



**JUNE 29, 2006**  
**TOWN HALL MEETING SERIES RECAP**

The second Town Hall meeting, with the City of Chandler covered numerous transportation, traffic and speeding issues in the neighborhood. The Town Hall meeting was held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints gymnasium on June 29, 2006. The meeting started at 7:20 p.m. and lasted until about 8:20 p.m. There were approximately 41 Amberwood North residents in attendance, and 4 residents from two visiting neighborhoods who attended because they are interested in developing similar meetings in their own neighborhoods.

The Amberwood Neighborhood Committee planned the Town Hall meeting with City of Chandler's Transportation Manager, Martin Johnson, and Stefanie Garcia of Neighborhood Programs. On June 13, 2006, 24 residents met and finalized a set of drafted questions relating to our neighborhood's specific transportation, traffic and speeding issues. The questions were then forwarded to Martin Johnson and Stefanie Garcia, so that they could prepare at the City level for the meeting.

The Town Hall meeting was moderated by resident Stacy Coomer, Ambassador Section 1. Stacy welcomed everyone to the meeting and he introduced the City representative, Martin Johnson. Stacy asked each question aloud, and Martin Johnson addressed each question one by one. A very thorough presentation was made. The audience was encouraged to ask further questions after the presentation, and several attendees did ask questions. Martin Johnson remained after the meeting to meet and talk further with residents. Some of the questions regarding traffic stops and speeding ticket procedures went unanswered, unfortunately. The Chandler Police Department had an officer arrive on time for the Town Hall meeting, however, at the moment the meeting was scheduled to start (7:00 p.m.), the officer was suddenly called away on official police business. Many thanks go to Judy Ramos of Neighborhood Programs, as she successfully coordinated a replacement officer who arrived mid-way through the meeting. The Police officer who arrived actually works in DUI. He answered the questions that he could, and promised to take Amberwood North residents concerns to his superior Lieutenant.

In advance of the Town Hall meeting, the neighborhood Ambassadors prepared the meeting agenda, sign-in sheets, participant evaluation forms and coordinated having these items printed through Chandler's Neighborhood Programs office. Dale Xavier, Ambassador Section 3, made

two meeting announcement banners (posted at the corner of Palomino & Hartford) and several directional signs for the parking lot. Dale donated these items to our neighborhood from his sign company. Dale also designed our new neighborhood logo (above). The City of Chandler mailed Town Hall meeting announcements to each household in Amberwood North. Stefanie Garcia and Judy Ramos, Administrators with the City Manager Office of Neighborhood Programs, attended the meeting and brought refreshments for the attendees. They also supplied ink pens to each attendee so that they would be able to write their feedback and make comments by completing the participant evaluation form. The completed forms were given to the neighborhood's Ambassadors after the meeting. They will bring the information to share at the next Neighborhood Committee meeting scheduled in July. The Neighborhood Committee will use the feedback received to plan and improve the Town Hall Meeting Series.

The information on pages 3 through 7 that follow, was covered at this Town Hall meeting:

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Should you have any questions please contact your neighborhood Ambassador or the City officials listed below:

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## Neighborhood Meeting Announcement

# Town Hall Meeting Series

Chandler's Transportation/Police Department Discuss  
Speeding and Traffic Issues In Our Neighborhood

*Chandler's Transportation Studies Manager, Marty Johnson and Chandler Police Lieutenant, Jim Malinski will make a presentation regarding:*

- *Questions the Neighborhood Committee supplied in advance relating to speeding and traffic issues in Amberwood North.*
- *Explain how their departments can work with our neighborhood towards relieving these issues.*
- *Answer any audience questions after the presentation.*

*The general purpose of this meeting is to communicate our safety concerns and learn what City resources are available for residential areas to help combat traffic problems in our neighborhood.*

Thursday, June 29, 2006

7:00 p.m.

Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter Day Saints  
Gymnasium  
2520 N. Hartford Street

(Northwest corner Hartford & Mesquite  
across from Sirrine Elementary School)

**For more information call one of the  
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Amberwood North Neighborhood  
Town Hall Meeting  
6/29/06

Meeting Agenda

7:00 - 7:05 Welcoming/Introductions

7:05 - 7:40 Panel Presentation

*\*Please refrain from asking questions at this time until after the presentation.*

7:40 - 8:00 Audience Participation/Questions

8:00 Meeting Adjourned

Thank you for participating in tonight's Town Hall Meeting. If you are interested in being a neighborhood volunteer, please feel free to contact one of the Neighborhood Ambassadors:

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## **Amberwood North Neighborhood Transportation Questions from the Committee**

The Amberwood North Ambassador meeting was held Tuesday, June 13 at the Church of Latter Day Saints. The purpose of the meeting was to draft a set of questions relating to transportation issues within the neighborhood. A copy of the questions was sent to Martin Johnson, Transportation Manager with the City of Chandler. The following is a list of questions generated by the neighborhood, with a response provided by Martin Johnson.

**Q: 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?**

A: The City of Chandler does not do photo radar enforcement. This has been brought to council by residents a number of times over the years. Council, as in most Cities, does not want to go in this direction. There has always been strong public option to this type of enforcement. Question may best be answered by the Police Department.

**Q: If not already in place, can we have speed limit signs at all the entrances of the neighborhood.**

A: The City of Chandler does install speed limit signs as you enter into the neighborhoods when coming off of a street with a speed limit greater than 25 MPH. There should be one on each of these streets entering this neighborhood. If missing, Traffic Engineering will replace.

**Q: Even though the intersection at Evergreen & Palomino is staggered would it be possible to make that a four way stop?**

A: All-way stop control has been proven not to be an effective tool in reducing speeds. They should only be used at intersections having equal volumes on all approaches with the daily total for each being a minimum of 1000 vehicles per day. This is the minimum requirement outlined in the Traffic Calming Ordinance. The Federal Highway Administration strongly suggest using this type of traffic control where warranted based on the volume criteria mentioned above. Over use, or improper use of this type of traffic control tends to increase accidents because of lack of compliance to the signs. Also, this intersection is too close to the intersection of Mesquite Street to have a traffic stop.

**Q: What resources do we as homeowners have to help prevent speeding in the neighborhood? For example, I heard someone talking at one of the meetings about how you can call the Chandler Police Dept. and request a police officer to come out during certain times of the day to watch for speeding. Is this correct?**

A: The City has a traffic Calming Program and is willing to work with the residents to develop options to control speeds in the neighborhood. One option listed in the program is additional enforcement. They can simply call 480-782-4200 and request to be added to the frequent patrol list.

**Q: Is there any concern from the city or the police dept. that speeding is a problem in this neighborhood? If so, why hasn't the city taken any actions to help curb this issue? If not, I think there should be a month long study done so that they can see the problem first hand. Speaking just for myself, it is a huge issue on the corner of Palomino & Hartford for running the stop sign and speeding. Mind you this is in the middle of the day.**

A: Traffic Engineering has done several studies in this neighborhood, attended a number of neighborhood meetings, worked with several neighborhood committees, produce maps and petitions for speed humps and other devices, only to have the residents meet opposition from other residents. The City does not install any traffic calming measures without the support of the neighborhood. The Traffic calming ordinance requests 75% approval from the residents before we will implement and physical roadway type calming devices.

**Q: When is the last time that the codes have been reviewed around the school and park zones? i.e. making sure we have all the proper signs indicating that they are entering a school zone.**

A: The signing in and around the schools is all in accordance with City, State and Federal Standards. Traffic Engineering works closely with each school district to plan walking routes, establish 15 mph zones where warranted or appropriate, and install necessary signing and striping.

**Q: What are Chandler police dept. policies for pulling over speeders? How often are warnings given out? Does the speeder have to be going so much over the speed limit before the ticket is issued? Are tickets being issued for people who run the stop signs? The one time I did see the police dept. put a patrol car out to watch for speeders, it seemed as though every car he pulled over got a verbal warning. For the short time I watched him, he pulled over 6 cars and not one ticket was written.**

A: Please refer to your Beat Officer, Lt. Tollefson at 480-782-4210 for help with police issues.

**Q: How come there are only 2 streets within Amberwood North, that I know of, that currently have speed humps? Is the process that difficult that no one wants to tackle it? If speeding is an issue on the streets of this neighborhood and studies prove that, why are the speed humps not automatically put in? Why would the speeds hump not be put in just because of one homeowner not wanting them? This is a huge problem in the neighborhood and I think the speed humps need to be added regardless of how many signatures we get. I think it will help curb people from using the neighborhood as a quick means of getting through. If the speeds humps are present it will make people who don't like them to use the major streets like Warner, Elliot, Alma and Arizona Ave.**

A: The Transportation Department tries to make the speed hump petition process as simple as possible for the residents. We hand out maps, provide very detailed information to help you answer any questions the residents may have and provide additional help through the Office of neighborhood Programs. The City does not install any traffic calming measures without the support of the neighborhood. The Traffic calming ordinance requests 75% approval from the residents before we will implement and physical roadway type calming devices. I can discuss this requirement further at the meeting.

**Q: Is there a required footage amount for speed signs at the entrance of neighborhoods? If so, what is that requirement?**

A: Most cities do not install speed limit signs within the residential areas because the law already states that residential areas are 25 MPH unless otherwise posted. The City of Chandler does install speed limit signs as you enter into the neighborhoods when coming off of a street with a speed limit greater than 25 MPH. There is not a required footage, but the signs are normally installed within 100'- 150' from the corner when entering the 25 mph zone. We do not want

too close because the driver may not see the sign as he/she turns into the development. The signs are normally installed on the property line between two homes. We like to install them on a street light pole if one is within a close proximity so that we do not have to install a pole in somebody's yard.

**Q: Is there any possibility to have "STOP" and/or "Speed Limit 25 mph" painted on some of our busiest streets in the neighborhood? If so, how do we acquire this option?**

A: The City does not stripe word legends on the pavement. There are several reasons. First, these painted symbols/words are non-enforceable by state statute. It is the traffic signs that is law binding and enforceable. Second, the motorist eye should be looking out ahead and up when driving. There are some studies that indicate that looking down at these pavement markings take the drivers attention away from where they need to be. Third, these would become a maintenance nightmare requiring that they be restriped constantly.

**Q: What about "optical illusions" painted on the roads in order to have speeders slow down?**

A: This measure has been tried in different states with little to no success. The studies indicate that there may be a short period where motorists slow, but once the driver realizes that these are just markings, they lose any effect. Illusions work best when used where the drivers are unfamiliar with the area. Most residential streets are driven by residents living in the area; thus most of your speeders are your actual neighbors. We have found that constant, direct communication works best when trying to address any issue in a neighborhood. Remind folks to slow down in your quarterly newsletter. Sign up to utilize the speed trailer. Have a little get together on the street that has the most speeding and hold signs reminding folks to slow down. There are lots of things you can do as neighbors, working together to help combat the problem.

**Q: 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 School and Hoops Park?**

A: Bike lanes are striped per City/Federal Standards. Improper use of this lane by a motor vehicle is an issue to be addressed by the Police Department.

**Q: When do police enforce the speed limit? Is it based on citizen calls, school times, manpower, etc.?**

A: This is an enforcement issue and would best be addressed by Lt Hunt in the Police Department at 480.782.4200

**Q: What can be done with motorized skateboard usage and the disobeying of traffic laws and regulations? Safety seems to be our neighborhood residents concern.**

A: This is an enforcement issue and would best be addressed by Lt Malinski in the Police Department at 480.782.4200