

# **MINUTES** January 24, 2017, Tuesday 6pm, Ward 3, 1510 E Grant

Presiding: Joan Daniels, Jefferson Park - Invited Guests: members of Grant Road Citizens Task Force

**1. P.O. Box Rental** – Due Jan 31, \$86. JPNA will pay it, and other neighborhoods have been asked to contribute toward the cost. SAMOS indicated they will contribute.

## **2. Grant Road Construction** – *J.Daniels*

- Question of whether a set of plans (hard copy) for each contiguous neighborhood association had been ordered, and apparently they were not. Catalina Vista and Campbell/Grant indicated they would like the plans, and SAMOS already has them.
- New Project Manager: Per Darryl Cole, “Presently, we are working diligently to schedule required pre-construction meetings. We will update the public once we have a firm start date for construction, right now tentatively mid-February. A formal public meeting will be scheduled soon, and I will communicate this as I receive notice. We are looking to schedule our Partnering Workshop & Value Engineering Workshop in the first part of February, but it truly depends on all project personnel schedules. Once we get this out of the way, we can issue a Notice to Proceed to our contractor, Markham Contracting, then construction can begin. I do look forward to working with residents and neighborhoods of Grant Road corridor. I am available to you and my contact information is below. Have a wonderful day. **David Y. Burbank, CPM, P.E.** Engineer Project Manager City of Tucson - Department of Transportation [201 N. Stone Avenue, 4th Floor Tucson, AZ 85701](#)(P) 520-837-6619(C) 520-345-0653 [david.burbank@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:david.burbank@tucsonaz.gov).
- M. Burges mentioned that we would like more advance notice of public meetings. Mr. Garcia, a member of the Grant Road Task Force present at the meeting, agreed that it would be agreeable that we could have at least 10 days notice, about the same amount of time that the Task Force gets once everyone has been polled regarding preferred meeting times.

## **3. “Centers” Committee report** - *K. Lancaster/M.Burgess*

- survey on-line for all individuals at Grant Road Coalition website ([Grantroadcoalition.com](http://Grantroadcoalition.com)).
- All four corners of the Grant/Campbell intersection are to be considered.
- Hard copies provided to each assn for their combined response from their boards.
- Surveys due by February 21.
- Responses will be utilized to create a vision statement/white paper.
- A member of the Campbell Avenue Business partnership was present at the meeting, and she was given a copy of the survey for completion as well.

## **4. NPS Grant – Heritage Trail Park** – *J. Daniels*

- **Tucson Heritage Park and Health Trail**: No announcement yet. “The existing NPS Director – Jon Jarvis – retired earlier this month. He was supposed to make the decision. So we might be looking at a new administration to make the announcement. The funding was allocated, however, and Diana Rhoades will keep us informed. She hoped that an answer might come in February.
- **The BUILD Health Challenge** is a national awards program designed to support community collaborations that are working to give everyone a fair chance to be healthy. The BUILD Health Challenge will support at least 18 awards of up to \$250,000 over a two-year period. To be eligible for the award, the lead applicant must:
  - Assemble a partnership including (at minimum) a hospital or health system, local health department, and nonprofit community organization or coalition of organizations;
  - The participating hospital(s) or health system(s) must demonstrate a 1:1 match met through direct cash support or a combination of cash and in-kind support;
  - Focus activity within a delineated zip code(s), census tract(s), or neighborhood(s) experiencing significant health disparities within a city of 150,000 residents or more;The BUILD Health Challenge will host a webinar on January 31st to provide more information. Interested applicants can view a recording a previous webinar. <http://buildhealthchallenge.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/2016-12-12-15.03-The-BUILD-Health-Challenge-Applicant-Webconference.mp4>.
- This grant would specifically be of help to SAMOS neighborhood once the Grant Road widening crosses over Grant Road.

## 5. Neighborhood Profiles for coalition website

- Have been received from Catalina Vista and SAMOS neighborhoods.
- El Cortez plans to submit shortly.

## 6. Postcards

- From Coalition to keep us on their minds.
- Given to several members who will send them to the Planning and Services Development office of the City, and the Department of Transportation.

## 7. Neighborhood Updates–

- **Catalina Vista** (Janet Fischer):

Still trying to find a way to put up the visual/buffer wall on Grant. Working with Councilman Kozachik to find a way to fund it if possible.

- **Campbell/Grant** (B. Halvorson):

Since their November meeting they named an editor and have established a quarterly newsletter. Will be emailed to their listserve.. Used doorhangers. Have not gotten much response from businesses, but are still hoping to get them more involved in neighborhood. Also planning to install 2-3 Little Free libraries in the spring.

- **El Cortez (Will)**: Still encouraging people to become more engaged in the neighborhood activities.

Will be meeting with planners from COT at a meeting set up by the Ward office.

- **Mountain/First** (Sarah Studd):

Held yearly elections at their last meeting. They are planning to set up a yearly schedule and project plans.

They are also planning to set up a message board in Triangle Park and are trying to raise money for a shade structure over a children's play area. There is a possibility that they can apply for a grant through the Dermatology Association which requires that they provide some dermatology education for a year, and they have prepared some pamphlets regarding sun exposure with this in mind. Their neighborhood has approximately 600 homes and 2 small apartment complexes, but relatively few student rentals.

- **Jefferson Park** (S. Trappman):

JPNA is seeking clarification from the city regarding a pool which was installed in the front yard of a student minidorm which goes against NPZ regulations, and was not reviewed by the NPZ design professional. The neighborhood received no notification of the permit, and the City chose to not put it under NPZ review because they stated that a pool was not classified as a "structure".

A Stop Order was requested.

It is likely that JPNA will need to appear at the Board of Adjustment regarding the issue, but hopefully we can prevent this developer, or any other, from installing swimming pools in the front yards in our historic neighborhoods which we assumed were protected by our NPZ designation.

- **SAMOS** (BAM Miller):

Their first home tour was quite successful, and between tour tickets and raffle items they earned \$1080.

They also had a successful Xmas cleanup in December, including their traffic circles.

Their elections will be held in February.

They put approximately 30 books per month in their Little Free library.

The last proofreading of the SAMOS neighborhood history has been completed, and will now be sent to the copy editor. Recently met with the two police officers from the Red Tag unit.

Have had incidences of someone knocking on their doors late in the evening, and think it might be related to a suspected drug house/drug activity. The police are investigating these.

## 7. Call to Audience

**Next Coalition meeting:**

**February 28, 2017 6:00 P.M.**