1810 N. Campbell Avenue, close to the corner of Elm Street. The home owner or renter at 1905 E. Elm has gradually been closing off the bike and pedestrian access to the frontage road through fencing and vegetation, making it impossible for people to gain access to the frontage road as they did prior to the wall's being constructed. The City has been contacted and has surveyed the situation, agreeing that what is happening is illegal as the modifications are on city property. City staff has asked Mary to bring the issue to our board in order that we can join in the complaint. She would like someone on the board to volunteer to help her shape a petition for the frontage road neighbors to sign that represents their desire to open up the access space. This could require some modification to the wall. The City is, as you know, now preparing to install the

new signage at the Campbell/Elm corners representing Blenman-Elm and Catalina Vista neighborhoods. City staff believes this is a good time for any modifications to occur due to the signage changes that are occurring, and wants board input. I have contacted Jesse Soto at the City at the time of this writing, and hopefully will have his input by Monday.

- f. TRRG: Ruth Beeker and Lisa Jones. Ruth and Lisa represent Tucson Residents for Responsive Government. They will arrive at our meeting by 7: 45 pm due to conflicting meeting schedules. Board members will recall that Lisa was on our January agenda but could not attend. They will explain the purpose of TRRG and the Board should determine if we want to become a member. More information about the organization is available on its Website: <http://tucsontrrg.org/>
 - g. Historic Ramada: Fund Raising vs. IRS exemption status: Since our January meeting, I approached the City of Tucson with the request that the Parks Foundation apply for funding assistance on behalf of Catalina Vista's ramada project, if I prepare the applications. They responded that this is not possible at this time due to limited staff. I checked with other neighborhood associations and found that at least two have 501©(3) status for fund raising purposes and learned that Sam Hughes and the Old Ft. Lowell neighborhood associations have the designation. Sam Hughes neighborhood uses the designation specifically for its annual home tour. The initial cost for such designation is around \$400. The questions for our board during this time of serious fund raising for our historic ramada are these: (2) does the board wish to invest in 501©(3) designation, and (2) will the investment pay off for not only the ramada project, but also future projects such as a garden tour? (Alison Jones has indicated she has previous experience with these applications and is willing to assist on behalf of CVNA.)
 - h. Garden tour 2017. It was recommended by a board member that we pursue the possibility of arranging a Catalina Vista garden tour scheduled for 2017 as a fund raising activity. Does the board wish to pursue this option, and if so, a planning committee should be formed soon as such an endeavor may take a year to organize.
5. Committee Reports
- a. Historic Ramada—walking assignments (Dave Sunderman): Dave has a list of streets in Catalina Vista for us to walk to raise funds for the Ramada through brick sales. He will ask board members each to take assignments. On February 11, Dave, Nate Kappler and I attended a meeting of the Historic Commission to present the ramada project. The Commission voted to visit the park to better understand what we are doing. There was discussion regarding whether they think it appropriate to place a structure in a park in which no structures are located, and if it would impact the historic designation of our neighborhood. Fortunately, the State Historic

- designation expert was present and spoke up on our behalf, indicating he originally approved our historic designation and he did not see the ramada as being related to it. Nonetheless, the Commissioners want the State opinion in writing, and that is in the works. We are supposed to be informed as to when they will visit Tahoe Park.
- b. **Helicopter** (Debra Huffman). Since our last meeting, the Helicopter Committee met and discussed the impact of helicopters on neighbors living near the hospital and under the frequent flight paths. The committee requested that a Banner representative be asked to speak at today's board meeting. I followed up with this request and was advised by Steve Brigham that they are unable to attend this meeting as they will be discussing the issue with the representatives of the five neighborhoods surrounding the hospital at a meeting on February 24. (I plan to attend that meeting.) I am attaching the email I received from Steve explaining actions taken to date regarding the helicopter. It is self explanatory.
 - c. **CCRC** (Bill Young): The Committee did not meet as planned on February 9 due to a fire in the vicinity. Mary Laughbaum wrote that President Hart will talk with CCRC members on April 12.
 - d. **Islands** (Jan Hastreiter) The other day I saw Jan picking up debris from the islands in preparation for brush and bulky. She was working alone. We have to be grateful for the effort Jan puts in to maintaining our islands. My hope is that others will join her in this effort.
 - e. **Grant Road Construction** (Dave Sunderman/Alison Hughes). Dave will give a report on the Grant Road Committee.
 - f. **Central segments coalition** (Betty Jo Drachman). Betty Jo and I attended the Coalition meeting on February 15. This coalition is building steam, and now has a Website in which opinions and reports about the Grant Road widening, central segments, are posted. (Sorry I do not have the URL link at this time.) They opened a PO Box, and all four neighborhood members of the coalition were given keys. I am holding the key on behalf of Catalina Vista. The Website for the acquisition sessions for Phases 3 and 4 is:
http://www.grantroad.info/images/real%20estate%20presentation_1-20-16.pdf
 - g. **Bylaws Committee**: At our January meeting, a Bylaws Committee was formed and composed of Sarah, Debra, Ellen, and Dan. I have no indication the committee has yet met. A copy of current Bylaws was included in the January Board packet.
 - h. **Banner Neighborhood Committee**: Signage Campbell-Elm (Alison Hughes): Since the board last met, I was asked by Jesse Soto at the City for drawings and photographs of the new signs to be installed (at Banner's expense) at the entry way to the neighborhood at Kramer/Elm, and at the corner of Campbell/Elm. I took photographs, and measured the sign at the Waverly/Tucson Boulevard entrance and

submitted them to Jesse. He is now in the process of preparing final measurements and schematics, so we should be seeing some action soon. (Note my comments above regarding Mary Wenner's request.)

6. Information Items

- a. Fencing an easement area on Hampton: Bob Neifert and wife Amy LaCross are new neighbors living on the south side of Hampton near the corner of Wilson. I stopped by his house one afternoon when I saw him outside to welcome him and his family to the neighborhood. He voiced concern at that time regarding people using the alleyway behind his house to scope out things to steal, and that he has to date kicked out at least two people from the easement. Evidently a bike had been stolen recently. I explained the policy regarding fencing off the easements. He wrote to me this week indicating he has spoken with neighbors in his vicinity and they are interested in fencing in the easement. They recognize they will need to cover the costs on their own. Mr. Neifert is willing to take a petition to his neighbors for approval to construct the fence. I have asked Alison Miller, Ward IV office, for a possible petition format, as well as the written procedures for making this possible. I will share with the board when these are received.
 - b. Coffee with a Cop: The next coffee with a cop session is at Big Heart Coffee, 4802 E. 22nd Street from 8-10 a.m. if anyone is interested in attending. This is an informal conversation that gives neighbors an opportunity to voice concerns and get to know the officers in neighborhoods.
7. Parking Lot – any new business items not on agenda are discussed here
 8. Call to audience
 9. Adjournment and Networking