

Armory Park Neighborhood Association
Monthly Board Meeting - Zoom
April 12, 2022, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Board Members Present: David Bachman-Williams, president; Jean McClain, vice-president; Danielle Beaudry, secretary; Janet Koller, treasurer; John Burr, Deborah Oslik, Megan Noli, Maurice Roberts.

Board Members Unavailable: n/a

Alternate Board Members: Ken Taylor, Ginny Beal

Guests: Susan Klement, Denise Grenier, Martha McClements

To-Do Items Identified from Meeting:

- Post financial reports to Armory Park website
- Hybrid meeting setup for May meeting
- Post JoinIt membership info to the AP Facebook page
- Ad-hoc group for Listserv policies – David to facilitate, send out info to the group
- Email to go out to Listserv regarding target locations for pet stations with problem-areas/high traffic, solicit interest in putting on fence lines/properties.
- Volunteers to relocate archives – send email to listserv

6:30pm Call to Order

Minutes from March APNA Meeting:

Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Janet reported. Corrected February and March reports went out for review. Pending one payment for membership currently. No expenses in March. Reports accepted with minor correction to streetscape number. Financial reports need to be posted to the Armory Park website, per David, Bill Duffy can assist.

Hybrid Meetings;

David completed research - both people in person and on zoom need to be able to see each other, as well as information shared needs to be provided. Ken shared that he has the needed equipment hybrid meeting setup. David noted that even an iphone camera or similar can work with a tripod setup. Suggestion made to attempt to try hybrid meeting for May using Ken's projector. A large screen TV may also be used, and Primavera offered to use a meeting room of theirs that has this setup also. Regarding long-term planning, David noted that if we pay rent for a location AND continue zoom meetings, overall costs will increase. It was also noted that hybrid meetings may be a thing of the future for some time or indefinitely. John Burr noted that if Ken's equipment is used, APNA should cover some costs of it, though Ken stated he would like to offer use as a donation. It is currently unclear if use of Primavera space would have costs associated. Deborah made the motion to attempt a hybrid meeting for May, Janet seconded. Motion passed. David will send out more info ahead of the meeting.

Green Infrastructure Committee Update:

n/a

Membership Committee Update:

Jean reported and shared membership report as of April 10th that went out to the Board a few days ago. Prior to December 31st, prior to new software, APNA had 84 members signed up. When APNA started using JoinIt, it was initially with a soft opening in which 22 members were gained (mixed - individual and couples). Large email push and banners followed in March which added 27 more members (more individuals and couples). In the beginning of April there was another email push to previous but non-renewed members and 33 more were added. Total registrations is now 166. This is a good improvement for membership from any past years. David noted that couples is counted as "1", and there are 104 couples, which then means there are actually 270 individual members, which is a noticeable increase. John also noted APNA had between 116-175 members historically. Jean said she will start identifying couples as "2" members moving forward and send out a revision. Jean also noted that Ken and Ginny have been invaluable for the success of the project. Ideas for further increasing membership were discussed. Jean mentioned we currently only have 2 business members, though if it were possible to target businesses it would be beneficial, and we may approach those. John states we have about 75 businesses registered in Armory Park. There are 648 residential units in AP, and about 2000+ people within AP bounds. It was discussed that people usually join when they want something or when problems arise. The challenge is to have people join regularly and participate to know ongoing issues. Jean asked if there were any neighborhood events that could be attended to share membership info/recruit. Ginny shared that she will post to the Facebook group.

Listserv Use Policy

David wants it known that Tod has been a good moderator for all the years that he has been a moderator for the listserv. He has shown to be fair without being a tyrant about policy, etc. and David hopes he will continue as the moderator. But it is time to create an ad-hoc committee since it has been tabled since last fall. Norm has agreed to continue to be part of the ad-hoc committee, Ginny was also willing and Danielle also volunteered. Norm is going to be participating via zoom. David will help to facilitate. Jean made the motion that the three people named create an ad-hoc group to work on the listserv policies. John noted that the free speech clarification and discussion from last year needs to be included, and how AP should proceed as a 501c3, and how policies on such should be in the back of our minds as the group proceeds. David confirmed that Liz is still investigating from a legal perspective. Motion passed.

Doggy Poop

David reported. A list of options were provided to the association regarding providing poop stations. Phyllis shared to the listserv the option regarding recycled 2-liter container that had bags for people to take and it was not utilized. Deborah suggested that two types of bag dispensers be purchased (not necessarily homemade) that allows for grocery bags to be used and see what works. Signage may help to bring attention to ensuring people notice and identify use for the bags. John agreed that signage to bring attention to the issue and providing information on the listserv be shared on how neighbors can create their own homemade pet stations. Susan shared that the pet stations at APDS are emptied by a employed maintenance staff, paid via HOA fees, not maintained by volunteers. Maurice felt that posting signs was probably the way to go. Receptacles in some areas are very attractive and may be very expensive, but putting up signs is a good idea, and can be either humorous or informational. Etoile offered to paint signs and put them up, and has a friend willing to put together wood or metal signs up on posts. John reminded that nothing can be installed on street signs or light posts, etc. Must be on fences, traffic circles. Suggestion to identify problem areas or identify those who would be willing to have a posted pet station installed. John noted that people own one foot outside of property fence line, and that is the most reasonable place to install. That area is considered private property for most of AP.

Development Issues/ Peach Proposal:

John reported. Several people attended APHZAB for revision of Peach proposal. Minutes are posted online.

The plan is improved- lowered to 2 stories along Arizona Ave. The parking garage on stilts has been lowered. Spaces have been moved to Stone location, though there are still items that need refinement. Application for rezoning 375 is now up and still attached to prior rezoning, though still waiting for final proposal and items within the plan to be finalized and made public. At most recent meeting, Jodie with COT requested John Burr not participate and just be note-taker, and some members were not able to get into details. Revisions are positive but not all encompassing of the changes that are needed, but it is a good start. For more info on the project, contact John Burr at Jodabu@hotmail.com

Ugly but Honest sign move still pending.

Split of the Pima County and Tucson historical commissions still being reviewed. A consultant has been hired to review. All historic reviews would be under one entity, City of Tucson; Jodie Brown, who also dictates the agendas, etc at this time. Would get rid of all appeals process, oversight or help for applicants. Troubling proposition – will likely something APNA might need to fight and take a position on, though no action yet is required as it is not all public knowledge at this time. Discussion followed; Etoile asked if everyone was aware of the All Saints project, and if APNA Board has an official position at this time or how that will work. David responded that APNA does not have an official position at this point. APNA does not have the updated presentation of the proposal with revisions. APNA usually backs up the historic advisory board on these topics and input is welcome. As development chair, John shared that because previous presentations were considered only courtesy review, it was limited to those Jodie allowed to speak, though it is not a final application. Until there is a final application, APNA cannot really take a position. There will now be 85 units with less than 40 parking spaces. When the formal rezoning is placed on an agenda and the parking plan is formally discussed, that's when APNA needs to have a specific response to the parking issues. It is important to respond at those strategic times when appropriate. Martha, as chair for the APHZAB, reiterated John's comments that it will be important later on for the neighborhood to voice a position on the parking concerns associated, and both John and Martha will alert the membership APNA to know specifically when that time comes. Maurice added that it will be important to note issues with recusals, the City, and the historic zoning committee, and these issues reinforce the power APNA has. Martha added that the issue with the possible split of the commissions and the need for APNA is to help preserve our historic protections. John noted there are additional issues when it comes to fees involved that may affect the community if this streamlining process by removing the review boards (that provide protections to historic preservation that these organizations provide) is successful, and could have potential to damage the status of our historic corridor. Ken shared observation that streamlining of the process could be helpful, though the recusal of people who have an opinion and are stakeholders and removing these entities that are essentially defenders of our historic neighborhood will mean APNA will be the last line of protection for historic preservation. David said we should feel some encouragement that it is not likely APNA will "roll over" and allow these changes to happen, though John added that it is possible there will be little APNA can do against a government agency if it gets approved. Maurice offered that information on the topic should be shared through the newsletter to the general membership. In summary, APNA Board is watching this carefully, the issue will be elevated as necessary.

John also shared that there is a IID revision Stakeholder meeting will be April 27th – two new overlays, changes in mapping with and redevelopment of rapid transit lines, may affect APNA greatly.

APNA Storage:

David reported.

Virtual storage – zoom limits on storage. Previous agreement to not continue to pay extra for storage, only requirement is to save minutes, not virtual meeting archives. If people feel we need to save recorded meetings other than the last 4 meetings at a time, David invites those to step forward and volunteer to save those on flashdrives, etc. John asked if recorded meetings can be downloaded and saved, if anyone has the time/desire. Ken said it's possible, though there may be also storage issues. There is a possibility for turning those recordings into transcripts, though the process/involvement is unclear.

Actual Storage – volunteers needed to move items from Bills Duffy’s garage to Susan Klement’s garage. Marth offered to use her car and she has another volunteer. Bankers boxes are needed. Budget needed for scanning also – would come out of historic preservation funds. John motion to release the digitization funds to AZHAB ahead of the next meeting. Motion passed. David will send out email looking for more volunteers.

Announcements:

Future Agenda Items:

- June meeting discussion
- Unhoused Persons

Reminders/Comments:

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01pm

Next Meeting: May 10th , 2022