

Story Preservation Association

Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

January 12, 2015
Kenilworth School

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Croft	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diego Delgadillo	<input type="checkbox"/> Christopher Dillman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dave Stanton	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jacob Zonn
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Will Denney	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Earlene McDonald	<input type="checkbox"/> Lynn McFarland	<input type="checkbox"/> Joe Zbick	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CJ Carena
<input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl McGregor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Steve Dreiseszun	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason B. Martinez	<input type="checkbox"/> Rob Shupe	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jay Roberts
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Doug Towne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gary Hochstetler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maureen Towne	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milt Jacobs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ginger Mattox
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diane Hochstetler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Treasurers Report

- Report for December was presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote.
- Motion was presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote to refund Doug for new Quicken software update (\$48.86).

Meeting Minutes:

- Meeting minutes for December were presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote. Request was to review links on the website for correct reports (e.g. 1st Qtr 15).

Block Watch Updates

CAO Report – Ben Harris, Mountain View Precinct.

- Ben gave updates on neighborhood burglaries (see also added report).
 - Willo Neighborhood
 - A number of 11-14 year olds are gaining access from alleys and using items onsite to break windows to gain entry.
 - Preferred stolen items are mostly electronics/jewelry.
 - Kids found red-handed using Apple device tracking, other items from that burglary were mostly recovered.
 - FQ Story
 - An 11-year-old was found in possession of a TV.
 - Owner did not file charges because items were returned and was concerned for the youth's future.
- CAO can perform home safety inspections on your home.
 - He will send out information on general prevention tips.
- Ben thanked the neighborhood on clean-up efforts.
 - Makes looking down alleys much easier.

FAA Flight Paths and Noise Issue Updates (see added report)

- Steve gave updates on the recent decision of the Courts to bring the FAA and Phoenix neighborhoods to mediation.

Welcome Committee Updates

- Nothing new to report.

Neighborhood Improvements

- Alley Cleanup: Clean-up is done! Special thanks to CAO Ben Harris and 200+ Franklin School Students that participated.
- City cleanup was also completed.
 - Next item is to address correction drainage issues.
- 15th Ave: Initial work was started but was halted by El Niño awaiting better weather.

Visual Award

- Several homes were suggested and voted on. 1539 W. Lynwood was chosen.

Home Tour (see final report)

- C.J. presented the finalized HT report. Motion was given to accept, seconded and passed by voice vote.
 - Another successful HT despite large turnover of volunteers.
- HT Subcommittee is working on budget/ROE for next HT on Lynwood.

Historic Preservation Updates (see added report)

- Ginger discussed 1142 W. Culver's infill plan. The plan was reviewed with no objections.

Block Watch Grants

- Jacob said grants are submitted and we are awaiting approval.

Transfer Station across I-17

- City Council heard and did not agree with FQ Story on issues bringing this close to our neighborhood. City Council approved construction plan as presented to the Council.

First Responder Academy Scholarship Fund

- Jay indicated a special gift is needed to thank Franklin students for their efforts to the neighborhood. Motion to provide \$1000, with Jay and Ginger assisting with the selection of the recipient, was presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote.
- A donation method will be established to allow neighbors to donate to this fund.

Website/Internet Presence/Brand

- Cheryl setup Facebook, Twitter and Google+ pages for FQ Story. Any information wanting to be submitted, forward to Cheryl or Will to be posted.
- C.J. addressed issues with Home Tour page and will get with Will to correct, as required.

Home Tour Organization (see added report)

- Dave stated that HT members were telling him that they began pushing back on the Steering Committee
 - Tickets
 - Dave didn't feel tickets had a monetary value that HT was supposedly assigning
 - Model A cars
 - Dave felt damage to HT reputation is irreparable and offended the car club.
- Discussion was ended due to time constraints.

1642 W. Culver (see added report)

- Ginger shared an update on the outpouring of support by FQ Story neighbors, as well as other neighborhoods.
- Motion to donate \$1500, as a special circumstance gift to be utilized to preserve the home with a report listing expenditures, was presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote.
 - C.J discussed the creation of a precedence for future requests
 - It was agreed that this was a special circumstance and that others would be reviewed case by case maybe establishing set criteria.
 - Steve D asked who is controlling the funds.
 - Lynae stated that the owner has established Dave and Lynae as the trustees.
 - Dave also ensured that work is being done correctly and will continue to be done so.
 - Permits are being obtained as required
 - Ginger wanted to thank Dave, G.G. George, and all the others for their selfless gift of time and money to this project.

Feral Cats (see added report)

- Ginger introduced a motion to set aside \$1000 for immediate use to sterilize feral animals. The motion was seconded. Discussion led to similar discussion that led to creation of the now disbanded Feral Cat Subcommittee. Due to time constraints, a motion to set aside until the next meeting was presented, accepted and approved on a voice vote.

Miscellaneous

- Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted Reports

CAO Post from NextDoor.com

[Posted on behalf of our Community Action Officer Ben Harris, Phoenix Police Dept:]

SUBJ: Recent Burglar Activities

DATE: 09:03 AM - Tues Dec 22, 2015

Hello everyone. I hope you are having a wonderful and blessed holiday season!

Recently, the Willo, FQ Story, and Encanto Neighborhoods have experienced some home burglaries that we all need to know about. Since November 1, we have had apx 24 residential burglaries within the area of 3rd Street - 19th Ave, Thomas Rd - Intst-10 Hwy. The good news is that Patrol officers have done a fantastic job of responding to these, and have identified suspects and investigative leads. A number of these burglaries can be attributed to a group of Juveniles, who were caught in reference to a December 12 home burglary in Willo.

The MO of these suspects is typical of burglars, but the times they are active is not. These burglaries have been forced entry through windows or glass door in the rear of a home, using tools or rocks they find on scene. Almost all have been accessed via the alley. They have been operating predominantly, during the hours of 4PM - 9PM. This is because they attend school, and commit burglaries after school. They range in age between 11-13, and seem to be entering our neighborhoods on foot, without vehicle assistance. They do not live near any of our neighborhoods. They are light skinned Hispanic males, and apx 5' - 5'6" in height, with short dark hair. They have been observed engaging in some limited casing behavior prior to a break-in, to include quick scans of houses that appear unoccupied: no cars in driveway, lights off, etc.

As I said, all of the juveniles in the group have been identified, and one of them is in the process of formal charges. That being said, all of you need to be warned that these subjects are NOT in custody, appear to be actively burglarizing, and on school break. The juvenile court system in AZ is such that these children will not be held until trial, even in the event that they are repeat offenders. I am working on this problem with the first subject who has been charged, and hope to have some meaningful and productive talks with the prosecutors.

I have Police resources keeping closer eyes on our neighborhoods this week and next, but in the mean time we all need to be ever vigilant about the behavior we see within our neighborhoods. Understand that I am NOT asking you to call Police when you see a group of young males, matching the previous description, walking through your neighborhood. I am asking you to call when you see casing behavior, see or hear subjects in the alley who do not belong, if your home alarm activates. Now is one of the times when it pays to know your neighbors, so you can better distinguish behavior that precipitates a crime.

If you have any other questions, please call.

Happy Holidays!

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FAA

FAA Flight Path Issue - Report for SPA Meeting 1/12/2016

Steve briefed the Steering Committee on the latest developments of the FAA flight path issue.

Legal Action Against FAA

December 4, 2015: The United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit decided to defer a decision regarding the FAA's Motions to Dismiss the petitions for review filed by the City of Phoenix and the coalition of neighborhoods in Phoenix. Instead, the Court directed that the City, neighborhoods and FAA brief all of the issues in the case, so that the Court can make a decision regarding the entirety of the case. As a result, the case will proceed with FAA's filing of the administrative record and briefing by the parties in the upcoming months. The Briefings Schedule was initially to commence January 19, 2016 and complete on March 24, 2016

January 9, 2016: Mediation Announced - The DC Circuit Court has a mediation program for cases where the Court thinks the parties could resolve their differences outside the courtroom. The Court has referred the cases to Mediation and the parties have agreed to participate.

The mediator has been appointed and has held preliminary discussions with Dentons, the neighborhoods' legal representation, about procedures. No date has been set for the Mediation. It is expected the Briefings Schedule will be extended to accommodate the Mediation process.

Legislative:

Before Thanksgiving last year, the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development ("THUD") Appropriations Bill containing an amendment to deal with the FAA flight path issue in PHX failed to receive a floor vote in the US Senate. Senators McCain and Flake turned to amending the "Omnibus Appropriations Bill" to achieve some level of helpful language in the legislation. The Senators also introduced a standalone bill containing the same language in their amendment to the THUD bill.

December 18, 2015: Omnibus Appropriations Bill passed Congress and was signed by the President. It funds the government until March. Language dealing with the FAA was included: Noise Mitigation: The explanatory statement on the omnibus notes that "The FAA must take a more proactive role in engaging communities that are impacted by these new departure and arrival procedures, especially when the agency chooses to utilize a categorical exclusion as part of the environmental review process. The agreement does not include provisions related to specific communities, but rather includes broad language requiring FAA to update its community involvement manual and implementation plan. Improved community outreach is one part of the solution. Investments in new technologies that will reduce noise and other environmental impacts caused by aircraft are equally important. In that regard, the agreement continues to include robust funding for the Continuous Lower Energy, Emissions and Noise (CLEEN) program."

FAA Reauthorization: Viewed as the next opportunity for Congress to include specific language to deal with the FAA flight path issue in PHX, it is expected to be taken up before March when funding for the FAA is due to expire.

1642 W. Culver

Saving 1642 W. Culver from total destruction has become a community project. The house is a small Spanish Colonial bungalow, built in 1927 by a young couple to raise their new family. Five generations later, that same family still owns their ancestral home. Over the decades, the house turned from "owner occupied" to a "rental" and was managed at a distance by the family.

In early December 2015 the great-granddaughter of the original builder and her 82-year-old handicapped mother packed up their belongings and left California for Arizona to take up residence in the home. What they found upon arrival was a building that had been cannibalized of all working facilities.... stripped to the bare bone.... uninhabitable. Sadly, they had no choice, it was "try to shelter in this building or be homeless on the street".

That is when the community stepped forward and took up the cause to not only save this family from a desperate situation but also save one of our historic homes in FQ Story.

A dozen volunteers cleaned the property of debris and trash which had been cited by the city with 6 Blight Notices. Broken windows needed boarding up and the leaky roof needed to be covered with tarps. Volunteer plumbers, electricians, carpenters, roofers and general contractors were solicited for free labor to help the volunteers.

To date, the water line has been connected to the property but cannot serve the house until the house is re-plumbed. The electrical panel and wiring was stolen therefore new parts and wiring needed to be purchased. APS has not connected service to the property yet but hopefully that will happen next week.

The fireplace chimney was damaged and that has been repaired but the cement needs time to cure before the fireplace can be used for warmth. A permit to burn on "No Burn Days" has been applied for and put on a fast track for approval.

Individuals have donated a portable toilet and flashlights, fireplace screen and grate, warm clothing, blankets, groceries, ice chest and hot meals. Others have gifted a new toilet, gas hot water heater, furniture and lighting fixtures. Dave Stanton built a handicap ramp for the front porch because the older woman is wheel chair bound.

Over the years, the property tax money was given to a third party to pay but that money never made it to the County Treasurer's office therefore there was a 3-year tax lien. Two "neighborhood angels" stepped forward and gifted the money to pay off the debt in full.

A GoFundMe account was set-up and has collected \$1,175. to date. This money has not been earmarked but is far short of what will be needed to save this building. The plan is to apply for Neighborhood Services Grant funds and Historic Preservations Grant funds to cover the major repair expenses but that process takes time.....time is not something we have if we are to stabilize this mother and daughter during the cold and rainy weeks of winter.

All in all, I am astonished at how the community has stepped forward to help these two people that are in a truly desperate situation. We are not only trying to help people in need but trying to save one of our 600 historic homes in FQ Story.

I would want to make a motion that we add an additional \$1,500. to the GoFundMe Account to help cover the cost to re-plumb the house immediately.

Feral Cats

This is a subject well debated in the recent past but critical to bring to the forefront again now that the spring feline mating season is just around the corner.

It has come to our attention that an elderly person in the neighborhood has been overwhelmed with kittens that have not been spayed or neutered. She has agreed to allow her animals to be sterilized but does not have the funds required to do it on her own. At this time, we are unsure of the count but do the math..... if there are only $6 \times 4 = 24$ and we believe that is an under estimated number.

Story is fortunate in that we have a new Pet Club opening soon that will be allowing for adoptions of animals and our local animal rescuers are now affiliated with Pee Wee's Pals'. They are an animal placement and sterilization organization specific to central Phoenix neighborhoods.

Keeping the feral animal population under control is a common problem in urban areas throughout the country. As a neighborhood, it is important that we help ourselves because government and non-profit organizations cannot do it all.

I will be making a motion that we set aside \$1,000. for immediate use to sterilize feral animals that we know will be attempting to mate this spring. In addition, I would like to set aside a line-item in the annual budget to be used for feral animal sterilization throughout the year.

Historic Preservation Subcommittee Plan Review

Certificate of Appropriateness Application HPCA 1500148

Investor/Owner: Bryan Schlueter, Scottsdale AZ

Located at: 1142 W Culver Street

HP Planner: Jodey Elsner

It is not often that FQ Story has a vacant residential in-fill lot. This property has been vacant for a number of years due to a fire that damaged a lovely English Cottage style home. The fire was extinguished but the damage to the mortar and rock made the house unstable and it had to be demolished.

The lot has been sold several times and is now owned by an investor who is going to build a 1,908 sq. ft. bungalow, single story, 11ft elevation with back patio. The 411 sq. ft. rear studio will remain on the property. The front will be a combination for brick veneer and batten board siding. A small front porch with wood pillars with face the street.

Dave Stanton and I reviewed the plans with the Planner on January 7th. The plans met with our approval. We stated that we would recommend the COA and the Planner indicated that no written Letter of Approval would be necessary. A public Hearing is scheduled for January 26th at 10:00am, 3rd Floor City Hall. We will not be attending.

Home Tour Subcommittee Issues

A. Issues relating to 2015 HTC conduct

B. Suggestions to be considered

- a) HTC shall be assigned three officers consisting of Pres., Sec'y., and Treas.
- b) These officers shall be voted on and approved by SPA Steering Committee from the group of HTC volunteers.
- c) As defined in SPA By-Laws Article VII, Section One (d) and Section Two (b), the SPA HTC exists as a special committee, and is therefore, is to operate under the direction and approval of the Steering Committee.
- d) Steering Committee shall identify and set goals for the home tour.
- e) Any volunteers to home tour committee agree to implement these goals as a condition of participating on the committee.