

HTA Board Meeting held on 7/15/2012

Attendees: Vivek Gupta, Sumana Ghosh, Rohit Aggarwal, Sudeep Mehta, Rajashree Panda, Jogeshwar Rath, Rina Narang, Allisha Kharbanda,, Madhu Aggarwal, Anita Ramaiah, Kulbhushan Chhibber, Pramod Ghiya, Anu Kalyanam

Excused: Surendra Singh

Guests: Ravi Aggarwal, Kamal Kharbanda, Varinder Narang, Nirmal Chhibber, Uma Ramchandra, Mamta Gupta

Meeting time: Start: 2:10 PM Finish: 5:00 PM
Meeting Location: Annapurna Hall at Hindu Temple of Arizona

Final Meeting Agenda:

1. Janmashtami Budget Approval.
2. Batuk Bhai Donation Approval.
3. 2nd Priest.
4. Navagraha Sthapana Plans.

Meeting Notes:

1. Quorum met for the meeting and meeting started at 2:10 PM.
2. There was a discussion regarding 2nd priest here are the main points:
 - a. Keeping full time priest will be overhead to the temple and temple can't afford it at this time.
 - b. Need to work with part time priest and adjust his hours to accommodate the time when main priest is not available or scheduled for pooja outside temple.

Decisions Made:

| No. | Description of Motion | Proposed by | Seconded by | Decision (Approve, Reject, Withdraw, Table) | Voting Summary | | |
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| | | | | | For | Against | Abstain |
| 1 | Approval of \$1000 Budget for Janmashtami | Vivek | Rajashree | Approved | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 2 | Approval of donation of \$1100 to Batuk Bhai | Vivek | Rina | Approved | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| 3 | Construct the Navagraha temple and do Sthapana of Satyanarayana Ji and Padmavati Ji as described in option A. This decision will be contingent on following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projected budget of 80K to cover the scope of Option A is supported by 2 licensed contractors.• Amount of 80K, or an amount equal to the higher quote by the contractors, will be deposited in the HTA bank account by September 21st 2012. It will be a donation to HTA, not a loan.• If above conditions are not met then Option B is approved to move forward. | Vivek | Anita | Approved | 9 | 2 | 1 (Invalid vote) |
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Next Meeting Date and Time: TBD.

Future Agenda Items: TBD

Future Meeting Dates: TBD.

Navagraha Murti location pros-cons

Navagraha, Padmavati and Satyanaraya Murti Sthapana Options with Pros-Cons

Option A: Navagraha +Padmavatiji +Satyanarayanji in a space that combines old Priest room and current Restrooms. Make new restrooms next to Annapurna Hall

- + In SW Corner per Vastu requirements
- + All three murtis in an independent room
- + Additional prayer hall
- + Out of the way of future entrance, in right location
- + Existing God's prep room can be used as is
- + Removes restroom from main building
- Satyanarayanji and Padmavatiji murtis need to be a more prominent position than Navagraha and not next to them.
- No Priest in new room all the time for performing puja or security
- New puja room is separate from main hall – smaller space for devotees to sit down during pujas for Padmavatiji/ Satyanarayana.
- Access to new restrooms is inconvenient, specially for older/ handicapped devotees and during inclement weather
- Uses up one room that can be used for other activities (office, visitors, storage, second priest room)
- Large Scope (move restroom, break up walls etc.)
- Construction permit needed
- Highest Cost ~\$150K
- Long term project (8 to 12 weeks construction time + time needed to collect funds)
- Devotees objecting to murti/ prayer hall in the location of former rest room

Option B: Navagraha in old kitchen/ current puja prep room +Padmavati+Satyanarayanji main prayer hall with their positions swapped (Padmavati can face South and Satyanarayanji will face North)

- + In SW Corner per Vastu requirements
- + All murtis in main hall
- + Main Hall can be used for all puja
- + Out of the way of future entrance, in right location
- + Existing old priest room can be used for office, visitors, storage, second priest room
- + Independent place for Navagraha puja
- + No Construction permit needed
- + Smallest scope of work among 3 options
- + Lowest Cost ~15K – can be covered with existing funds in Temple account
- + Project can be completed in 2-3 weeks
- + No restroom or sewer line issue
- God's prep room is needed (can be made in corner of Navagraha location)
- Room shares common wall with Restrooms, as does current puja hall