

## OFNA Board Meeting

*November 17, 2008*

*5459 N. Agave Dr.*

Board Members in Attendance:

Richard Schwartz, Becky Spencer, Jay DeAngeli, Sharon Laird, Jesse Wood, George Grimm, Carolyn Redmore, Marianne Richardson, Tom Scarborough, Don DeYoung, Karl Oxnam, Angelo Dellacona, (Phil Williams)

Board Members Absent: Camille Zachmeier, Scott Odom

Neighbors in Attendance: Lowell Richardson, Phil Williams (later elected to the Board), Carole DeAngeli (recording secretary)

President Richard Schwartz called the meeting to order at 7:01pm.

Richard introduced Phil Williams as a candidate for the Board. It was moved (Carolyn) and seconded (Tom) that Phil be accepted for the Board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Tom read the minutes of the September 13<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. There being no corrections, the minutes were approved as read.

Jay gave the Treasurer's report. Current bank balance is \$12,576. Due to the way memberships are received the income may be skewed in '08 because many '09 membership payments were received prior to the end of the fiscal year. Jay indicated that we would use the current financial statement to prepare the budget.

As Membership Chairman, Jay reported that current membership is 113. He also noted that memberships received in the last 3 or 4 months of the fiscal year are extended through the following year.

### **Old Business**

- **Picnic Report** – In Camille's absence, Jay gave the final report for the 2008 Picnic. We had budgeted for \$2600. The final actual expense was \$2048. Part of the difference was the large discount Jay was able to obtain from Parties Plus, who provided all the tables, chairs, canopies, drink tubs and grill for \$827. Jay indicated that he buys many of the picnic supplies, paying cash or using his personal credit card, for which he is then reimbursed. The only item which seriously overran the budget was the photo board. \$150 was budgeted and the final bill came to \$227, due to the cost of printer ink. Jay said, and all agreed, that the picnic turned out well, despite the lighter attendance. Sharon commented on the lack of the fire engine and the fact that not all the kids got turns swinging at the piñata. The ice and soda were again donated by Scott and DeVon Bronson. Richard will write them a formal thank you note. Richard stated that \$227 is

too much for picture board and he asked that a firm budget number be established for this item. He suggested \$150. It was moved and seconded that \$150 be the maximum amount for the photo board. Marianne asked what happens to the photos after the picnic. Jay stated that they stay with Barbara Schuessler.

- **Agave/1<sup>st</sup> Monument** – Richard stated that money had been approved for a boulder, but that an appropriate location is needed. The boulder would have to be on Zachmeiers' private property, and we really need them to proceed with permission, survey, easement, etc. Without the legal work, there's no guarantee that the boulder would be allowed to remain. Jay stated that Bob Zachmeier did do a survey but has not provided an easement. Other locations were discussed, including on the Klein's property across Agave and the corner of Canyon View and 1<sup>st</sup>, none of which appear satisfactory at this time. Richard stated that this project is at a standstill until a workable site is identified. Angelo asked why we couldn't use the wall that is currently vacant at the corner of Agave and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. putting a sign on it instead of placing a boulder. Jay told the group that the problem with the wall is that it was never permitted. The sign company will not place a sign on an unpermitted wall. The sign maker also requires a plot plan showing the wall on Zachmeiers' property. There was also discussion of using the sound barrier wall at Canyon View and 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. DeAngeli's have previously pursued this option, but have yet to receive permission from Pima County. Richard stated that the board is willing to look at any site, but a workable plan is needed first. DeAngeli's will follow up on the sound barrier wall sign. Marianne will speak to Greg Smith about using his property.
- **CCR's** – Richard stated that Oracle Foothills has no CCR's in place now and gave a brief history of prior CCR efforts. George Genematas was concerned about the modular/manufactured housing issue and offered his attorney for the legal work to prepare the documents. It was felt that keeping the CCR's simple and confined to one issue they would have a better chance of approval. Richard had planned to introduce the CCR's at the annual meeting, but there was disagreement among the board members about some of the language in the document. Since we now have a new board, Richard will send the document to all board members, highlighting the objectionable points. Once all board members agree on the wording we can move forward. There was a discussion of opinions on these CCR's and in general. Marianne is an attorney but not licensed in Arizona. She related her experience that people buying properties with deed restrictions are liable to sue the board, requiring that the board carry liability insurance. Karl said he personally felt these CCR's are unhealthy for the neighborhood and he is not in favor of approval. Richard reminded the board that CCR's only restrict those who sign them. At this point, George asked Carole for a status on the Manufactured Housing committee of which she is a member. Carole reported that the committee will soon make its final recommendation – approval of manufactured housing in zones CR-3, 4, 5 in 3 specific areas of Pima County, not including any areas in the foothills. The recommendation also includes many design elements that will make the manufactured home blend into the neighborhood. Carole reminded the group that zoning laws can change at any time and the Board of Supervisors could conceivably make manufactured housing legal in our zone in the future. Richard then asked the board who was in favor of pursuing the CCR's. Only 5 votes were in favor. This issue is now considered dead.

## New Business

- **2009 Picnic** - After reviewing the UA football schedule it was determined that October 31<sup>st</sup> is the best date. It was moved and seconded that the picnic be held on that date. Richard stated that he would like to place a brightly-colored flyer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter newsletter. All agreed this was a good idea. Jay will reserve with Parties Plus and confirm date. Carole will send info on putting on the picnic to Richard and Becky.
- **Dumpster** – Karl stated that January 17<sup>th</sup> is the best date for him. All agreed on this date and the area that has been used previously. It was agreed that we need more advertising and more volunteers. Several board members offered to assist.
- **Roadside Trimming** – Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> will be the trimming date. The county has agreed to haul the trimmings.
- **Dunking booth** – Kurt Dabb has requested a dunking booth at the picnic. Richard asked him to follow up and make a report.
- **Noise report** – A neighbor on Genematas complained of very loud parties on Williams. Richard sent a letter to the offending property owners. He also responded to the complainant and indicated that the sheriff should be notified if there is another occurrence.
- **2009 Budget** – Budget items for all categories were discussed and agreed upon. A copy of the new budget will be forwarded with these minutes. It was moved and seconded that the budget be approved for 2009. The vote was unanimous.
- **Website** – Carole has revived the website and made many changes and updates, which she demonstrated. She asked that all board members check the site and offer their suggestions. Richard thanked Carole for all her work.
- **Wildflower Seeds** – Richard thanked Jesse for taking on the wildflower seed project.
- **Next Meeting** – The next meeting of the OFNA Board will be held on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at the home of Phil Williams, 5705 N. Lady Lane.
- **Cell Phone Towers** - Don DeYoung asked if anyone had any information on cell towers being installed in nearby neighborhoods. Richard heard that towers were being placed in Shadow Hills, and that neighbors there are very upset. They currently have all underground utilities and don't feel that they were properly notified. Towers less than 34' are allowed, and the cell phone company disputes the lack of notification charge saying they did all that was required. The towers are camouflaged like palm trees.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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