



JUNE 13 LD28 MEETING MINUTES  
OPEN DOOR FELLOWSHIP HALL – 8301 N. 19<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, PHOENIX 85021

CHECK-IN AND POSICLE SOCIAL: 6:30-7:00 PM – This was a great chance to mingle with fellow precinct committeemen (“PCs”), elected officials, and meet and greet interested potential new PCs from the west side of our legislative district.

LD28 MEETING START TIME: 7:01 pm

TOTAL ATTENDEES: 46 attendees

PCs: 33

GUESTS: 10 first-time guests, 3 returning guests

AGENDA & MEETING MINUTES

1. Pledge – Jana Jackson, PC
2. Welcome/Introduction of Guests and Senator & Supervisor – Kathy Petsas, Chairman,  
Several precincts in LD28 are vacant in this area. To address this, the executive board sent letters to high advocacy voters – the very best in the precinct who are clearly engaged and interested in our state. We currently have 325 PCs in LD28, which is the lowest vacancy rate of all legislative districts in the state. Many elected officials reside in LD28 – Governor Ducey, Attorney General Brnovich, Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates, Senator Kate Brophy McGee, Representative Maria Syms and others. We welcome Corporation Commissioner Andy Tobin here tonight as a visitor!

As we promised during our campaign speeches, during the non-election year we are hosting less regular meetings and are focused on purposeful gatherings in areas of our District to find out what the key issues are and get to know our neighbors. During the election year, we will resume regular meetings and recognize that many of our PCs are active in supporting candidates, running for office, or recruiting others to join our District as PCs. We are working to reclaim the District to get 3 Republicans elected in the legislature.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** This September we will head back to the state Capitol with Secretary of State Michele Reagan, visiting in the House and Capitol Museum on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in September.

3. Announcements / PC Highlights – Kathy Petsas, Chairman
  - Helen Purcell received the Lincoln Day Luncheon Barry Goldwater Award for public service and was recently appointed to the state committeeman position (as a replacement to Adam Driggs).
  - Adam Driggs was appointed by Governor Ducey as a Superior Court Judge. Due to his new role, Mr. Driggs resigned as a PC.
  - Matt Morales recently became the Deputy County Recorder.
  - Daran Wastchak has been named Chairman of the Paradise Valley Planning Commission.
  - Lisa Hoberg was recognized as the Outstanding Precinct Committeeman for LD 28 at the Lincoln Day Luncheon and is the Chairman of the Paradise Valley School Bond/Override Election.
  - Rodney Glassman just announced his candidacy for the Arizona Corporation Commission.



5. Senator Brophy McGee – Legislative Summary

We have the most politically aware district in the state – it is very active and there are lots of questions.

We have a balanced Budget for first time since 2009. A primary focus this year was education – especially the million-dollar university bondage package and policy around K-12 direction. I was the only Republican to vote against ESAs [because open-enrollment, charters, homeschool, private schools, and a choice system already exists. I am careful about injecting backpack “vouchers” unless we ensure every choice to parents is funded. There have been enormous cuts to District schools since 2009; now we have a capital lawsuit for failure to fund District school facilities. There have been other severe funding shortfalls, including District additional assistance (which covers textbooks, technology, etc.) cuts in 2009 by 85%. Injecting vouchers leads to inequities in the system. There is also lack of accountability – we have proof voucher dollars spent from flatscreen tv to cars and an abortion. We need accountability on how debit cards are spent. For example, a student could go through K-12 system and not pass college entrance exam.] We also provided an additional \$350 million from Prop 123 to the K-12 system as well as an additional \$360 million of new dollars – which goes primarily towards teacher salaries and results-based funding (6 of 7 school districts in LD28 were recipients of results-based funding based on educational successes in those districts. Schools will grow and replicate that success throughout district with the new funding).

A primary focus right now is on the Federal Health Insurance coverage with Obamacare. Arizona is waiting to see what happens.

In the Interim there is lots of legislative work. I recently met with Sheriff Penzone and all questions were answered and we have a good working relationship. I recently met with Matt Gress (a new LD28 PC) who serves on the Madison Elementary School Board and have had a great time meeting with constituents.

I want to welcome those considering becoming PCs to join us – having this local role allows you to meet more people, to be closer to the neighborhood, and therefore a greater chance for success to meet community needs.

**Fourth of July activities w/ Kate – Sign-up to Volunteer:**

- Arcadia Parade [Website: <http://www.arcadiaparade.com/>] – Thank you to Barry Paisley for organizing, directing traffic of parade, etc. We will be teaming up with District 24 Republicans for the parade this year. Registration is at 7:30 am and the parade starts at 8:00 am – rain or shine!
- Butler Park Parade/“Royal Palm Park Parade” – Pastor Shannon is organizing the parade with the Royal Palm neighborhood association. Meet at Royal Palm Park (N 15<sup>th</sup> Ave. and W. Butler Drive) at 7:00 am to sign-in and 7:30 am start time. Learn more here: <https://www.odfchurch.org/event/royal-palm-4th-of-july-parade/>.

6. Pre-Flag Day Reminder – Kathy Petsas

As a reminder, tomorrow is Flag Day marks the official adoption of our flag.



7. Phone Bank/Dessert Nights for Sal DiCicio – August – Michael Francis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair  
3 key ways to get involved with Phoenix Councilman Sal DiCicio's re-election campaign:
  1. Host dessert in your home in LD28 and District 6. Invite your neighbors to come by your home and the campaign will provide dessert.
  2. There will be a phone bank at the August 8 meeting in District 6 and LD28. You can help make calls at our next LD28 meeting!
  3. In the last weekend of July, they aim to knock on as many homes as possible. Contact Tim Mooney if you want to participate.
  
8. Treasurer's Report – Cory Mishkin, Treasurer  
We are up \$70 from the last meeting and will be up \$100. We are one of the few LDs 100% current with all ducks in the row and compliant! Currently, we have \$1,266.74 in the bank and are working together for fundraising ideas to have good 6 month reserve + outreach/advocacy voters who we haven't been able to engage with as much and to build grassroots, which is what we stand for here in LD28.
  
9. 19 NORTH Overview / Community Center opening – Lisa Hoberg, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair  
Thank you to Shannon McBride for opening up Open Door Fellowship. One of the areas we wanted to focus on when we ran for the Board is service. One of the ideas of areas in the District to explore was 19 NORTH and partnerships here. We are excited to learn more and to get involved in this part of LD28.

***19 NORTH Overview – Maricopa County Supervisor Bill Gates***

This is a special legislative district where there are great debates, discussions, and folks involved in making a difference.

*Supervisor Gates' Background:* Involved in 1998 as a PC and worked on a lot of campaigns including Bush during the "e-campaign" era. In 2009 there was an opening on the Phoenix City Council. I applied and was appointed and served with Phoenix Councilman Sal DiCicio for 7 years. Last year, I decided to run for this position and elected November 2016. Now at Board of Supervisors. Nothing like serving in local government – it's a great place to make a difference and to allow Republican principles to play out. Maricopa County Supervisors over the year have put the county in fantastic fiscal shape. The main reason: if you want to build or do something, you pay, not borrow. This helps individual tax payers and burden to stay low. We just approved a \$2.4 billion budget at the county level. Happy to share that we are keeping property taxes level – not increasing property taxes.

Building strong neighborhoods is critical. 19<sup>th</sup> NORTH is a great example, with business, faith, community leaders uniting. The light rail transformed this community – it united during light rail construction, including events on radio, giveaways. Now have a brand for this area. Buy goods and services here in our community in LD28. Opportunities for us as Republicans to encourage people to vote and be PCs as well as to help in community. There are a lot of significant needs in this community – there is a larger homeless population as a result of the light rail ending in 19<sup>th</sup> Ave/Dunlap. Must help people realize services are available with hand extended to help folks. County and city tax dollars can help people who hit a rough patch in their lives and clean up community. Commitment in this area to address challenges of constituents and I encourage you to use my office.



There are more ways to get involved at the county level, including boards and commissions to serve on and be appointed. Contact Deputy Chief of Staff Zach Schira. Can find me on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Contact me through the Maricopa.gov website for any concerns about county government.

Kathy Petsas, Chairman: Areas in our district are quite impoverished and we are going to be of service and help those in need.

***19 NORTH Specifics - Open Door Fellowship Hall Pastor Shannon McBride***

Bring community together to make every area safer. Birthed out of light rail building area. Make self more useful to community – businesses, politicians, community – bring resources together for common vision. “Working together, building relationships”

19 North is from Dunlap to Montebello, 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave. The 19 North advisory team consists of City/Government; Neighborhood Groups; Faith; Seniors; Schools; Businesses; and Human Services and adding artists too. The vision is to have a safe, walkable community. There are 29,343 people in this area. 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue divides community (15.4% above 100K; 28% below poverty across); all Title 1 schools – high need for free lunch and breakfast to ensure kids are fed.

Examples of deliverables in 2017:

- Community Garden – Mature trees, shade, community to experience;
- Business Alliance – businesses talk about issues together – keep safe, share resources, etc. – includes Dept. of Econ Development on alliance;
- Interfaith Council – churches working together in this area to meet needs; explore interfellowship – building relationships across congregations to serve;
- Employment Faith – November for employers in area with job openings – partner with the schools to get info out to families; schools help walk through with resume and apply; goal to get highest paid job they can in 19 North. Assisted here by AZ At Work;
- Community/School Engagement – All schools/principals together outline deliverables they need from community for next school year and what do schools deliver back to the community;
- Mentoring Program to all at risk kids in 19 North – tell kids they matter and check-in at schools (15 min, 1x a week) – get to love on them;
- Became a 501c3 – Valley Leadership Institute adopted;
- Community Plaza and Art Center – Just opened! 19<sup>th</sup> and Northern = Good Shepherd building – given space by owner of the building to open art center; classes have started – ask community to teach and take class; build venue and voice for our artists; whole plaza is getting gated off with bistro lights, umbrellas, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays live music and art exhibits – community plaza. Grand Opening in November!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- One of largest refugee population in Phoenix here. Just had a Refugee Open House.
- Business Alliance Meeting 7/12 at new Caribou Coffee @ 12 noon
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – @ 7 am on 7/4 [See above for link to website]



- More affordable housing projects – having a forum on 8/2 @ 6 pm – what is affordable housing and how evaluate a project – informational session
- Community Update – 9/14 @ 6 pm
- Employment Fair – 10/4 @ 10 am
- Art Center Grand Opening – 11/3 @ 6 pm

**OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTNER:**

1. Economic Development – help getting plaza up and going; sponsor tables; banners and branding
2. Educational Support – School facility projects; wish list for libraries; Read Across America Day – March 2 – chance to get in schools to get excited to read
  - i. Community Garden – shade structure, rake rocks; benches/mature trees; tables donations
  - ii. Financial Supports (501c3) – MatchED funding – help individual students to meet need; small business support; art center materials/scholarships

How transform community as working together – “Every business thrives, every student succeeds, every neighborhood is safe”.

[Discussion with PCs and Guests] – Deliver at community opening to register voters; between now and opening participate in helping with wish lists or filling food boxes for kids on fall/spring/winter break – enough food for family of 4 for a week; other things we can do with kids and families

- Collecting food boxes
- Opportunity to be present with those who need help
- Internships for job fairs
- Hope Coaches – more points of contact, more likely to accept help and services – getting story heard
- Faith community – message of Open Door = grace, compassion, meeting people where their needs are; help who we can; provide safest community we can

10. Flag Raffle Drawing for Flag Day
11. Prayer and Closing – Pastor Shannon McBride
12. Adjournment – Kathy Petsas, Chairman

END TIME: 8:14 PM