

AMBERWOOD NORTH COMMITTEE MEETING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

MEETING MINUTES

ACTIVE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER):

<u>SECTION 1</u>	<u>SECTION 2</u>	<u>SECTION 3</u>
Pamela Culp	Gerhardt Hoehn	Donna Anderson
Don Langlois	Bev Koslow	Ed Campbell
James Martinez	Debbie Norton	Janis Huck
Jeanette Martinez	Gerd Scholz	Richard Danielson
	Renee Scholz	Helen Danielson
	Don Stafford	Kim Smith
	Bill White	Dale Xavier

Committee Meeting Date Change:

Pamela Culp explained the need for committee member meetings to be changed to every 3rd Tuesday of the month beginning with October's meeting. There are important City of Chandler meetings that are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month that the Amberwood North Ambassador's would like to begin attending and bring the information learned to the committee member meetings.

Amberwood North Sign Toppers:

"Community of Amberwood North" sign toppers have been placed on numerous street signs through-out the neighborhood. The sign locations are mainly concentrated around Hoops Park and the main street intersections into the neighborhood.

Widening Project Meeting:

In case anyone wanted to find out anymore information regarding the widening project at the Warner/Alma School intersection, the meeting date, time, and location was provided. Wednesday, September 27th, 6:30 p.m. at Sirrine Elementary School, 591 W. Mesquite St.

Grant Project:

Congratulations and gratitude was extended to the Grant Project committee members for all their hard work, dedicated commitment, and for submitting the application to the city of Chandler on September 13, 2006. Grant Project committee members are: Judith Garner, Dale Xavier, Don Langlois, and Ed Campbell.

Guest Speaker: Sgt. Dean Lavergne

We revisited the traffic issues/concerns of our neighborhood that were not addressed at the Town Hall Meeting held on June 29th. Sgt. Dean Lavergne from the Traffic Division of the Chandler Police Department answered our neighborhood traffic concerns and provided many options and solutions to help our neighborhood deal with traffic/safety issues. Some of the questions and answers are as follows:

1. Does the Chandler Police Department have officers that are dedicated to traffic only? Yes, there are officers specifically dedicated to traffic enforcement and accidents. Generally, there are three teams of six officers that are assigned to the traffic division within the City of Chandler.

However, there are currently only two teams of six officers as a result of either promotions and/or reassignments.

2. Does Chandler have photo radar vans? If not, what do we have to do to get one? If so, who decides where the vans are used? The City of Chandler does not have photo radar vans. Photo Radar lights are being used at certain intersections within the city and the result has shown that the accidents appear to be less severe at these intersections.

3. What are the Chandler Police Department's policies for pulling over speeders? i.e., When do the police enforce the speed limit? Is it based on citizen calls, school times, manpower, etc.? Police discretion is used to determine if a vehicle will be pulled over for speeding. Patrol of an area is based on citizen's calls and complaints. The police department does have what is referred to a "frequent patrol" list. Being added to the list would provide some additional enforcement to an area that is being affected by speeding vehicles. The phone number is 480-782-4853.

Another option available would be a radar trailer. The citizen calling for a radar trailer would be responsible in housing the trailer nightly and tracking of speeding vehicles for one week. A traffic division volunteer would come to your home and explain the responsibilities involved and how to maintain the trailer. Notices can be sent to the speeding perpetrators by the police department if the citizen maintaining the radar trailer thoroughly documents the license plate number, speed, time and location. To obtain a radar trailer, please contact Sgt. Dean Lavergne at 480-782-4852.

4. How often are warnings given out versus actual tickets?

Specific stats were not provided for our neighborhood. Police discretion was reiterated.

5. Does the speeder have to be going so much over the speed limit before a ticket is issued? Police discretion is used in determining if a warning or a ticket will be issued. Typically, between 6 miles to 11 miles over the speed limit will warrant a warning or ticket.

6. When requested by a resident, or neighborhood, will the Chandler Police Department send a police officer out during certain times of the day to watch for speeding? What is the frequent patrol list? Yes, the police department will send additional enforcement when requested by a citizen. As mentioned in question #3, being added to the frequent patrol list would provide some additional enforcement to an area that is being affected by speeding vehicles. The phone number is 480-782-4853.

7. What can be done regarding the bike lane usage by drivers? Drivers are using the bike lane as a right hand turn lane, especially around Sirrine Elementary School and Hoops Park. Bike lanes are not to be used as right hand turn lanes. Those lanes were designed specifically for bicyclists, not motor vehicles. A ticket can be issued for improper use of a bike lane.

8. What can be done about motorized skateboard usage and the disobeying of traffic laws and regulations? Safety seems to be our neighborhood residents concern. Please refer to the Chandler Police Department website @ <http://police.chandleraz.gov> and access Motorized Play Vehicle Code under "What's New" in the lower left hand column for Ordinance No. 3683. There have been many changes to the traffic laws and regulations of motorized play vehicles in the city of Chandler.