

MEDLOCK PLACE HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

September 15, 2015 - PO BOX 10689, Phoenix, AZ

www.medlockplaceneighborhood.org -- 28 neighbors in attendance

Board roll call: members present: Brian Worrall, Karen Stigers, Ellen Bilbrey, Barry Wong, Mike Meyers, Ernest Jaramillo, Pam Woods
Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by President Barry Wong

Speakers: Brian Worrall, Chair Aesthetics Committee introducing Lisa Hubbard.
Lisa Hubbard with Vista Program and City Neighborhood Services

Helen Haley, Americorp Vista Member

Both introduced the "Love Your Block" minigrant program. The program will promote connectability and linking small businesses together.

First work date: October 24 (Saturday – National Make a Difference Day (neighbors helping neighbors) More of a cleanup, painting, design on fences, lighting, wayfinding signs.

The City has secured a Federal grant for \$1,000 to do the program to upgrade the alley.

Changing Hands will host the 6 pm Merchant meeting on Thursday to get all the businesses on board for the way finding signs. The property owners will receive a letter from the city about moving garbage to the front of street to reduce the lure of the garbage for criminal transients along the pathway/alley. Lisa met with the City Street transportation section and Public Works and they have provided names of companies that might help create this new walkable alley. She said they need volunteers for both of those dates. October 10, 2015

Brian has a sign up list. Jobs: Pick up trash, cut the weeds, cleaning.

Speaker: City of Phoenix Officer James Holmes – Update on what is going on in the police department. Be careful if you are contacted by people who say they work for utilities. They never come to your home unless you are contacted in advance and if you requested their presence. Craigslist and Ebay - never give out your address to anyone on these social networks. Never open emails from Africa. Cold Case – US Dept of Justice has a grant to process DNA from that case in Medlock. They are meeting with Det. Schwartchkopf in October and the family. Neighbors should go to RAIDS online to see your burglary statistics.

Speaker: Lisa Hubbard. Tango Market and the nonprofit that are causing neighbor concerns along Camelback have moved to LA Fitness. This is a Tucson nonprofit run by Lewis Meyers. Arizona human services has crisis services for homeless people and they can deal with these people. The International Rescue Committee has refugees who are running a hydroponic store at 17th Ave and Camelback to grow talapia and catfish. There are 27 languages being spoken now in the area of 19th Ave. and Camelback.

Secretary: Minutes. Ellen made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Karen second. Motion carries.

Treasurer: Ernest Jaramillo. Money in the bank \$3019.25 \$25.32 in the savings account. We also have Godaddy costs and meeting room costs which were being incorporated into the next report. Ernest made a motion to approve. Second by Brian. Motion carries

Speaker: Ernest Jaramillo regarding zoning on the SW Corner of Central/Medlock US Bank property. There is no change in the number of parking spaces which is underground, some trees and berms ungraded and they will cleanup landscape. Mr. Woodlock and Hector agreed

that the business owner would repair any irrigation crisis created by new landscaping in the area. Dick and Kathy Woodlock manage the irrigation for Pasadena, Medlock and Colter.

Omninet Apartments: Developments along Central. They will be presenting their final project on 10/27 to the Alhambra Village Planning Committee. They may break ground next summer on this project. Mr. Min Lay with the St. Francis Neighborhood Association is here at the meeting to talk about the impact to their neighborhood. They are concerned about the 35 feet maximum height. Brophy wants the practice gym to be 39 feet. St. Francis hired a lawyer to solve that zoning stipulation problem. We need the help from all the four corners neighborhoods. There are a lot of traffic issues already that are a problem. The Diocese is not helping the neighborhood. They are expanding facilities and there is already limited parking. They are having near accidents because of student inattention while driving.

Camelback corner/ Old bus parking area: The small piece of land on the corner would be only a C-2 height. The old bus parking area. It is a road and is south of Camelback. City will auction this land off for about \$1 million

Barry Wong: Reading letter from David Scholl – update for Uptown Plaza. New business would be Shake Shack, Muse Apparel, Manner Shoes, and Flower Child (6 leases right now) The schedule is that the biggest changes will be in September through November. You will see canopies, paving, and some businesses open by the end of November. Stucco signs are coming down and new ones are going up. Bashas want to do store renovation for AJS early next year. They are trying to approve a new façade for AJS.

Strategic Plan: Mike Meyera handed out Goals and Plans for Medlock Place

Aesthetics: Brian Worrall met with tree trimmers and negotiated a \$50 palm tree trimming with cherry pickers, bonding, insurance. We want to know who is interested. We will get a notice out and they would like to do all the work on a weekend. Need to be sure trucks don't drive on irrigation lines.

Historic: Karen Stigers said 60% of the homes in Medlock are in the historic overlay and qualify for the tax. The 310 West Colter property is eligible for demolition on Sept. 28. The owners haven't received permits or submitted drawings. It has to meet historic preservation guidelines. There will be a public hearing on this issue.

Event Committee: Pam Woods is planning the Pancake breakfast on Nov. 14 from 8-10 am . 23 west Pasadena.

Street Reps: We need a street rep for each area. Volunteers needed. We will email the information out of what they need to do to be a street representation. (*Karen Thorn)

Traffic: We need a group to work on this issue

Fund raising: Everyone can pay \$25 when they want to cover their dues.

Next neighborhood meeting: Nov. 17, 2015 Raffle: China Chili winner: Linda
President Barry Wong called the meeting to a close at 8:30 pm