

Armory Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting - Zoom
March 8, 2022, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Board Members Present: Maurice Roberts, Megan Noli, John Burr, David Bachman, Danielle Beaudry, Debra Oslik,

Board Members Unavailable: Jean McLain, Janet Koller

Guests: Susan Klement, Fred Ronstadt, Ken Taylor

To-Do Items Identified from Meeting:

- Ginny offered to assist with follow up/resolution to be able to send email on membership to the Listserv
- David will research the costs of pet stations/bag dispensers that can be purchased and bring into to next meeting
- Email listserv to identify who may also have other APNA records that need to be consolidated, archived, and digitized.
- David offered to research possible future locations for holding hybrid APNA meetings
- Upcoming Cyclovia event (March 27th) update to listserv

6:30pm Call to Order & Roll Call Introductions

Minutes from February APNA Meeting:

Approved with minor correction.

Treasurer's Report:

Sent in by Janet, not in attendance – some typos identified by John Burr, table approval until next month.

Green Infrastructure Committee Update:

n/a

Membership Committee Update:

Membership donations have been coming in, close to \$2k. Deborah said a friend has identified frustration, emailed but has not received a response. David forwarded to Ken, Ken will follow up. Overall the feedback on the simplicity of the system has been very positive. Deborah asked if an email has been sent to the listserv itself or if a request needs to be made to listserv from membership committee. Ginny noted that there may be some glitch or something that needs addressed first. Ginny offered to work with Jean to follow up/resolve. Ken will put email out to listserv regarding the new Membership. He has been cleaning up emails, follow ups, administrative items. Meeting tomorrow to get things moving forward as well. Ken also shared that we have currently 109 active members (paid), 63 inactive members (members last year, not renewed) out of total of 175 total members, 3 pending members. Plus 1 “ghost members” who choose to not be included in the system

Doggy Poop

Cleanliness of the north side of Safford has improved per David. Group discussion regarding solutions to the pet feces issue. Option raised of installation of pet stations and to encourage contributions to APNA to purchase pet stations that can be installed in strategic locations/problem locations in the hood. David will research the dispenser stations/costs and bring to next meeting. Danielle mentioned that costs depend on quality and whether or not posts are included, costs of bag replenishment need to be considered. The idea of pet stations

that utilize plastic grocery bags as a very affordable option. Topic will come back to board for approval. Listserv email may be sent out to identify who might be interested in installing a dispenser/station on their property or fence line.

Development Issues/ Peach Proposal:

John reported; stated there are many working parts. John is stakeholder of review of IID, presentation on Thursday on update to IID and timeline. Doesn't appear to have much change yet, most focusing on Northern Corridor. Mayor & Council looking at the planning commission in regard to requiring plug-in cart locations in all business and multifamily housing districts going forward. Historic commission agenda includes the possible split of review boards and proposal to get rid of all of ABHZAB. Goal is to streamline the process and reduce the review process. Updates will be provided as this progresses. On 3/14/22 there is a meeting regarding the new pizzeria planed for 733 S Stone. Possibility of moving the Ugly but Honest sign, but currently in discussion due to the current historic conditions. David B. stated that this may not be a bad idea moving it approx. 20 ft back due to proximity to Cesar Chavez monument statue. John stated there are many points at which public comment would be appropriate and will send further info. Ginny shared that she loves the Ugly but Honest sign, but hard to see it next to Cesar Chavez, position is not right behind the statue, maybe lifting it would help. Megan noted never noticed the proximity to Cesar Chavez. Deborah mentioned that the 3-4 willow trees near the area were part of the tree-planting project.

Peach Properties proposal has undergone some changes including a reduction from 3 stories to 2 in some of the project, but not all. Preliminary designs not allowed to be shared yet, but should be coming in next few days. Peach will be sharing the info at the APHZAB meeting a week from today as a courtesy review.

APNA Storage -

David report that Bill Duffy requested items 2 cabinets, 5 boxes 25 rolls of plans for various buildings be relocated from his property. A group of APNA members reviewed and identified what was able to be purged and what needed archived. Bank statements and unnecessary documents were recycled, and they were able to reduce the saved items down to 1 to 1.5 file drawers worth of documents that belong to APNA. Everything else belongs to APHZAB. Final docs will need to be digitized. Martha looking into this at the cost of \$1000-\$2000 to archive; APNA expense from Historic Preservation fund, and such costs may be an agenda item for next month. Susan has offered to provide a location at her place to store the remaining items, and she also offered to use her personal file cabinets that she has already in her garage. Thank you to Susan for the accommodation! John mentioned that he has another 4 boxes of APNA files that will need to be digitized as well. Possibly another 3-4 boxes, may be more, around with other people in the neighborhood that will need to be included. Penny may have more items that need to be relocated. Susan recommended an email go out to listserv to identify who may also have other APNA records that need to be consolidated, archived, and digitized, group agreed.

Future meeting format (hybrid/in person)(when)10 minutes

Group discussion regarding loosening Covid-19 restrictions. Not all people are wanting to move to in-person, hybrid might be the best option. John Burr stated that other boards are also having those discussions including Mayor & Council and asked if we should request availability at the church to see if the option is there. David mentioned Safford may be an option as part of its transition to a community school, and the Senior Center has entertained the possibility. Maurice noted that we may want to follow what Mayor & Council decision is and follow suit. John noted issues with hybrid model included limited info/visibility for some but not both formats. David B invited everyone to share their thoughts on what they would prefer. Most participants felt hybrid is easier and preferable, many due to busy schedules or ongoing concerns for covid spread, though many also recognized issues regarding hybrid. David offered to research possible locations for holding hybrid meetings. John will inform of City decision.

Homelessness

Increasing homeless population in and around Armory Park and the Senior Center, Jacome plaza, more along railroad. Question was posed regarding “what can we do about it – and, are we willing to push the city to do something about it.?” Discussion regarding the complexities of homelessness group agreed it is a complex issue, covid made things worse. Up until 2019, COT had improved outreach but there appears to be a disconnect now former resources have gone away due to Covid and there are not a lot of the same programs around that used to assist. Opinions were shared on recent criminal activity including tire slashing around 13th street, new encampments on 22nd and that as a neighborhood we don’t have the resources to designate an area to homeless populations. It was cautioned to not conflate the issues regarding petty crime and homelessness, as they are not always related and serves to further stigmatize homeless persons. It was discussed that the lack of police presence is a contributing factor to criminal activity and with more police visibility. Suggestion was made to discuss with the city increased police presence, though there is a need to understand/review current TPD priorities, updated several months ago. The possibility of having residents pay into private security for the neighborhood was raised though it was argued that private security is not seen as ideal, affordable for all residents or feasible. The group shared ways to assist including checking in with agencies working with homeless populations, contacting the City, being a good neighbor, helping each other. The broader picture option is to encourage Mayor & Council to adopt housing first policies as affordable/low income housing and supportive housing is a long-term permanent solution.

Announcements:

- Cyclovia – Scheduled for March 27th, would affect traffic on 6th Ave, event in Armory Park
- March Madness upcoming
- Fred – TUSD/Safford is aware of the alarms going off at the school, they are working to resolve the issue.
- Maurice – there is a Zoom meeting on March 14th regarding the 3-Points project
- Maurice – a home in AP recently sold for \$815k and was under contract in 3 days time, setting a record for AP.

Future Agenda Items:

Reminders/Comments:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:02pm

Next Meeting: April 12th , 2022