

Catalina Vista Neighborhood Association
Board Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Dan Schnoll. In attendance were the following Board members: Sunderman, K. Hughes, A. Hughes, King, Button, Geise, Barrett, Adelstein, Bogen, Schnoll, Gehrels, Fischer. Guests present were Colette Altaffer, Wade Schultz, Steve K + Crystal, and Nahrin Jabro, staff for Richard Elias. Absent board members were Young, Cornelio, Martin.

Meeting Minutes: Motion by A. Hughes, second by Gerald Geise, to adopt the Board Minutes of Feb 25 as amended to show Dory Martin as present. Motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Report: Treasurer Nick King reports \$12,352.02 currently in account.

Steve K indicated that he had just attended a meeting on code enforcement that was currently underway with Police Chief Magnus and Judge Semon in attendance.

Regarding Southwest Gas and neighborhood roads, Steve K summarized a letter from Mr. Walter Richter of SWG in response to letters submitted regarding condition of CV roads. SWG promises to make good on any upset they have directly caused but will not be responsible for repaving streets in total. Steve suggests that neighbors submit their own letters to city officials to make known the level of importance the road conditions are to the neighborhood. Colette emailed Alison a draft of bullet points for neighbors to refer to when writing the letters and Alison is waiting for authorization to disseminate from CVNA President. There was a brief discussion on what would happen if SWG does not perform on their promise to repair those portions of roads etc that they affected, but Steve is hopeful that post project, after there is a secondary analysis of the roads, CV may be placed higher on the priority list. He encourages letters to include information to the effect that the roads lack ADA compliance and are difficult to use for those in wheelchairs, as well as small children, strollers. There is a tentative meeting with TDOT, Walter Richter, Steve K+Crystal, Mike Ortega from the City, and a few board members if interested to discuss the ongoing issues.

Campbell/Grant Steve K reported that he knows of no new negotiations for the corner of Campbell and Grant besides those currently in place with Fox Restaurants and Planet Fitness.

Flexible Lot Development (FLD) allows a “cluster” of several homes to be built while preserving some open space. The issue at hand is regarding a neighborhood area called Mountain View, where a proposal is underway to build 76 homes on 6 acres. The question is, “Do neighborhood plans matter?” Colette Altaffer addressed this issue by questioning whether developers and the COT need to be considerate and follow neighborhood plan guidelines or if the City can approve builders’ ability to ignore neighborhood plans when convenient. The issue of flooding was raised as some of these developments are in areas prone to flooding, but the city has ignored the basin mitigation study and it does not appear that they or the developers take it seriously. Steve K noted that an area plan must be considered but that is unfamiliar with this particular development for Mountain View and is not privy to all details. There is a meeting with the Board of Adjustment on Wed, March 27th at 1:30pm. Colette suggested that board members attend if available.

Front Yard Pools: Jefferson Park is advocating for a city policy change to make it difficult for homeowners to install front yard pools. They are suggesting a 20’ setback. This is important because a homeowner can be delisted from historic status and there are conflicting pool codes. This has spurred a conversation of protecting neighborhood historic status. Steve K offered that it is important to be strategic with our approach. Dan suggested drafting a letter of support to send to JP. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting, but it’s important that we do what we can to preserve historic status of our neighborhoods.

Grant Road Coalition: With the release of the White Paper containing a vision for the Grant/Campbell corner, Colette suggested waiting until post election before revisiting as there could be a new mayor and new council people elected and we are at least 5 years out for Banner to make any kind of decision with their property. Janet Fisher noted that the Grant Road Coalition will meet on March 26 for further discussion.

Picnic Planning Wade Shultz: Wade distributed door hangers for board members to pass out. He has organized a drawing and there will be a hot dog and cheese cake food truck, along with one jumping castle and some games. There is a post picnic cleanup crew and some board members will bring in extra trash/recycle bins. Wade was recognized for his work planning the picnic.

Communications: No updates at this time. K. Hughes brought a draft of the newsletter that will be sent out.

Landscape/Parks: Dan recognized Annie for her hard work and contributions to the board and neighborhood. She is resigning but made some headway with the islands and is collecting more information to help get the islands adopted. Annie provided a detailed report of the current status of the islands, and assigned responsibilities. She has initiated a commitment from seven CV families who will assign landscapers to help clean up identified areas, however the landscapers need guidance on what growth to pull and what should remain. This is still a work in progress. Dave Sunderman mentioned the removal of cactus to mitigate animal presence, and this will be an agenda item at the next meeting. Annie suggested getting professional to help clean the medians along Tucson Blvd if they are to be done correctly. Wade will ask the Squire brothers who live in CV to help as they own a landscaping business. Alison will ask Jan Hastreiter for information on CV's past arrangement with Primavera Foundation which was responsible for the tree wells on the islands.

Block Party: Alison Hughes reported block party drew residents from Grant Road, Juanita and Edison, and that new neighborhood residents and their children attended. It was very successful and others are encouraged to organize similar block parties involving different streets in CV.

CCRC: Young was absent. He plans to resign from this post. There are no new updates.

Historic Designation: Colette explained that the rules for historic designation have changed. One resident had inquired. Some homes may be too new and/or modified and will no longer qualify. It is up to the homeowner to apply for status. An architect needs to be hired in order to pursue a revision to the neighborhood's

historic status. She noted that Jefferson Park Neighborhood hired a Tempe firm, and that Corky Poster, a local architect, has worked on the designation process for some homes. This will be an item of discussion on next month's agenda since there have been policy changes.

Meeting with Mike Kasser, owner of Holualoa Companies: Hank Bogen mentioned that he and a neighbor, Elliot Glicksman, have talked about a possible meeting with Mike Kasser who owns Holulaloea regarding future plans for the corner of Grant/Campbell area that Kasser owns. It was agreed that a discussion would be useful, given the White Paper about this corner that the board has supported. Several board members volunteered to participate in an informal discussion with Mr. Kasser should such a meeting occur. Hank will follow up and report at the next Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Dan at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Button