

Palo Verde Neighborhood Board Meeting

November 17, 2022, 6:30 to 8:00pm

Today's Roles:

Facilitator: Val

Minutes: Maribeth

Zoom Co-Facilitator: Brian

The minutes were approved by voice vote at the December 2022 PVNA Board meeting.

- 6:30 Welcome & updates from Steve Kozachik)
The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. Councilman Kozachik reported on the Grant Road widening project, police and community assistance for unhoused community members, Narcan availability from the Ward 6 Council office, and suggestions for dealing with dog owners who do not leash their dogs (e.g., Walk With Me business cards). He passed out information about the GSI Storm to Shade program and talked about the pilot plastics recycling program, which has been enthusiastically embraced by the community and for which continuation is being planned. See the Ward 6 website and weekly newsletter for details. (<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/ward-6>)
- 6:45 Introductions (Board and attendees)
Icebreaker: Common Ground (small groups)
- 7:00 Neighbors Q&A
 - Camilla Development
The PVNA Board and Ward 6 are both in the process of reconnecting with the developer to determine next steps. It was pointed out that the hydrant was hit by one of the contractors and was turned off because of leakage. We will investigate this and report back about expected repairs.
 - AirBnBs Improper Recycling
One neighbor reports that a home near them is an AirBnb and the short term tenants put trash in the recycling bin and contaminate recyclables on a regular basis. She asked what could be done to prevent this. We recommend a neighbor to neighbor approach, but in the case of AirBnb, it may not be clear who the current owner is and how to contact them as many are not local. We will find out how to track the owner and contact them and work with our neighbor to decide how to approach this issue. Brian Gill has been an AirBnb host and investigated the number of hosts in the neighborhood - less than 20. We will also approach Tucson Clean & Beautiful for more information and support for this and similar situations.
 - What is the current status of the homeless encampment at Northway & Dodge (O'Rielly's lot)?
Val and Brian recently met with Max Torres, constituent specialist with the City of Tucson. Part of his job is to help neighborhood associations such as PVNA with questions/issues and to steer us towards the proper resources and answers.
That particular encampment (O'Rielly's lot) is on the City's radar and will be enhanced with sharp riprap (loose paving material) to discourage transient residence. When it was investigated by Brian Gill on Friday, it appeared that folks had moved on and the area was

being cleaned up.

When residents notice unhoused folks setting up camp, they can contact the City at <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/manager/homeless-encampment-protocol-reporting-tool>. Please see the protocol on that page for additional information. This link will be added to the weekly e-news and the PVNA website for future reference.

- What is going on with the recently renovated housing on Willard east of Jones (later determined to be 3429 East Willard)?

We will share the address with Dora Maldonado in the Ward 6 office - she has offered to follow up to see if this is privately owned or public housing. Maribeth walked by and noted that while the workmen seem to be finished, the main electrical cable has not been connected as of 11/20.

- 7:20 Committee, individual updates & discussion

- **Alvernon Grant Initiative (AGI)**

Attended by Paula Chronister and Steve Poe. Paula noted that there has been increased crime in the SW quadrant, particularly around the TMM Family Services properties. One individual in particular has been problematic, and there has been a temporary increase in private security on the sites to deal with the situation. These properties variously provide housing for seniors, single mothers and disabled folks.

- **Traffic Circle Team**

Peggy Marlatt reported that chicanes are planned for Camilla south of the new planned development at Pima & Camilla to deal with the anticipated increase in traffic. There will be an Art Walk this spring to raise funds for the chicanes - some costs will be met by the City and the neighborhood will pitch in additional funds. Peggy is seeking artists to display their work and gardeners in Palo Verde who would like to host an artist for the Walk.

- **Annual Meeting; Silent Auction & Raffle**

Dianne Teegarden reported that the silent auction at the annual meeting in October provided \$1280 in revenue. Raffle ticket income was \$1310. Many thanks to Dianne and the entire team that worked on these fundraising events!

- **Neighborhood Watch**

Paula Chronister and Dianne Teegarden had a well-attended meeting for the Neighborhood Watch on the 3200 block of Waverly in mid-November - 21 residents and Renet Martin, the TPD Crime Free Coordinator. Well done! Please contact the Board at info@paloverdeneighborhood.org for information on starting a Neighborhood Watch in your area.

- **Grant Alvernon Area Plan**

Vicki France reported that the Grant Alvernon Area Plan covers a community of 6 neighborhood associations dedicated to maintaining the essence of their neighborhoods in order to protect the residential character, safety, appearance and livability. A mindful approach to development in the area and how it could impact their community is what drives the team to develop a plan to protect the residential nature of their neighborhoods. One year ago, after 4 years of work, we were ready to put this plan into a final draft (maps, data, formatting). We could find no one to do it until CM Kozachik said he would hire a consultant to do it. So after 5 months of waiting, we finally have a meeting with the consultant on Dec 16 to see the draft. See the 1999 plan, updated in 2017 [here](#).

- **Local Transportation**

Ruth Reiman is serving as both the Ward 6 representative on the Complete Streets Coordinating Council and the City of Tucson representative on the Citizens Accountability for Regional Transportation for the Regional Transportation Authority.

- 7:40 Board Updates

- **Transition In General**

- We have been very active since the annual meeting. Coordinating the transition, setting up new communication channels, managing inquiries, and taking various meetings.
- The elected board is meeting Tuesday and Thursday evenings for the time being to keep a strong pace for transition and regular operations.
- We've received the treasurer's box, event supplies, and other PVNA supplies and office items.

- **PVNA Bank Account**

- Former president Ronni Kotwica provided a notarized document for transferring the account to the new board. Wells Fargo made copies and connected with their supervisors before they could apply the changes. Good news! They are able to apply the change using the notarized document and we have an appointment set for Monday 11/21 to complete it.

- **Website**

- Please share and reference the website paloverdeneighborhood.org with neighbors who are seeking information and event details.
- We are in active conversations with Marissa about necessary edits and future changes for the website. Marissa made a great central document to help manage the process.
- Marissa has shared access to the Squarespace website with Val so that PVNA can make urgent changes when needed. This has been helpful for making new pages and materials that we've needed for events and e-news etc.
- Send the Board your additional ideas and feedback.

- **Email**

- The paloverdena@gmail.com address has been retained by the former PVNA Board president. They notified us that they are keeping the email address as they will remain a 'Neighborhood Advocate.'
- The email address is still published in various places, for example the annual mailer that went out recently and magnets that have been distributed over the years. Plus the numerous individuals who surely have paloverdena@gmail.com saved to their contact lists.
- We have received a few forwards from them so far regarding e-news sign ups requests.
- There are concerns about a) the volume of inquiries intended for the PVNA Board that will continue to be sent to that email address, and b) the archive of information that the board would need to reference for active projects, court cases, transactions, business agreements, history, etc.
- The elected board would like to hear from the full board on suggestions for resolution so we can craft a request that we all support.

- **Facebook Group**

- Communications Chair Steve Poe has been provided administrative access to the PVNA Facebook group. Further changes are pending. This remains a topic of discussion at our weekly elected board meetings and we will keep you updated.
- Val recommends that in the meantime we create a Facebook page for official communication:
 - It would be a Facebook Page for an Organization, similar to a business page
 - Public to all
 - Anyone can 'follow' the page
 - It is *not* a private forum like the current group
 - We can publish events to it and we can advertise if we choose to
 - We can attract PV residents and the general public to our great events
 - Pages can post to Facebook groups and pages on behalf of the organization; allowing us to *not* have to use our personal profiles for all of those updates.

- **Initial Goals**

- Critical transition items (see Board Updates above)
- Board administration
- Bylaws (priority to revise and publish these)
- Offline neighbors outreach (particularly with neighborhood information)

- *Motion/Discussion:* Create a PVNA Facebook Page (deferred)

- *Motion/Discussion:* Consent agenda (deferred) Shifting to this meeting approach would formalize the submission of reports from committees and officers before each meeting so that the meeting time could be reserved for discussion, action and community interaction.

- *Motion/Discussion:* Record board meetings (motion made and carried with provisions for those who do not want to be on video; initially for Board use only)
The PVNA Board will record monthly public meetings using both video and audio for the purpose of capturing discussion. The recordings will be for Board use only until determined otherwise.

- *Motion/Discussion:* Post board meeting minutes + Q&A replies as a blog on the website (motion made and carried - Q&A will be anonymized, votes will be recorded as number of Ayes/Nays, not by name.)
The PVNA Board will publicly distribute monthly meeting agenda and minutes by means of a weblog on the PVNA website. The minutes will also be archived on the PVNA Google Drive.

- 7:50 Roles & Committees; Board recruiting/nominations, Evaluate current vacancies
- 7:55 Feedback & Ideas for next time

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maribeth Slebodnik, PVNA Secretary