Minutes Northwest Neighborhood Association

May 5, 2007

Those in attendance: Armando Vargas, Tammy Lofgreen, Natasha Lofgreen, Hannah Soreng, Monique D'ercole (Rep for Codac), Belen Olmedo, Sarah Eldridge, Tamara prime, Karin Uhlich

Minutes taken by Tammy Lofgreen

- 1. Minutes from Feb and April 2007 were on the table for all in attendance and were gone over, Belen Olmedo pointed out that her name was misspelled in the April minutes and no other changes were made.
- 2. Sarah Eldridge went over the nominations for 2007-2008 officers. Nominations discussed at the April meeting were: Armando Vargas for president, James Ray for vice president, Tammy Lofgreen for secretary, and Dan Dorsey for Treasurer. Belen Olmedo nominated herself for president. Nominations were closed and ballots were passed out. Voting took place and ballots were collected by Sarah.
- 3. While votes were being tallied, introductions took place and Armando read the annual report. Several items were discussed in the report including the history of the NWNA, topics discussed since June of 2006 (Neighborhood planning & improvement, neighborhood safety, networking and collaborations, Land use amendment/neighborhood preservation zone concerns, NWNA concerns and improvements, and other misc. topics), and goals for the coming year and beyond. Note: hard copies of this report are available upon request.
- 4. Sarah and Tamara returned with the results of the voting and announced them as follows. President: Armando 5, Belen 1. Vice president: James Ray 4, Belen Olmedo 2. Secretary: Tammy Lofgreen 6. Treasurer: Dan Dorsey 6
- 5. Karin Uhlich spoke about neighborhood preservation/development. The pilot area is a 1-2 mile ring around the U of A. August of 2007 the overlay zone will go into effect. Between now and August the exact zone will be determined and published. Belen presented questions about a safer environment that would allow neighbors to discuss changes in the area with council members. Belen and Karin agreed to keep in contact to establish a bi-weekly meeting possibly at Karin's office. Karin and Armando discussed future changes, historic preservation, etc. Hannah brought up an idea to extend shuttle service for U of A to alleviate some of the over crowding of parking in the neighborhoods and walking to the campus. Sarah inquired about some construction on Lester and Euclid and the consensus was that there is a Hawkeye being built across Euclid.
- 6. Armando resumed the agenda for the meeting, skipping over Officer Nunez as she was not able to make the meeting. Also skipping over the report from Martha about National night out, as she was also unable to make the meeting.
- 7. Armando went over the action plan for: A.) "Building healthy neighborhoods" infrastructure improvements follow up sessions. B.) Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment proposal will be a topic of discussion for the next three meetings. Belen included information for this process.

- 8. Monique D'ercole spoke on behalf of CODAC about a situation at the properties of 521 & 523 Lester. The properties are temporarily closed due to a death of a tenant, allegedly killed in retaliation for passing along information regarding illegal activities by other tenants who were placed in the residence by CODAC. Tenants with mental illness and/or substance abuse treatment issues are placed by CODAC and somewhat monitored. Drug testing/screening is not currently in place but Monique has offered to present the option to her supervisor and let us know if we can petition to have that integrated into their system. A contact number for Monique is 520-358-9580.
- 9. Armando took a vote on changing the time of our monthly meetings to 1 p.m. and this was agreeable to everyone in attendance. With permission from the neighborhood center, the meeting time will change to 1 p.m.
- 10. Meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: June 2, 2007 at 1 p.m.