

South Park Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 pm by Co-chair Maggie Gerring, following a sandwich supper. The list of events and announcements printed on the agenda were reviewed as residents finished their desserts.

TPD Officer LaPedus gave the police report. Statistics for crime in the neighborhood showed mostly theft and several assaults (including domestic violence). There is a big problem with vandalism and graffiti. Residents were urged to report suspicious activities and graffitied locations. The funding for the police officers who have been posted at the library is ending; they are considering other resources such as bicycle patrol officers. There have been many auto accidents; drivers were urged to stay alert and always wear their seat belts.

Introductions were made and the dues basket was passed. The minutes from the September 8 meeting were read and approved.

Bob Norris, the director of the Quincie Douglas Neighborhood Center, passed out brochures and gave a brief overview of the services and programs available at the center, including meals for seniors, a fitness room, a game room and camps for children.

Maggie reported that the City Council voted unanimously to support the BRAC proposal that would transfer the Allen Hall property to City of Tucson Parks and Recreation. If the proposal is accepted by the federal government, Parks and Recreation plans to operate programs, offices and maintenance shops there, and will lease a portion of the property to COPE/RISE for a recycling program.

Maggie also reported that flood control work is underway on the Bridges property and should be completed in the spring. A plan for the commercial development is being submitted to the city and they are still expecting some stores to open in spring 2010.

Shirley Hockett presented the Treasurer's report, which was approved. Maggie gave some history of SPNA and examples of many accomplishments achieved by the work of members of the Association. She urged residents to become more involved in the organization because we need more members, more participation. Elections were held. Jeannette Seitz was re-elected Secretary and Jim Sardella was elected Director. There were no candidates for Co-Chair and Maggie agreed to continue "until replaced", per the bylaws.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.