

Minutes
Northwest Neighborhood Association
February 3, 2007

Those in attendance: Armando Vargas, Belen Olinedo, Shelly Dorsey, Dan Dorsey, Karl Bowbry, James Ray, Martha Remallier, TPD Officer Nunez, Katie Gannon from the Drachman Institute, Rebecca Ruopp from the Tucson City Planning Office, Barbara Lucero from Ward 3 Administration

Minutes taken February 3, 2007 by Shelly Dorsey.

1. Those at the meeting introduced themselves.
2. Officer Nunez from the TPD asked for any questions or complaints. Martha noted that in El Capitan there are cars blocking streets in the morning with a lot of traffic going to one house, possibly a drug house. Officer Nunez said the TPD is looking into the situation.
3. Due to low turnout, NWNA secretary nominations were postponed until March. Shelly Dorsey agreed to act as the temporary secretary for this meeting.
4. Representatives from the UA Drachman Institute talked about their "Building Healthy Neighborhoods" Project. NWNA has been selected to receive planning and implementation advice over the next two years from the Drachman Institute on how we can improve our neighborhood; Drachman Institute will meet with NWNA residents to help determine our needs and goals for our neighborhood. Belen commented that she thought meetings with Drachman should be separately held from regular NWNA monthly meetings.
5. Rebecca Ruopp from City Planning presented on "Neighborhood Plans" and showed what sort of projects neighborhoods are doing to improve where they live with the help of City Planning and various grants such as the Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant. She highlighted projects such as the "Five Neighborhood Project," the "Oracle Project," and a project going on in Barrio Hollywood among others. Rebecca also briefly discussed the Neighborhood Preservation Zone Land Use Code Amendment and noted there would be a public hearing on this amendment on February 7, 2007, in the Council Chambers.
6. Barbara Lucero from Ward III discussed "Back to Basics" funding for neighborhood improvement purposes.
7. Armando asked for members to work on a committee for planning National Night Out on August 7, 2007.
8. Armando passed out a draft copy of the NWNA "Proposal for the Neighborhood Reinvestment Program" from Study Group Members John Dahlstrand, Belen Olmedo, and Armando Vargas. This presents a proposal drawn from data collected in the recent NWNA survey on neighborhood improvements.
9. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: March 3, 2007.