

**Armory Park Neighborhood Association  
Monthly Board Meeting - Zoom  
May 10th, 6:30pm – 8:00pm**

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

**Board Members Unavailable:** Megan Noli

**Alternate Board Members:** Ken Taylor, Ginny Beal

**Guests:** Susan Klement, Martha McClements, Chris, Kris Olson, Patricia McCarthy

**To-Do Items Identified from Meeting:**

**6:31pm Call to Order**

**Hybrid Meetings;**

Today's meeting is being conducted hybrid. Some technical difficulties but overall good attendance and ability to hold meeting.

**Minutes from April APNA Meeting:**

Minutes accepted.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Janet sent report, David reported. Quiet month. Accepted.

**Membership Committee Update:**

Jean reported. Committee will have a meeting on the upcoming Friday. Report will be compiled and distributed. Membership additions keep trickling in via new JoinIt platform.

**Green Infrastructure Committee Update:**

Debra reported. There are plans by the committee to have another Tree Pruning class. Interested persons who were wait listed on the last round will be contacted and an email blast will go out. Tentative date around July 2<sup>nd</sup>. The intent of the pruning class is to create a broader impact on the proper care of trees in AP and encourage/educate via volunteerism. The committee is looking for a Circle Steward; someone willing to provide periodic weeding, pruning and care for the roundabout at 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. Janet offered and was graciously accepted as Steward. The committee created ½ page fliers that can be obtained from Debra and can be distributed to neighbors to alert them of opportunities for volunteers to help and resources with overgrowth along sidewalks/easements. Please contact Debra for fliers. It is a positive flier and has shown to produce good results and provide education to neighbors. With upcoming Brush & Bulky, this might be a great time to start focusing on distributing more fliers and lining up volunteer groups. Jean McClain expressed thanks for the new tree planted.

**Development**

John reported. Attended recent IID stakeholder meeting; 50+ people in attendance, discussed the expanded IID. There will be a second meeting and John will provide updates. There is a survey regarding rapid transit/new

trolley line that is coming out and needs answered by end of next week. Involves preliminary plans for rapid transit along 6<sup>th</sup> avenue running South. If approved, this would potentially cut the neighborhood in half, would require re-direct of major events (ie Tour de Tucson). Another option would be to push it to Stone Ave, which may be preferred/more advantageous. Bridges/alternate routes are being discussed.

Meeting will be held regarding the Baffert project tomorrow morning. There are proposals for 2 tenants for the project which is expected to be strip-mall style. The East tower is now expected to be above 48' in height.

Update on discussions regarding the split of the Historical Commissions – there is a current recommendation to discontinue/end all boards. If this is approved and enacted, Jody Brown would then have complete authority over historic zoning approvals and could potentially remove the appeals process altogether. This could have impacts on anyone who completed work without permitting in the last 30 years or so. Comparison models being reviewed for this new structure are unfortunately not accurate to the structure and processes we have currently, so they do not give a clear picture of the repercussions that these changes may have if approved. John will update APNA as more information is released.

375 S Stone project update – John and Martha received updated information that the project will go to Mayor & Council in June. There has been some updates to the parking, and the number of units went from 82 to 79. There is still no public process available at this stage, John will keep APNA updated as more info is available.

### **IRS & ACC Reporting**

David and John discussed that the IRS reporting has been completed and the ACC is due in June.

### **OK Market**

David reported that he has attempted to contact the owner of OK Market but has no response so far. Maurice noted that APNA should put out a statement to the listserv that we do not have the owner's permission at this time to continue to use the location as a public meeting/event space. David agreed, and will submit a reminder to the listserv that APNA is not sponsoring events at OK Market and therefore has no liability regarding such.

### **Unhoused Issues (new word for homeless)**

David noted that APNA has historically identified a charity organization to sponsor, and provided information on Primavera Foundation, asking if APNA would again like to identify a specific organization such as Primavera. Primavera has recently worked on opening 3 motels to the unhoused population, housing about 1000 persons. Their biggest need is hygiene kits. It was discussed that along with Primavera, there are many other agencies working with the unhoused who could receive and who also desperately need the donations from neighbors wanting to give. Another project discussed was the Homing Project ([TheHomingProject.org](http://TheHomingProject.org)), presented by Kris, which is a non-profit creating micro-homes for the unhoused population. The project is a new startup and they are accepting volunteers, donations (time, money or in-kind), and have a current need for someone with grant writing/fundraising experience, as well as kitchen/laundry equipment. There was a consensus in the group that information on agencies that are assisting the unhoused should be put up on the listserv to help make the neighborhood aware of resources available. APNA could essentially be seen as an "information clearinghouse" via the listserv, but shouldn't be a passthrough for any one particular agency. Debra mentioned that she recently took in a houseless person who is working PT, and was seeking resources; please contact Debra directly with info to connect. Overall, APNA members should encourage resource information to be made available to all via the listserv.

### **Summer meetings**

Many Board members will be out of town/on vacation during the month of June. Historically APNA has decided to cancel at least one meeting during the summer months. An email will be sent ahead of the next meeting to gauge interest and necessity for a June meeting.

**Future Agenda Items:**

**Reminders/Comments:**

- Parkwise is ticketed vehicles again for extended stay parking – be cautious and move your vehicles regularly to avoid fines (every 7 days if registered to the property location).
- Catalytic converter thefts are on the rise.
- Expected rallies in Armory Park due to Roe vs Wade concerns

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00pm**

**Next Meeting: TBD**