

PCA Historian's Report 2022

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Highlights or Summary of items included for each category below.

City of Phoenix General and Covid Procedures for the Smurthwaite House.

- City of Phoenix Parks and Rec. continued CDC guidelines.
- PCA has a sign-in sheet.
- PCA has procedures and training for PCA members to host BOD or Committee meetings thru Webex, which will still be offered.

Community Involvement / Donations / Grant/ Events and Fund-Raising Events

- The Calendar for 2023 – 40th Anniversary was presented at the December 2022 Board meeting. Exciting events are scheduled for every month except for the 3 months of summer.
- The Chinese Circle Dedication was completed in November.
- DAR and Work Day Review was held in October and 4 plot rows of grave markers and 14 Southern Crosses of Honor were cleaned. 30 volunteer hours reported.
- Spirits of the Old West was presented in October with proceeds of \$478.77 reported.
- The Ice Cream Social was held in September as a outreach for new members and thank you for current members.
- A Lost Dutchman group visited PMMP in May.



- BEE_UTIFUL FLOWERS took place on April 23. It was a self-guided Scavenger Hunt, which helped participants learn the meaning behind the grave marker symbolism.
- ART WALK took place on March 26. It allowed a stroll thru art and photo displays.

Community Projects

- A Power Point Presentation was completed for Sotelo Heard / Campo Santo Americano and the presentation forwarded to the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and to the Arizona Preservation Foundation (APF). At the October Board Meeting an update was given concerning the adjacent property and a change in direction by the CoPhoenix. Trellis to keep PCA updated.
- An Ironwood tree donated by Piestewa Peak Chapter DAR was planted.
- Community clean-ups on-going by Eagle Scouts (painting of 12 wooden benches) and Masons DeMolay teens placed over 100 American flags on graves in the Masons Cemetery for Memorial Day. Volunteers repaired the front brick walkway

PCA Teams/Committees/Activity Groups Highlights

The New Board was announced and invited with other members to the Annual Holiday Party in November. P Patty Gault – President; Cindy Lee - Vice President; Ileen Snoddy – Secretary; Val Wilson – Treasurer; Ed Dobbins – Historian; Debe Branning; Donna Carr; Sterling Foster; Vicki Galli; Kimberly Kasper; Mark Lamm;

and Jenn Merry.

- Board Reference binders are being updated, current and former Board members should bring the ref. binders in for updates.
- Communications – Facebook posts continue.
- Displays. Any personal items should be removed before the full inventory in the beginning of the year.
- Finance – A Treasurer’s Report was presented at the May meeting by Val Wilson with beginning balance \$19,937.42; ending balance 25,596.26; surplus \$5,782.92. Treasurer’s Report for December: beginning balance \$30,215.86, ending balance \$30,321.86 with a surplus of \$9,616.
- Facilities – continued work on improvements for Jacob Waltz grave, Memorial Walkway (Cenotaph Memorial Brick Program- completed), coordinating with Parks& Rec. staff for improvements.
- **Grave Marker Preservation**
 - GMPC with Joe Ferrannini installed six new military markers and repaired 41 grave markers, including 20 markers that had been in storage for 30 years. Military markers were placed in Rosedale, Porter and Loosely. Lime washes at vaults were in Rosedale. Volunteers 22; volunteer hours 1227.



- DAR Historic Preservation Grant. The Final Report was submitted in April (extended from previous year because of Covid). The grant was for \$4,500 and was matched by PCA funds.
- IT committee has ordered new computers.
- Jacob Waltz Committee presented to the Board in June. The packet included the following: Concept site plan, concept monument drawing with wrought iron fence, potential front and back monument designs, possible large boulder with map and background boulders placement thoughts, walkway thoughts.
- Living History Team –continued work on biographies- 117 in binder at end of November.
- Membership, as of December, was 112 members.
- **Memorial Marker Committee**
 - Reported in June that 5 more 8”x8” markers had been purchased, 6 short bios of women and children had been completed and a proposal to add a plaque on Frank Moss’s grave marker had been shelved.
 - As of December, the Cenotaph and the Memorial Marker funds have been combined.
 - Proposed that the Memorial Marker Committee review all requests for additions to the cemetery and this committee will make recommendations to the Board for Final Approval.
- RIP newsletters – March, June, September and December.

City of Phoenix crew projects and other City action items

- Amendment No. 1 to the City of Phoenix Agreement No. 140125 was signed by PCA and CoP in February 2022. The original Agreement was entered to on Feb. 11, 2015. The Agreement allows PCA “to occupy, operate and manage the Pioneer and Military Memorial Park and Cementeria Lindo for opportunities of citizens to visit and tour.”

- Woolridge Vault Assessment Report was received from Jeff Swann and termite treatment was completed on the vault.
- Sewer line and Tamarisk tree worked on.
- PCA / City of Phoenix Improvement Plan 3-year (21-23) was submitted with projects prioritized and responsible parties identified for PMMP, Cementerio Lindo and Sotelo Heard, presumably copies given to South Division Parks.

PCA Board Meetings: 1st Thursday of the Month. Meetings generally include: President's Report, Treasurer's Report, Old Business, New Business, Schedules, Call to Public and AZ Trivia.

PCA / City of Phoenix Parks and Rec. South Division Maint. Meetings: Monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month. Jacob Waltz Improvement Committee occasionally follows the facilities meeting.

End of Report.