

# Let's Celebrate Historic Warren Community Zoom Meeting Minutes January 13, 2022

The meeting was started at 6:40 pm.

- 1 Heather Glenn reviewed the meeting protocol so that the online meeting could operate as smoothly as possible:
  - a. We are gathering ideas/information for positive change
  - b. No critiquing of ideas tonight; that will be done at the next meeting
  - c. Provide possible solutions rather than voicing complaints or blame
  - d. Raise hand or let Heather know you wish to speak & wait until called on to begin speaking
  - e. Speakers limited to 3 minutes so that everyone can be heard
  - f. 1 person speaks at a time
  - g. Please do not interrupt someone who is speaking

- 2 Meeting purpose

Heather G. explained that the purpose of the first meeting was to get feedback and ideas from the community on how we can make Warren an even better place in which to live/work. There is a lot underway in Warren right now and some of us may have questions that can be answered or addressed via the meeting.

3. Participants were asked to introduce themselves and share their name, hundred block of street they live on or business they represent, and how long in Warren and/or Bisbee.

**Tracy Taylor** – runs Bisbee Saturday Market in Vista Park, lives in Old Bisbee 4 years with her husband, Doug. She announced that the market was just approved to accept Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) starting February 1. **Meg Sowid** – married to Councilmember Mel Sowid, lived in Warren since 2007; born and raised in Old Bisbee; she is a retired RN. **Shannon Roberts** – 600 E Vista, moved in Warren in August from Montana. She and her family are very happy to live here. Heather G. thanked Shannon for distributing meeting flyers on her block. **Douglas Dunn & wife Donna Dobb** – 400 E. Vista, lived in Warren 26 years; been in Bisbee since the 1970s. **Rolf Wheeler** – 300 14<sup>th</sup> Terrace, since June 2019. **Mel Sowid** – 500 block Cole Ave. He and Meg lived in the Warren Hotel when they were going to college. He owns the Bisbee Bodega in Old Bisbee and also serves on the Bisbee City Council. **Mike & Judy Anderson** - 600 block Hoatson for 30 years; in Bisbee 32 years. They started Friends of the Bisbee Ballpark. **Monica Fuchs** – 300 block 16<sup>th</sup> Terrace since 2008. She and her wife moved to Warren because of the bumper sticker that says, “Keep Warren Boring.” **Juliette Beaumont** – 300 block Campbell, next door to the Andersons. She shared that Heather G. used to take care of her ducks. She stated that she is present to speak about the garbage cans. She does not understand why things were changed, even after the City explained it, and believes garbage pick-up should be confined to the alleyways and not the streets. She said many others are also upset by the change, mostly because of the difficulty caused by the terrain in her area of getting the roll-out to the street and the issues caused by marauding javelinas. Heather asked if scheduling a meeting with City staff might be helpful to address how a similar project implementation might go more smoothly and agreed to set something up. **Terry & Robin Priestley** – 500 block Ruppe Ave. near the ballpark, since September. Part-timers now; will be full time in June. **Joni Giacomino** – born in Bisbee and grew up on Yuma Trail; Warren is her old stomping grounds. She is a Ward Rep on the Council along with Mel. She is glad to see life coming back to Warren. She was happy when a second Farmer’s Market started, excited to see Beto’s Restaurant revived by Los Hermanos, and all the activity happening at The Hitching Post, which isn’t really in Warren but is in Ward 2. She spoke with Bisbee City Manager Steve Pauken today about the timeframe for the new City Hall and they both believe that it will also bring more life to Warren when rebuilt. **Holly Priestley** – daughter of Terry & Robin Priestley; she is in process of purchasing a home on Black Knob and is excited to become part of the community. Someone in the meeting shared that Holly is a blogger. **Rachel Allee & Max Schoenhals** - 200 block E Vista for 4 years; husband has lived there for 30+ years. Rachel has offered to Chair the Christmas Committee. **Heather Reddon** – 200 block Arizona St, 3.5 years in Bisbee. She lives in the oldest building in Warren; the Southwest Realty/Bisbee Engineering building, which just turned 115 years old last week. She runs the Heater’s Perk booth at

the Bisbee Saturday Market. **Lana Fox** – 300 block Hovland, lived there 20 years; came from California and wouldn't want to live anywhere else. **Heather Glenn** – 300 block Hovland since 2017.

Others logged into the meeting, but did not speak included **Deb Holly** and **Mary Miller-Crews**.

#### 4. Reach for the Sky idea sharing

Mike Anderson said he'd like to see more public events in Warren. Those who attended the Los Lobos concert and Mariachi Festival realize it's a great place to have fun. The Farmer's Market is turning into a fantastic thing and he expressed thanks to Tracy for bringing it back. He said he would like to see historical interpretive signs for the more historical buildings in Warren like the Midtown Market and the old Phelps Dodge building so people can understand & appreciate the history that's been here.

Judy Anderson would like to see more participation from the local community at the ball park events – especially the vintage baseball games.

Joni Giacomino shared some of the things that used to happen in Warren: Every September before the county fair there was a Merchants Faire in the ball park where businesses from all over Bisbee, and some from outside of Bisbee, would set up vendor and information booths for various businesses; they'd put on a play at the pitcher's mound, and it was a great place to gather. She explained that there used to be a Christmas tree decorating contest citywide; there were prizes, but it really brought the communities together. She agreed that interpretive signs in front of the historic buildings is a good idea.

#### 5. Christmas Committee - Rachel Allee

Rachel explained that her house had the really bright blue lights on the Vista this Christmas. She and her neighbor, Deb Holly, got together and decided that it would be fun to create some kind of holiday events, including where people could go door-to-door. Some ideas they have are creating a spot for children to visit Santa; vendor booths; possibly a small parade on the Vista sponsored by merchants and all kinds of Christmas events.

Tracy Taylor said she has a big 'in' with the Bisbee Santa; and just let her know what is needed and they will accommodate the request. She shared that she and Doug did Santa at the Mining Museum this year and had over 300 children waiting when he arrived on the fire truck.

Rachel also stated that they've had 300-400 kids visit them on Halloween from the surrounding areas and would like to create some kind of fall event, as well, so that visitors from the surrounding cities and communities may get to know Warren.

Heather Reddon asked for more information about the next vintage baseball tournament. She also asked how we could get the Easter Egg Hunt for children back in Warren. She stated she loves the Christmas ideas already presented and suggested a Christmas in July event and tie it in with the Saturday Market. Joni Giacomino advised that the Easter Egg Hunt was stopped due to the pandemic, but believes it will return this year. She said that it is the local firefighters who put that event on. Heather Reddon mentioned that that might be an event that our group could take up if the firefighters cannot.

Judy Anderson shared that the next vintage baseball tournament is scheduled for April 2 & 3. They have had to cancel the event three times because of the pandemic and they hope the April event comes to fruition. She stated she would like to see Warren become an historic neighborhood. It's been over ten years since photos were taken and the information compiled when it was first presented to the SHPO. Heather Glenn stated that she believed the City had earmarked \$10,000 to complete the application and get it submitted. Joni stated that the last she heard, it was on the City's back burner.

Juliette Beaumont shared that the Mining Museum has a lot of information on Warren and found that out when she was researching the history of her home. Mike Anderson stated that there a number of notebooks at the Mining Museum in the Shattuck Research Library. Heather Glenn asked Mike if he would be willing to give a presentation on Warren history at a future meeting, to which Mike enthusiastically agreed.

Tracy Taylor mentioned that her husband, Doug Taylor, is the City Planner, and getting Warren its historical designation is on his to-do list at the City. Heather G. stated there are a lot of residents who support that designation and would also like to learn about some of the benefits of having historic designation.

Rolf Wheeler wondered if the Terraces were included in the historic designation paperwork and if not, if they should be since they were first platted in 1918. Mike Anderson did not know if the Terraces were included in the paperwork but stated they certainly should be, as they were the third part of Warren to be platted in the City Beautiful plan. Heather Reddon said that she learned from researching her home's history that the superintendent of homes for the mining company – C&A Mines, left the building in 1926 when they sold the last of the Terraces which tells her that the Terraces are a part of Warren. If the Terraces were not a part of Warren, the superintendent wouldn't have left. Additionally, when the superintendent moved out of her building, it was then sold and became the Warren Garage.

Juliette stated that she tends to take pictures whenever she takes walks about Warren and posts them online. She has been surprised by the number of people who don't recognize the photos as being taken in Warren. She thought it would be a good idea to map the cool sites and things to see in Warren, like they have for Old Bisbee. Rachel Allee created a map of Warren that she is willing to share with the group and was surprised that the City did not have one when she asked.

Douglas Dunn explained that the proposed kiosk was at the initiative of the Bisbee Parks and Recreation Committee and has been approved by Council. It is being constructed now and will be installed in the next several weeks. It will give a background on the City Beautiful plan, map and historical significance of Warren and the ballpark. It will be located in Vista Park across from the bus stop on Congdon. It has been designed by Michael Page and similar to what he designed at Evergreen Cemetery. The Bisbee Foundation is seeking donations (send to drawer BK) to complete the project.

Terry Priestley thanked everyone for getting involved and said that it is exciting to see the energy and thoughts of the group. He mentioned the big 2-story commercial building on Arizona St. at Congdon looks like it has a lot of potential for Warren if it could be developed. Juliette mentioned that Steve Burnett is the current owner and believes he is restoring the top floor apartments and may want to put some retail businesses in the building downstairs. Heather Reddon stated that is a building, like her home, that was designed by architect Henry Trost.

Heather G. said the impetus for starting the Historic Warren group is that she has lived in a couple of historic neighborhoods; Janes Village in Altadena, near Pasadena, where the Rose Parade is held every New Year's Day. It was a neighborhood that was undergoing transition from being very rundown. That group was started by a local realtor who researched the storybook homes and developer Elisha P. Janes. The group requested historical designation, which was granted. Their efforts maintained and increased property values within a very short period of time, which demonstrates the power of a strong community pulling together for common causes. The other historic neighborhood Heather lived in was Historic Kenwood in St. Petersburg, Florida, which had a similar history to Altadena's, but was further along in their revitalization efforts. They had some wonderful programs already in play, such as an annual Home Tour called Bungalowfest, a garden club and welcome baskets for new residents. Since she moved away, the area became St. Petersburg's first Artist Enclave and offers studio tours once or twice a year, which is something she'd like to see in Warren. Heather stated she is looking for ways to help local restaurant and hotel workers with affordable housing options so that they can also be a part of the Warren community. She would like to see a small dog park in Warren; possibly at the less developed area of Vista Park by the Douglas mansion, and partner with the Bisbee Animal Shelter and the City to get fencing and irrigation so that trees could be donated and planted in memory of pets who have passed on. She will share more of her ideas, along with everyone else's input, when the minutes are distributed. Heather stated that the group will need funds to accomplish some of the ideas presented. That may mean that the group will have to form a 501c3 non-profit to fundraise. She showed a flag prototype that residents could buy and display outside their homes as an idea that could be made and sold to make money, as well as home plaques. She stated she would like to create a newsletter and website to promote the community.

Holly Priestley offered to help with the website and newsletter. She stated she works from home and she'd like to see a coffee shop or other sort of 'hang out' type business in Warren.

Mike stated that Warren had the first Barista in 1951 where the Southern Arizona Legal Aid offices are now located and was called the Bisbee Coffee Market and run by Mark Bederack. Mike said Warren has a long history of having hot coffee for thirsty miners 24/7 and that would be such a great business to bring back to the area, along with more restaurants.

Heather G. asked City reps if they knew the status of the building next to Mornings Café, which she had heard had been remodeled to be a restaurant. Heather R. advised that it is currently for rent for \$1000 or \$1100/month, but has an unusual set-up in that customers must go through the kitchen to get to the back dining area or be outside. It is owned by the same man from San Diego who owns the Legal Aid building and she could get contact information for him. Heather G. also stated she'd like to partner with a Warren realtor that could provide the group with local listings for sale and rent and other realty data. Juliette recommended her neighbor and realtor and would forward that information to Heather. Heather G. explained that she'd also like to start a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) program in Warren, as well as a Citizen Leadership Academy which would be a good way to educate residents on the workings of local government and prepare citizens to serve on Boards and Commissions. She suggested possibly partnering with the high school to allow the upper class members to participate in the Academy for credit since they are the future leaders of the community. Rachel Allee reminded Heather that they had spoken about architecture walks along the Vista and Arizona Street and possibly create a pumpkin patch on the Vista. Joni shared that, in the past that the City Parks and Rec Department used to host a large fall event with pumpkin carving and lots of Halloween activities on the lower Vista.

There was discussion about how to incorporate the different nationalities and cultures into our events and Rachel mentioned there has been talk of creating an International Day in the park when different foods, cultures, dances and the like could be shared.

6. Where do we go from here?

- a. Heather asked how often they felt the group should meet and it was decided that monthly would work best for now. She advised that the next meeting will be to define the community's vision. She will create a survey to determine best day and time and will send it out via email and on nextdoor.com. She will also seek ideas for topics for future meetings and asked the group to suggest speakers along with contact info.
- b. Heather advised that she prefers to communicate meeting information via email and nextdoor.com rather than Facebook. Communication will migrate to the website once it is up and running. To contact her, please use [bisbeeblyss@yahoo.com](mailto:bisbeeblyss@yahoo.com).

Juliette asked if she needed to do anything regarding a meeting with the City about the trash issue. Mike Anderson shared his experience, stating he spent an hour with City Manager Steve Pauken, Public Works Director Matt Gurney, and Operations Manager Logan Dodd on Monday and found them very receptive to the feedback. Mike emphasized the need for better communication when changes are being made, and has since seen City posts on Facebook about the trash operation, so he knows they are trying. Heather told Juliette she would be in touch to arrange a meeting with City Public Works personnel.

The meeting ended at 7:55 pm.

## Dare to Dream Ideas for Historic Warren

(Listed in no particular order)

Welcome basket for new residents containing info and resources about our community and businesses

Work with city to:

- Complete the application for Historic Designation for Warren
- If Dumpsters are staying, create beautification program/contest to decorate them with art
- Communicate better with residents when making changes; offer to partner with them and use our community as guinea pigs for feedback and to work out the bugs before implementing
- Address neighborhood 'gateway' beautification
- Collaborate with BSA to create Dog park for small dogs – possibly at west end of vista park
- Develop Historic theme/master plan for Arizona Street and Vista Park; period appropriate lighting; recreate areas of the original park plaza? Placement of the proposed ramada
- What if the Bisbee Bus was painted/wrapped to resemble an old Bisbee Trolley?
- create artist enclave which allows residents to work from home art studio and host neighborhood open studio tours once or twice a year
- develop and sponsor a citywide citizen leadership academy which teaches residents about how local government operates; what each department does; perhaps include some training on open meeting law
- Start CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) program
- Develop parking plan for larger events at ballpark so surrounding neighbors aren't inundated

Monthly porch parties at homes of Warren residents

Home Tours – even if just for interested community members

More concerts & events at the ballpark or vista park

Attn: Mel Sowid: We need a Bisbee Bodega Warren Annex!

Community talks:

- Architecture types in Warren
- Warren History Presentation
- Merchants (Hone Ranger offered to talk about knife maintenance)
- City plans for Warren
- Hospital Expansion
- Gardening Talks

Monthly Street/wash clean ups

Adopt a corner; pick up trash and maintain vegetation

Warren website ideas

- Post Rental listings in Warren
- Yard Sales & Map
- Meetings & Events
- Create interactive map on the website of cool things to see and do in Warren similar to what is on the web for Old Bisbee
- Sell advertising?

Holiday Events

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

One for kids

One for adults

Halloween

Trunk or Treat

Pumpkin carving contest  
Witch Hat Ring Toss  
Pet Costume Parade  
Create pumpkin patch on the vista

Christmas on the Vista

Citywide Christmas tree decorating contest

story time at somewhere in the biz area or set up a tent?., letters to Santa, holiday music, cocoa for kids, a cameo by Santa Claus and a tree-lighting ceremony at 5 p.m.; caroling

Holiday Happy Hours

Merchants Faire at the ballpark

International Day Celebration

Bocce ball lessons and tournaments in Vista Park – Spring & Fall

Create Volunteer Driver Program to provide rides to seniors/specific needs residents to essential appointments

Possibly work with City to contract use of bus and driver to take residents to Tucson Medical Center and VA hospitals at least once a month. Coordinate with hospitals to block out time on certain days for Bisbee patient appointments and schedule the rides on those days.

### Fundraising

- Flags
- Artist Banner Auction
- Coffee mugs
- License plate frames
- Window decals / bumper stickers
- Voluntary Annual Membership fee?

Historical interpretive signs in front of historic buildings throughout Warren

Talk with B&D Hardware about bringing back their plant area; maybe offer to have residents who enjoy gardening maintain it and ask if they would sell garden art made by local crafters & artists

Incorporate as 501c3

Articles of Incorporation

Bylaws

Elect Board

Work with hospital to:

- Define flight path for hospital helicopters that is not over our homes

Work with realtors to inform buyers in Warren about the helicopter noise & historic preservation restrictions if planning to renovate

Partner with Warren realtor to provide real estate data, share listings for rentals and homes for sale

Perhaps advocate for the helicopter and historic preservation issues with the Board of Realtors?

Annual toy drive for Boys and Girls Club

- Think outside the box
- In lieu of a toy, do you have a business, item or service that might be able to provide an experience for a low-income member of the B&G Club? Examples:
  - Gift certificate for prom dress, make-up or hair appointment for special event
  - Free art or music lesson sessions
  - Concert tickets & transportation
  - Movie tickets, popcorn money for 2 & a ride to/from SV

# How You Can Help

Volunteer!

Participate in meetings

Put us in touch with your contacts who can help us advance our ideas!

Promote Historic Warren to people you know

Volunteer to serve on a committee

Holiday Committee

Christmas - Contact Rachel Allee

Autumnfest

Easter

Hospitality

Create Welcome Baskets

Event Refreshments

Membership

Event Planning

Emergency Preparedness

Marketing

Newsletter

Write articles

Take Photos of events

Write press releases

Website development/maintenance

Community Outreach

Give Public Presentations

Develop walking tour of the Vista history

Fundraising

Grantwriting

History

Research

Become a "Building Biographer"

Become a Board Member

Share a skill / teach a workshop / make something for the welcome baskets

General Labor

Meeting/event setup & teardown

Participate in monthly neighborhood clean-ups

Become a Block Captain

post a monthly community meeting sign to remind your neighbors to attend

more ideas/responsibilities may emerge if CERT program initiated

Do you have a special skill or talent that you are willing to contribute?

Photography

Grantwriting

Writing

Marketing

Fundraising

Event Planning

No time to spare? Make a donation of money or materials!