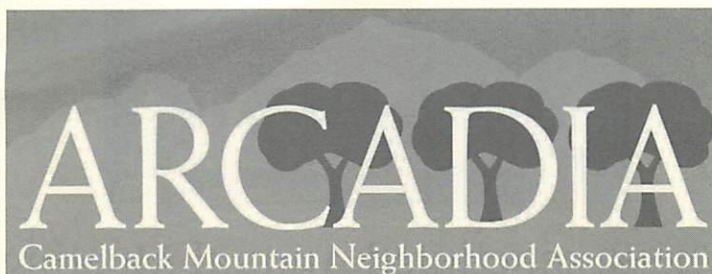


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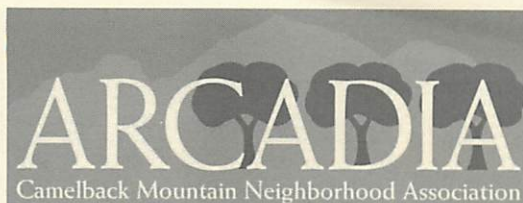
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NOTICE

Annual Meeting Date Change to Saturday, May 9, 2015

8:00am: sign-in & coffee service ~ 9:00am: meeting convened
Gangsei Hall ~ Prince of Peace Lutheran Church Campus
3641 N. 56th Street

see further details inside



The Rescheduled Annual Meeting Saturday, May 9, 2015

Because of an oversight of technical scheduling and notification requirements set out in the ACMNA By Laws, the Board has rescheduled our 2015 Annual Membership Meeting to Saturday, May 9, 2015. **The time and place remain set for 8:00am in Gangsei Hall on the Prince of Peace Lutheran Parish Campus, 3641 N. 56th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85251, just north of the canal on 56th Street.**

Coffee and light breakfast fare will be served at 8:00am and the Meeting will be convened at 9:00am.

Invitations are being extended to Mayor Greg Stanton, Councilman Sal DiCiccio, Arizona State Senator Adam Driggs, and State Representatives Kate Brophy McGree and Dr. Eric Meyer. Officials with the Phoenix Police Department being invited include: the Acting Chief of Police, Joseph Yahner, the Mountain View Precinct Commander, Marcel Spaulding, and the Arcadia Community Action Officer, Benjamin Carro.

City Manager Ed Zuercher will be invited to give his view of the City of Phoenix and issues that need to be confronted. The ACMNA Board will also invite the Village Planner for the Camelback East Village, and the chair of that Village Planning Committee.

There will be an opportunity for anyone attending to ask questions of these elected and appointed public officials, or to introduce themselves informally during the coffee and registration period before the meeting.

Election of Board Members

The ACMNA Bylaws provide for terms of office for Board Members to be two year staggered terms. The current terms for the following board members are up this year, and they have expressed their interest in continuing to serve.

Roger Brevoort, Jerry Eisen, Al Frei, Alan Maguire, Jerry McKenna, Richard Rea, Craig Richardson, Tristahn Schaub, Marilyn Miller Schmidlin, Craig Steblay, Courtney Sucato, and Tom Thomas.

The By-laws further provide that "any member of the association may be nominated for a Board vacancy by submitting his or her name to the then existing Board of Directors within thirty days of notification. A written list of those members who wish to serve on the Board and who respond timely to this notice will be prepared and submitted to the general membership for election, either by ballot sent by mail, by proxy, and/or at the annual meeting of the Association."

This newsletter serves as your notification of the election to be held at the Annual meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please submit your name via USPS to: ACMNA, Suite 21, Box 293, 4340 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85018. You can also send an e-message to Info@acmna.com. Either method must be sent no later than April 9, 2015 (30 days prior to the Annual Meeting.) A brief resume and the reasons for your interest in serving would be most appreciated.

Speeding & Distracted Drivers in Arcadia

Arcadia enjoys the very real advantage of having much wider streets than many other neighborhoods. However, these wider streets are, in most locations, without sidewalks because the subdividers and developers

chose not to install sidewalks when the homes were constructed. This fact requires Arcadia pedestrians to walk in the street.

Because of its generous width, Lafayette Boulevard experiences drivers who often exceed the posted speed limit of 35 MPH. Limited speed limit signs on other streets seem insufficient to let drivers know their speed limit is 25 MPH. Consequently, drivers think they can drive at least the posted 35 MPH on all streets. The installation of speed humps on these neighborhood streets has helped to a degree but the problem is getting worse because we are welcoming a large number of younger families with smaller children who walk or bicycle on the sides of the street.

A neighbor recently wrote:

“We recommend... that **no** driver should be on a phone or handling anything in their hands/talking on the phone to avoid distraction and an accident that they will be charged as responsible for concerning a pedestrian.” With more families with small children moving back into our various streets, it is just a matter of time before a tragic accident occurs. We are a law enforcement family (City of Phoenix - retired) and so the impact of traffic accidents is a very real concern for us.

“Thanks again, and as someone who could have been hit by an errant driver, we appreciate your ongoing assistance.”

The points this writer makes are real. We also have to realize that most of the speeding is being done by residents. Every time we have radar officers watching the speeds, the offenders are residents who feel they can speed. So, it is not just pedestrians that need to be careful. Drivers also have a responsibility to be alert, watchful, and not distracted as they drive our neighborhood streets. If you must use your cell phone while driving, we encourage you to use a hands-free accessory, and please do not text.

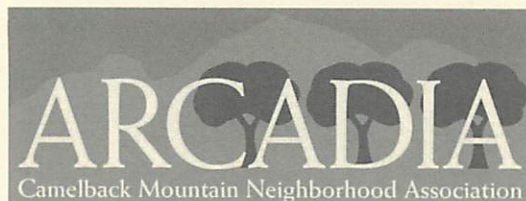
Drive Responsibly & Heed The Speed!

ACMNA Applauds the Shemer Art Center



— Celebrating 30 Years! —

Within the last few years, the Shemer Art Center at Camelback Road & Arcadia Drive has matured and grown into a vibrant “Home for the Arts.” Much of this success is the result of the vision and vibrancy of its director, Jocelyn Hanson. Its board of directors have also been central to the growth and vitality that the center has experienced. We encourage you to visit their website at www.shemerartcenter.org. It includes a wonderful video showcasing its Mission and some of its programs. The gift shop there is a great source for imaginative one-of-a-kind objects for special gift giving. The Center’s current hours are 10am to 3pm on Tuesdays and 6:30 to 8:30pm on Thursdays & Saturdays. Also watch for special events, like the current exhibit “Micro Dwelling 2015: Alternative Spaces for Simple Living! It runs through March 1st and is open Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 6pm.



The David Wright House

At the December 4, 2014 Board meetings, the board voted not to support any Planned Unit Development (PUD) re-zoning in Arcadia. The owner of the David Wright House has not yet decided what to request from the City of Phoenix. With the encouragement of the ACMNA, it is most likely that the owner will simply agree to a Special Use Permit leaving the current RE-35 zoning in place.

Clearly, the board is following its purpose as stated in our bylaws to encourage and protect the residential character of Arcadia. ACMNA has been consistent in this mission, and it will continue to be the focus of the board's efforts. That purpose is tested in the case of the Wright House because of its uniqueness and architectural significance.

In the December Newsletter, we wrote about ongoing concerns in the neighborhood about proposed preservation proposals on the David Wright Property at Rubicon and Exeter. The background has been discussed in detail multiple times.

No one wants to see a commercial use on this property. To be certain that such use is not created, some form of durable land-use control must be created to prevent such an unintended consequence in the future, no matter how remote.

The possibility of land-use control tools such as conservation easements or deed restrictions were mentioned in last month's newsletter. Another possible control is to tie any historic preservation or landmark designation, or any zoning construct, to a specific development design that has the same enforceability as a deed restriction or conservation easement. That would require a site plan in sufficient detail to achieve Phoenix Development Services Site Plan approval.

It should be remembered that there was a text amendment that was approved by the city council that could be used by the owner, which does provide for the house to be open to the public, the creation of a gift shop/museum, and the right to serve food and beverages. This already allows the owner much of what is currently sought.

If enforceable protection from commercialization is achieved, it would seem that the objections of most could be satisfied.

The best hope is that we can find a way to achieve some form of reconciliation to permit the house to be restored, the proposed support facilities allowed, and the residential land-use ensured with no possible creation of a commercial venture.

There have been frequent conversations and communications with both the owner and his attorney setting forth the objections of the neighborhood to any possible commercial ventures on the site. There have also been detailed objections raised to the concept of the use of a Planned Unit Development. The efforts to arrive at an acceptable meeting of the minds between the owner and the neighborhood will continue until that point is reached.
