

*Minutes for the September 11, 2008 Board meeting*

Thursday, September 11, 2008 at 6pm. The meeting was held in Childsplay meeting room at Mitchell Park. Attendees included from the Board: Marcia Kyle, Joe Gibbs, Pat Moffat, Scott Seibel, Monica Wadsworth-Seibel, Kirby Spitler, David Saar, Ira Domsy, Penny Wilson. Mark Lymer also attended.

1. Review and approval of minutes from last meeting. The only changes made will be to make next year's meetings date to change from "2008" to "2009".
2. The discussion on setting voluntary annual dues, including setting up a bank was tabled since Shauna from Tempe Neighborhood Services was NOT be able to join us in this discussion.
3. Ira Domsy expressed Interest in clarifying the wording of the by-laws. David Saar will join Ira in this task. No time limit was placed on the revision. Kirby Spitler requested Ira and David clarify voting such that voting for each Board member will be on an individual basis rather than a blanket vote.
4. The plans for the Neighborhood Art Festival were discussed. A date has been set to coincide with Mill Avenue Art Fair in December, but due to requirements by the City, changes to the Festival might need to be made. Scott Seibel has drawn a poster.
5. Marcia Kyle reported the award of the Maryanne Corder Neighborhood grant for 2008 to MPWNA for benches for Mitchell Park. Plans will be finalized at the October 4, 2008 general members meeting. Monica Wadsworth-Seibel voiced concerns about the style/color of the benches. Kirby Spitler voiced concerns about the use of concrete pads. Marcia Kyle is to make an appointment Mark Richwine and interested Board members, to include Kirby and Monica, to discuss specifics of the grant and what is possible to change before finalization. Discussion on the lack of a named walkway was brought up and clarification was made that any named sign must be approved by the City Council.
6. Pat Moffat made a report on the progress of alley improvement. His plan is to incorporate art into the alleys and to have individual block alleys create their own design.
7. Planning for a potluck supper at Mitchell Park for G.A.I.N. (Getting Arizona Involved in Neighborhoods) night, Oct 18, 2008. Was discussed and it was decided that MPWest would request to join MPEast Neighborhood Association in the GAIN dinner as a way of the two adjacent neighborhood associations coming together. Marcia Kyle is to contact MPENA to discuss the possibility of a combined gathering.
8. Kirby Spitler led a discussion of the importance of trees in our neighborhood, the tremendous loss we experienced in the storm last month, and how we can facilitate restoration on residential, public and commercial properties. He particularly emphasized the landscape plan each business has and that we make sure each business keeps this landscape plan in place and actively maintains it's property.

Marcia Kyle