

Bel Air Neighborhood Board Meeting  
December 3, 2012  
1830 W. Glenrosa Ave.

I. **Call to Order** 6:38 pm Attendance: Jeanne Greene, Juanita Soto-Ayers, Mike Radtke, Wayne Harmon, Sharon Bushouse, Virginia Clifford Anders

II. **Review and approval** of the November 2012 minutes.

III. **Committees**

A. **Community Enhancement:** Jeanne said she received only one phone call, from Kathy on Westview, regarding the luminarias project. Wayne's neighbors liked them last year, but didn't call Jeanne to help put them up in the neighborhood. So, board members can do their own streets if they want to participate. Juanita and her neighbors will do Monterosa. The association won't sponsor a neighborhood-wide project.

B. Sharon said there are still vandals attacking the beautification around the two footbridges. Also, on the issue of the prior coyote sighting: Has anybody seen him since then? No one on the board has seen him recently.

C. **Crime Prevention** – Virginia, Sharon, and Dan went out 2 weeks ago on a ride-around. Sharon can't go out this week, but Virginia will see if Dan can ride with her. Jeanne said that a neighbor's house on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave was broken into for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time. Jeanne will give the neighbor Neighborhood Services' phone number. This neighbor wants to close the alley behind her house. Mike said that to close an alley, everyone on that alley must agree, and there must be no need for alley access for parking and/or businesses.

D. **Block Watch Grant:** J Brown was not at the meeting, so there was no report.

E. **Newsletter:** Virginia said she has started on the December-January newsletter. She also has contacted the Clarendon Hotel for a possible ad for the newsletter.

F. **Website:** Jeanne said she still has not received the password for the website or for the Constant Contact account from Carrie. This had been agreed upon as a follow up to a coordination and clarification meeting she had with her over a month ago.

IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Mike Radtke – Virginia made a motion to accept the November 2012 treasurers report as presented. Sharon seconded, and all present accepted the motion. Mike said that since the board spent less than the budgeted amount on the GAIN event, he would put back the balance of \$93.61 into the general fund.

V. **New Business** – A formal letter of resignation, effective as of the close of tonight's meeting, has been sent to Lisa Huggins-Hubbard as of 6:01 pm tonight, by e-mail, representing five members of the board: Jeanne Greene, Juanita Soto-Ayers, Mike Radtke, Wayne Harmon, and Sharon Bushouse, signed the letter. Copies of the letter were handed out to the board members at the meeting. Virginia was the only board member present who had not seen the letter before. The group discussed the fact that

there are several items that need to be given back to Lisa at Neighborhood Services, including: 2 large heavy plastic tubs with fitted covers, a coffee maker, the yard sale signs, the neighborhood banner, the canopy, and the secretary's laptop. Virginia asked: Do we keep the awards that the neighborhood has earned over the years? No one knew the answer. Jeanne will contact Carrie to ask her to return any items she may have that belong with Neighborhood Services.

**Notice of dissolution of the BelAir Neighborhood Association:**

Jeanne Greene, Juanita Soto-Ayers, Michael Radtke, Sharon Bushouse, and Wayne Harmon resigned from the Bel Air Neighborhood Association Board at the December 3 board meeting. That action reduced the board membership to three people. By Bel Air Neighborhood Association by-laws, the board, and therefore the Association, ceases to operate when there are fewer than six board members. The neighborhood garden, library, and book club are not a part of the association and will continue to function as usual.

The resigning board members have enjoyed serving the Bel Air Neighborhood and although they are moving on to other things, they are still willing to assist anyone on a personal basis. Above all, they thank each of you for your support in making the Bel Air Neighborhood a great place to live. 12/3/12

- VI. **Speed hump** review: Mike introduced his son, **Nicholas**, who made a prepared proposal to designate the balance of the general account, which is about \$1400, which is not part of the BlockWatch grant, to a specific purpose: his campaign to remove the three neighborhood speed humps. Nicholas feels that the original neighborhood board survey to determine whether or not the neighbors wanted to install speed humps with part of the Fight Back grant was influenced by the City in favor of the speed humps. According to Nicholas, the City installed one speed hump which had not been agreed upon by the affected neighbors. He has always intensely disliked them.
- Jeanne** said that APS has been paid for 2 more years of alley lights. **Mike** said that our current bills are paid, and we don't have any other reason to use the money. **Virginia** confirmed that no money is owed to anyone for the current issue of the newsletter. **Mike** said that the BlockWatch grant money allocations are up to date. Any remaining balance of the BlockWatch account will be frozen by the City until further notice. **Mike** further explained the intended inclusion in the available account of the pro-rated refund for the neighborhood insurance in this project: \$200 to the general account. The balance of the \$600 for event insurance, which is \$400, will be returned to Lisa in Neighborhood Services for the BlockWatch portion of the insurance funding. **Virginia** said she has no logical objection to allocating the money to the speed hump recall project, as proposed by Nicholas, if that is the board's final choice. Sharon is in favor of reviewing the presence of the speed humps. **Wayne** said he is for keeping the speed humps. He said he has lived in areas where they have helped before. He believes that the hump on his street has proved helpful. **Juanita** said the humps have re-routed cars to areas that don't have speed humps, where drivers still drive too fast. **Mike** made a motion re the proposed allocation of the general fund. When the board voted on this project, Wayne and Virginia voted against it. **Mike** will oversee the escrow account that will be set up with the balance of the general fund. **Juanita** made a motion to include Jeanne's participation as the second person on the escrow account. **Mike**: the association has done some good and some bad things over the years. He said we don't need an organization, that neighbors will help one another. **Juanita**: There is an appearance of division and conflict on the board. **Jeanne**:

We need to speak to Lisa as a group, not as individuals. She will speak with her. The hard copy notices of the dissolution of the board will be walked around the neighborhood tomorrow by the five resigning board members, Jeanne, Juanita, Mike, Sharon, and Wayne.

**Michael and Nicholas Radtke's speed hump removal proposal:**

I, Michael Radtke, treasure, move that the remaining balance of the general fund be held in escrow along with a \$3000 donation made to the neighborhood by Nicholas Radtke in order to enable the possible removal of the Bel Air Neighborhood speed humps. This motion only addresses funding the removal and is contingent upon following the City of Phoenix's process for removing speed humps, which includes obtaining residents' approval in the affected area, in order for the speed humps to be removed.

- 1) Nicholas Radtke will organize and carry out the process.
- 2) I will manage the monies with oversight by one other individual to be designated by a separate motion to be made immediately following this motion.
- 3) In the event that the process for removal of the speed humps is successful, the monies will be turned over to the City to fund the action. If the total cost is less than the value of the escrow account, Nicholas will be reimbursed up to his \$3000 donation and any remaining money will be paid to Arizona Public Service to the alley light accounts.
- 4) If the process for removal of the speed humps is not successful, Nicholas will be reimbursed his \$3000 donation and the remaining money will be paid to Arizona Public Service to the alley light accounts.
- 5) If the cost of the elimination of the speed humps exceeds the monies held in escrow, Nicholas will be given the option to increase his donation or fund raise to satisfy the balance due. If he is not successful, then the money will be dispersed as in item 4.

Adjournment 7:46 pm.