

# ARCADIA CENTRAL

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## ACMNA BOARD MEETINGS

The Association Board of Directors meet at 5:30 PM on the first Thursday of the month (Except July and August) at Prince of Peace, Room 14.

These meetings are open to the public and Arcadia residents are encouraged to attend. Agendas are posted 5 days prior to meetings at:

[www.ACMNA.org](http://www.ACMNA.org)

Upcoming Meetings:

March 1, 2018

April 5, 2018

# 31st Annual ACMNA Meeting

Is the Annual Arcadia Neighborhood Meeting a social event or meeting? We think it's both! It's a chance for Arcadians to get better acquainted and also our chance to ask questions, get answers and make suggestions to our elected officials and City representatives. With over 200 attendees last year, the 30th Annual Meeting was one of the best attended ACMNA events ever. This year is shaping up to be even bigger with \$1000 in door prizes donated by Arcadia restaurants and business owners. We will have updates on Arcadia neighborhood issues and concerns.

### AGENDA:

1. Block Watch, Safety, & Security
2. The Disputed (and historic) Eucalyptus Trees on Arcadia Drive
3. 56th Street, Progress on the \$120,000 design project
4. New State Legislation and Home Businesses, Group Homes & VRBO Party Venues
5. Green and Yellow Bike Share - the good, bad, and sometimes ugly

### Guests and Speakers:

- Sal DiCiccio, Phoenix City Councilman, District 6
- Anthony Vasquez, Precinct Commander, Phoenix Police Dept.
- Jared Sherman, Community Action Officer, Phoenix Police Dept.
- Greg Bruns, Publisher, Arcadia News
- Maria Syms, AZ State Representative, District 28
- Kate Brophy McGee, AZ State Senator, District 28

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March 10, 8:30 AM  
Annual ACMNA Meeting  
Prince of Peace Church

March 24, 8:30 AM  
Arcadia Cares Pack-a-Thon  
Prince of Peace Church  
[https://www.acmna.org/  
events/2018/1/26/arcadia-cares](https://www.acmna.org/events/2018/1/26/arcadia-cares)

March 31, 8:00 AM  
Arcadia Adopt-a-Street  
Shemer Art Center

April 21, 8:00 AM  
Arcadia's own Auto Show  
LDS Church, 56th Street  
[https://www.acmna.org/  
events/arcadia-auto-rama](https://www.acmna.org/events/arcadia-auto-rama)

#### Editors Note:

In our [September issue](#) we published an open letter to the neighborhood from Aaron Betsky, President of The School of Architecture at Taliesin (formerly the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture).

The below letter from an Arcadia resident is being published in response to Mr. Betsky's previous letter.

(Any opinions expressed are those of the respective authors and not necessarily those of ACMNA or the Board.)

## Letter to my Arcadia Neighbors

Dear Neighbors,

We have all read the narrative and, by now, have heard how terribly important the preservation of the David and Gladys Wright House (DGWH) is to our cultural survival. We have been preached to, cajoled, and scolded into believing that we are absolutely philistine if we don't throw out the welcome mat for each plan that portends to save it. The developer's unstoppable penchant for utilizing the long vacated home and grounds for an event venue, remains to this day, a continuing nuisance and distraction from what was once a predictably quiet and private area.

The pain of living with these events has provided an ominous forecast of things to come if the developer has his way. The DGWH has now partnered with the Arizona Community Foundation, (ACF), to help with philanthropy. According to Mr. Steve Seleznow, President and CEO of the ACF, their "role now is to establish the philanthropic structure and foundation for the FLW School of Architecture, the DGWH and the funds raised to support it, and provide the administrative and investment management systems to make the foundation viable over the long term. A board will be established to govern the new foundation and related assets, and the School of Architecture will determine the vision, and how the house will be used to support its graduate architecture curriculum and community-related programs."

In order to make this plan viable, \$7,000,000 must be raised, so the logic is really very simple: any venue, including the current plan to turn the 6 acre parcel, with the 2200sf house into some sort of adjunct campus, operated under the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture moniker will require a revenue stream. That revenue stream cannot be sustained solely from tuition fees, tours, and

souvenirs sales. There has already been a "purchase ticket" event on Saturday, November 11, 2017 from 6 to 9 pm. Let us not be fooled; this is a *commercial* endeavor and what takes hold in one neighborhood sets the precedent and becomes fair game for neighborhoods all over the valley.

Arcadia is and always has been a residential community. The residents intend to keep it that way. The community at large, has a zero tolerance for any commercial use of any residential property in the neighborhood. The DGWH is a residence, and should remain as such, as both father and son intended it to be. In 1921, a grant deed was recorded setting forth the following restriction: "No sanatorium, hotel, apartment, rooming or boarding house, place of amusement or entertainment, or mercantile or other commercial business, shall ever be conducted, erected or maintained thereto"... "and all said covenants and restrictions run with the land...". Any proposed use, other than a residential one, is not only inconsistent with the Arcadia lifestyle, but is illegal and will be met with vehement opposition by the entire neighborhood with the leadership of the Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association (ACMNA).

As a cohesive community, we will accept nothing other than a single family dwelling on this property, with no revenue producing capabilities or uses, just as the deed restrictions state. The peace and tranquility of this neighborhood has been disrupted for long enough. We want this issue to come to an end. Mr. Rawlings, the developer, should accept the offers that have been presented to him by outside parties to purchase the real estate and live in the home as it was intended to be, solely a residential property. Mr. Betsky, from the Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture and Mr. Seleznow, of the Arizona Community Foundation must respectfully bow out and find a commercial venue to further fund their endeavors and leave this home to remain a private residence.

Patricia Koslow  
Arcadia Resident



# Getting to know you

## Officer Jared Sherman #9331

Phoenix Police Officer Jared Sherman is the newly appointed C.A.O for the Mountain View precinct 71 North area. He has been a sworn officer for nine years, serving seven out of the nine years in the Mountain View precinct.

Jared started his career on third shift working in the Camelback/Arcadia area, moved briefly for two years to Sunnyslope, before returning the Mountain View precinct. The last two years, he trained new officers down around the Van Buren area, helping them to learn the basics of becoming effective and professional protectors of the communities. Jared works closely with various specialty units including Neighborhood Enforcement teams, Vehicular Crimes Unit, Burglary reduction officers, and repeat offender officers to name a few. He has assisted with and been a part of multiple programs to assist with crime prevention and reduction, everything from targeted traffic enforcement, to writing search warrants for suspected drug houses.

While enjoying training new officers, he decided it was time for him to assist the Mountain View precinct in another capacity and as officer Carro knew he would be leaving soon, was asked if he was interested in the spot of C.A.O. Jared is excited and eager to assist the community members in the Mountain View precinct as their new C.A.O for 71 north and is looking forward to meeting with the members and helping to make their communities a safer and stronger place to live.

Should you have any comments, issues or concerns for Officer Sherman he can be reached at [Jared.Sherman@phoenix.gov](mailto:Jared.Sherman@phoenix.gov).



## 56th St.

5600 E



The City of Phoenix 56th Street corridor study through a Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) design assistance grant will begin shortly. Selected from the Active Transportation program on-call consultant list, HP+D – Harrington Planning + Design is honored to have the opportunity to

collaborate with the community and stakeholders to create a new vision of the streetscape of the corridor. We have assembled a team of well qualified professionals to support the anticipated needs of this project. Our group includes Ritoch-Powell & Associates (RPA) for civil engineering and drainage issues, Matrix Design for public outreach and stakeholder engagement, and Y2K Engineering for traffic engineering and safety. HP+D will provide the landscape architecture and lead the project design for the complete street concept.

Harrington Planning + Design is also an on-call consultant with the City of Phoenix and is a Small Business Enterprise (SBE). Under a prior study through MAG with the City of Phoenix, HP+D provided planning and design services for the 11th Street complete streets project in the Historic Garfield District of Phoenix between the I-10 and Washington Street. This project incorporated the "complete streets" concept and with feedback from local residents also included neighborhood linkages, historical elements, landscaping, and comfort at points of pedestrian and cyclist rest.

HP+D aspires to develop a complete street vision for the 56th Street corridor which also has a powerful sense of place as we did with 11th Street. With community support and input on key issues, I have no doubt that we can work together to make this an exciting experience as we prepare this study.

Jason Harrington, RLA, ASLA, ASIC, APWA  
Harrington Planning + Design

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*Preserving our neighborhood starts with you*

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## Neighborhood Meeting

### Saturday, March 10, 8:30 AM

### Prince of Peace Church

Arcadia Camelback Mountain Neighborhood Association

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