



Catalina Vista  
Neighborhood Association

## MINUTES OF CVNA Annual Neighborhood Meeting

Monday, November 26, 2018

Approved at CVNA Annual Neighborhood Meeting October 28, 2019

7pm at the Arizona Inn, 2200 E Elm St, Tucson, AZ

### 1. Meeting Opening

#### a. Call to Order at 7pm by Dan Schnoll

CVNA President Dan Schnoll acknowledged 2018 board members and welcomed CVNA members by street of residence. Dan then introduced guest speakers Steve Kozachik, Ward 6 Councilmember and CV resident and Jody Settles from Southwest Gas.

### 2. Approval of Minutes of CVNA Annual Neighborhood Meeting November 27, 2017

Minutes from the 2017 Annual CVNA Meeting were distributed in the recent CVNA newsletter and available for review prior to meeting. Motion from the floor was made to approve the minutes; motion was seconded and the MOTION APPROVED. Minutes were accepted as written.

### **3. Neighborhood Business**

#### **a. CVNA Bylaws revisions for approval**

Dan Schnoll explained that the update of CVNA Bylaws, passed at last year's meeting, was submitted for approval to the COT. The City of Tucson Attorney singled out the statement listing criteria for membership and asked that it be changed. Membership eligibility was corrected to read as follows: "Membership in the Association is open to any resident or adult owner of real property within the Area set forth in Section 1.2. No more than one membership shall be available for any one street address or owner."

A motion was made from the floor to approve the revisions. It was seconded and the MOTION APPROVED with one vote cast against the change. Revision to CVNA Bylaws was accepted.

#### **b. Nominations and voting for CVNA Board 2019**

Nominees, including three new persons Hank Bogen, Kathleen Hughes, and Jerry Geise, were presented to residents for membership on the 2019 CVNA Board. Slate of nominees was approved by acclamation.

### **4. Speakers**

#### **a. Dan Schnoll, CVNA President.**

Acknowledgements: Dan thanked everyone, especially Leighton Rockefeller and Wade Schultz, for planning a great neighborhood picnic, and for the newsletter. Dan especially thanked Alison Hughes for her numerous past and ongoing contributions to the Board, the neighborhood newsletter, and the entirety of her work on behalf of CVNA since joining its Board in 1986. Although she will continue to serve this coming year, Alison will be stepping down from the newsletter and communications committee. Dan gave thanks, also, to Jan Hoffstreiter for her ongoing care of

neighborhood islands. In addition, Dan thanked Steve Kozachik, City Council and CVNA neighbor, for his interest and efforts on behalf of the neighborhood along with his Ward 6 staff member Alison Miller, who attended CVNA Board meetings and followed up on all issues of neighborhood concern. Alison has moved on to another job at the COT, and Dan wished her well.

Urban Wildlife: A meeting was held at Steve K's office to address interactions in the neighborhood with wildlife. Dog walkers have had the most exposure to both javalinas and coyotes. Since javalinas do not discriminate between dogs and coyotes, they may chase or even bite dogs whom they see as a threat. Neighbors are advised to walk dogs on a short leash and maintain control of their animals. If wildlife is seen by residents while walking, they are asked to pick up any small animals and to turn and walk the other way. Residents are also asked to make loud noises to scare off coyotes lingering near homes. Whistles were given to dues-paying members for use in deterring coyotes. One resident mentioned that a family of coyotes had moved into the crawl space of a neighboring home. AZ Game and Fish allegedly said that this was the owner's problem to resolve. Another neighbor asked from where all the javalinas and coyotes are coming. As relayed to neighbors by AZG&F at the Ward 6 meeting, urban wildlife will locate themselves in the city wherever they find adequate resources of food, water and shelter. Because CV has such resources and habitat, residents are instructed not to leave any food out for wildlife and to feed pets indoors. Additionally, residents are asked to pick up food trash on the street that can attract wildlife and to put out garbage containers as late as possible for pickup.

AZ Game and Fish can be contacted at **628-5376** M-F, 8-5 or by calling its 24-hour hotline at **623-236-7201**.  
**(DAN, ARE THESE NUMBERS CORRECT?)**

Dan concluded his statements by listing CV Board priorities for the coming year: strengthen the CV neighborhood watch program, advocate resurfacing of neighborhood roads, and continue work towards Tahoe Park improvements. Neighbors were encouraged to submit any other suggestions to Dan.

**b. Jody Settles, Southwest Gas, Supervising Engineer and Teresa, SW Gas Outreach**

Gas lines in CV were originally laid in the 1940s. Three months ago, SW Gas began work to upgrade those service lines and relocate them to the streetside. First phase in the northern part of CV is 90% complete. Second phase will begin in January 2019 south of Waverly Street toward Elm Street. The gas line work disturbs existing street paving, and SW Gas will restore it using City of Tucson standards. The life span of the new gas lines is anticipated to be 50 years.

Following the service line replacement work, SW Gas will focus on relocating, as needed, residential gas meters. If an individual service exists now at a property line, the gas meter will likely be relocated beside the home. Property homeowners will receive a tag and/or a 'knock on the door' prior to significant service work being done in yards, driveways etc.. Aware that its work should not result in property damage, SW Gas will use the least invasive methods to do the line and meter work and will restore any property damage to the home owner's approval.

Jan H requested the crews not run over the islands with their tractors, as they've left tracks.

**c. City Council Member Steve Kozachik, Catalina Vista resident.**

Roads: Pima County's most recent road proposition failed in outlying areas and eastern parts of the city. In mid-town Wards 3 and 6, the proposition passed. Steve urged people to write to Mike Graham at [mgraham@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:mgraham@tucsonaz.gov) and ask that CV be moved up the list for road paving improvement. In their letters, residents should cite CV's continuing contribution to COT street maintenance costs by its care of the landscaping on the neighborhood's street islands.

Wildlife: Steve distributed brochures on living with javalinas and coyotes from the AZ Game & Fish Department. AZ G&F says that CV has a unique problem with urban wildlife. The agency will not relocate the animals because doing so causes a vacuum into which other animals are drawn and then thrive. Instead, AZ G&F advocates behavior modification for both people and wildlife. These

measures include not feeding the animals; picking up litter; putting dumpsters out as late as possible; and chasing off coyotes when near homes so to make known to them that they are not wanted there. Steve said that AZ G&F is willing come to an individual residence having a specific problem if the agency is contacted by the homeowner. Steve cautioned people that it is against the law to feed or shoot wildlife. At the meeting with AZ G&F, there was discussion about shooting coyotes with paintballs. Officers from AZ G&F surveyed the neighborhood and attempted to do that but with no avail.

SE Corner of Campbell and Grant: Initial conversations with Holualoa, owners of the corner lot, were unproductive. The COT tried working with Holualoa again, and, they agreed to a temporary irrigation water line being installed for plantings that will be part of the new parklet until road widening work on that section of Grant Road begins. . Tucson Clean and Beautiful will donate trees/shrubs for the parklet. The parklet itself is intended to be a little urban greenway and to serve a template for keeping residential areas acceptable in the interim period before road project work begins.

The former Catalina Theater building that is adjacent to the SE corner of Campbell and Grant is still owned by Banner. Their ultimate plans for the theater are not known. It is suspected, though, that Holualoa will approach Banner at some point about a possible later project on the corner. Such a development would most likely require two steps: amending the CV Neighborhood Plan and a subsequent rezoning process.

Steve introduced Crystal Dillahunty, Ward 6 new staff member who will work with CV. Crystal did an historic American landscape study with the AZ Inn and is completing a master's degree in urban planning. She is familiar with historic resources and will work with Steve in support of neighborhoods.

**d. Annie Barrett, CVNA Parks and Landscape Committee re: Proposition 407**

Annie would like to recruit energetic people to be a part of the planning and organizing of improvements to Tahoe Park that will be made possible through Proposition 407. Installation will be in 2020. Annie acknowledged the work of Steve Kozachik and the COT who came together to make this happen. Annie also acknowledged the work of CVNA Parks and Landscape Committee members Leighton Rockefeller, Laura Mielcarek, Debra Huffman, and Kathy Hughes as well as David Crown, who is head of the Tucson Clean and Beautiful volunteer committee that routinely cleans and helps care for Tahoe Park.

Annie asked for a volunteer to help oversee and monitor the Free Little Library at Tahoe Park. Donations of kids books, coloring books are welcome.

Also needed is a volunteer to oversee adoption and upkeep of neighborhood islands and to act as a liaison with the COT who trims the island palm trees. More people are needed to adopt and maintain the islands. This commitment requires manual labor. Needed are people with landscape architecture and plant experience.

**2. Meeting Closure**

Meeting adjourned at approx. 8:45 pm.

Notes taken by Dory Martin and Debra Huffman.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Huffman, CVNA Board Secretary 2018.