



Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association

Draft Minutes for the Jan. 24, 2009 Meeting held at Mitchell Park

Attendees - Board members: Monica Wadsworth-Seibel (acting Chair), Scott Seibel, Ira Domskey, April Borjorguez-Garcia, Kirby Spitler, Penny Wilson. Neighbors: Mac McGinn, Mark Lymer

December minutes discussed Corrections noted. There was one query as to what happened to the \$8.00 from the art fair. Treasurer will be asked. Minutes approved.

13th Street Update City landscape department is planning on doing replanting in the center median in Feb. or March Mark Richwine was contacted about trees on either side of the street. All stakes and wires have been removed. It is recommended that neighborhood associations abutting 13th notify the homeowners/renters on their responsibility of maintaining the trees on their property. Ira and Penny will notify the north side associations.

Bench Update The Board voted unanimously to try again to approach the city regarding the design of the benches. Penny was told by Bob Pohlit that the cement base should be poured by the end of Mar. Laurie Lindquist has offered to help us do some cement designs in keeping with the park design.

Bylaw Update Ira will have the bylaws ready for discussion at the next general meeting in Feb. with better clarification on certain issues. It was discussed that much of the voting process is already in the bylaws, but could be improved upon. No major changes.

New Business

- **Neighbor of the Year Award.** Mark Lymer offered to place e-mail information about the nominee ballots on the Web site. The vote will be taken at next general meeting. The nominee must be posted by February 14th and the application is due February 23rd.
- **Art and Neighborhood Grants.** April is to head a subcommittee to research the process and present that process at the next general meeting. Mark Lymer presented the possibility of a cooperative garden in the park with further discussion to be held later as to how it could be organized and run. April suggested Coronado Park garden people could be invited to a meeting to give their views.
- **Basketball Court Lights.** After receiving complaints from people whose back yards face the Park, new lights were installed on taller poles and without any shielding. These new lights appear to be worse, and actually light up soccer fields in addition to continuing to shine into neighboring yards to the south. Also a possible change of direction of the basketball hoops will reorient them North-South instead of their current East-West configuration. At issue is how and whether the city is obtaining feedback from the

neighborhoods prior to making decisions that profoundly affect the neighborhoods. A subcommittee with Kirby, Penny and Mac (as well as Bruce, if agreeable) has been formed to address these subjects. They hope to meet with the city at a later date. They also volunteered to revisit the choice of benches.

Next General Meeting Feb. 14th at 10 AM with coffee and cookies in Mitchell Park. Notification will be mailed out by the city. Scott Seibel volunteered to notify Shauna Warner of the agenda for the meeting.