



Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association

General Meeting Minutes for February 14, 2009, at Mitchell Park

Attendees:

- ❖ Guest – Jeff Glover, Tempe Police
- ❖ Board – Monica Wadsworth (acting Chair), Scott Seibel, Ira Domskey, April Bojorquez-Garcia, Kirby Spitler, Penny Wilson, Pat Moffit, David Saar, and Joe Gibbs.
- ❖ General Public – approximately 15 people

January Minutes: approved after review.

Parks Subcommittee Report:

Kirby has contacted Tempe Parks Director Mark Richwine suggesting that a MPW subcommittee meet with Mr. Richwine to discuss future plans and ongoing issues. He felt a collaborative approach would remove some the issues that are being discussed, such as the new basketball lights, new benches and the possible relocating of the basketball hoops. The lights for basketball were discussed at length with current users who are very happy with the new system and neighbors to the south unhappy with the extra light pollution. Our goal is to give voice to all stakeholders in the neighborhood on the issues.

Police Department Officer Jeff Glover:

Officer Glover is the new neighborhood officer and has been with the City since 1999 in various positions, including undercover narcotics, Public Information Officer, recruiting and physical fitness.

Neighbor of the Year:

Mark Lymer was chosen by popular vote as the MPWNA candidate for the City of Tempe Neighbor of the Year award.

Grant Proposals:

Three proposals were brought forward.

1. Mark Lymer proposed a community garden in the park. A subcommittee is needed to further explore this idea. The City has given a provisional OK to use a small section in the NE corner of the park.
2. There is a possibility of an art piece in the median entrance to 13th Street at Hardy Street.
3. A grant for more trees.

April had explored the grant proposals and felt that we did not have time to put up a viable proposal for art work and felt we should start now with next year in mind.

Mark has volunteers for the garden committee: Joe Gibbs, Pat Konomos, Steve Martin, Kathleen Tucker and possibly others.

April proposed a motion that the Garden Project Subcommittee should test the feasibility of the garden project and determine whether the paperwork can be completed in time for the final date of the submission on May 18. If this is not completed, the tree grant should be submitted. Motion passes by a majority.

Annual Meeting

The next annual meeting will be April 25th and board members will be elected then.

General Meeting Frequency

Board voted unanimously for quarterly general meetings with the provision that emergency meetings could be called with proper notification.

New Business

Bylaws discussion was tabled until next committee meeting. Information will be sent out by this week.

Other Business

General discussion about the Clark Park Master Plan. City Council meeting on February 19 on budget cuts. Talk of stopping all improvements, pool and recreation center closures. Monica Wadsworth will write a letter for the Board to the Council to express the need for neighborhood community parks in these difficult times.

Kirby asked about the new Salvation Army Church on Hardy. It is being used as a religious center and Penny offered to get a representative to talk at the next meeting.

Pat Konomos wanted us to know there is a yoga class in the neighborhood.

The next committee meeting will be held March 21st at a location to be decided later.

Submitted by Penny Wilson.

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