



# **Mitchell Park West Neighborhood Association**

## **Minutes**

April 25, 2009 Annual General Meeting held at Mitchell Park

All board members present except Pat Moffat, and approximately 25 members of the community.

Before the general meeting, the Liaison Committee presented to the Board the results of their communication with the City regarding park light issues. It was agreed to bring the information to the general meeting.

The March minutes were approved and will be posted.

### **Salvation Army:**

Captains Robin and Keith Bottjen came and gave us an update on the Tempe Salvation Army. They have acquired the church at 1619 Hardy St. where their religious services and children's programs will be held. The downtown Tempe location will continue to be the Outreach Center.

### **Police services:**

Ken Harman from the TPD came and gave an overview of crime in the neighborhood. He emphasized crime prevention, being aware, knowing our neighbors, and neighborhood. Officer Charles Hobbs, Community Liaison, was also present. Some members expressed concerns regarding police response to burglaries. Officer Harman said he would take that up with others in TPD.

### **Community Garden Committee:**

Mark Lymer gave an update on the progress on the grant application for a neighborhood garden in the NW corner of the park. He indicated that the costs may be high enough that it will be necessary to apply for the \$50,000 rather than the \$15,000 grant. He will post plans and information on the Web page.

### **Art Grant:**

Melissa, April, and Marcia are proposing to apply for the Tempe Arts Grant in 2010. The location of the project is 13<sup>th</sup> St and Hardy. They have prepared application forms for artists interested in applying to work with the an Art Grants Committee to develop the concept and design for the project.

### **Liaison Committee:**

Kirby presented to the attendees the process of working with the City Parks and Recreation Department. First a committee was formed as a liaison. Second, the Liaison Committee met with the City to improve communication between the City and residents. At the last Board meeting, the Committee was directed to write to Mark Richwine about the basketball court

lights. Mark replied, and the board agreed that a general meeting among the City Parks and Recreation Staff and neighborhood residents should be facilitated.

**Other business:**

Carol requested the location of the Neighborhood street signs and Tom stated he had them and would give them to Carol so that they can be installed where necessary.

Kris Schranm, a recent resident on Judd, wished the community to know that he is in the guitar repair business.

**Bylaws:**

Ira suggested the bylaw revisions be reviewed at another general meeting. It was agreed that the current bylaws are adequate for the time being. Both versions are posted on the Web.

**Elections:**

11 New board members were voted on for the proceeding year.

Kirby Spitler

Mark Lymer

Penny Wilson

Joe Gibbs

Pat Konomos

Ira Domskey

Monica Wadsworth-Seibel

Scott Seibel

Carol Sparks

Billy Gawrych

David Saar

Ira Domskey is interim chair till the next board meeting.

Pat Moffat, April Bojorquez-Garcia, and Marcia Kyle fulfilled their terms on the board and were all thanked for their efforts for the community.

Next meeting will be at 6:00pm at Pat Konomos house, 719 W. 11<sup>th</sup> St, Thursday, May 14, 2009