

**Minutes**  
**Northwest Neighborhood Association**  
June 2, 2007

Those in attendance: Armando Vargas, Shelly Dorsey, Dan Dorsey, Hannah Soreng, Martha Retallier, Kathryn Foster, Kara Curtis (TPD), TPD Officer Nunez, Karen Uhlich (Ward III Councilperson), Joanna Wood, Ray James, Tamara Prime (Ward III), Monique Roybal. Minutes taken June 2, 2007 by Shelly Dorsey.

1. Those at the meeting introduced themselves.
2. Armando passed out minutes from the May 2007 meeting. Minutes were approved with one change: Monique Roybal made a correction—the tenant who recently died at the CODAC duplex was not killed in retaliation for “passing along information about other residents” as was originally contained in the May minutes.
3. Officer Nunez from the TPD asked for any questions or complaints. Officer Nunez passed out crime stats and Kathryn mentioned problems around her house with a few residents parking in front of a water hydrant and cars speeding and playing loud music going down the street. Officer Nunez urged us to call police regularly so that a record is built up for people who consistently disobey parking or speeding laws.
4. Kara Curtis from the TDP presented information on Neighborhood Watch. In order to create an active Neighborhood Watch organization, we need 51% of the neighborhood to participate. We can then get “Neighborhood Watch” signs for the neighborhood as well as stickers for people’s windows. We decided to put out a newsletter to both announce our regular monthly meeting for July as well as to let people know about National Night Out on August 7. At National Night Out we will try to let people know about Neighborhood Watch. The newsletter could also let people know about an initial meeting of all those interested in Neighborhood Watch. No meeting time or date was decided for this initial meeting for Neighborhood Watch.
5. Karen and Tamara discussed briefly the construction going on at the Drachman and Oracle intersection. Main Avenue will be closed during this construction time; closure is linked to the water system.
6. Monique briefly discussed the situation with the CODAC properties. She urged residents not to stigmatize CODAC residents due to fears related to mental illness or substance abuse. The CODAC property has been closed but will re-open. Monique updated those at the meeting on the status of drug testing/screening for those at the CODAC properties. Essentially, CODAC can only enforce drug testing or screening on those who have been court-ordered to receive drug testing. It cannot be enforced with all CODAC residents.
7. Armando passed out the “NWN Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Proposal.”
  - Looking at data both from the early survey conducted on neighborhood needs as well as data coming from the Drachman Institute design process, those at the meeting discussed possible projects to apply for funds for neighborhood

improvement. The survey identified infrastructure elements and the charette design done by Drachman identified neighborhood concepts.

- Armando had included figures on costs for sidewalks and lighting. After discussing a number of choices, those at the meeting were in favor of applying for funds for the Third and Fifth Avenue “pedestrian greenway” project which involves narrowing those streets, putting pedestrian walkways and appropriate lighting, planting trees and desert vegetation, etc. Armando will see if he can get any figures for costs, perhaps “per block,” for this project. The motion was amended to include the easements north of Linden St. / Bronx Wash along the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Ave alignments. There was a consensus to include the easements. The pedestrian greenways and the easements are the connecting pieces for possible pedestrian bridges across the Bronx Wash.
8. Ray brought up the idea of bringing in a “roll off” so residents can get rid of large items that are not collected in ordinary trash removal. Dan noted that “brush and bulky” pickup is happening the end of June and they will collect much of what a roll off would. It was agreed to wait on the roll off until after brush and bulky pickup, possibly in Sept. which is mid-way between the two dates (June and December) for brush and bulky pickup. Martha mentioned freecycle.org as a place for people to get rid of items they no longer want; Hannah mentioned Earth911.org as another organization that helps with recycling and helping people get rid of unwanted items.
  9. The meeting was adjourned. Next meeting: July 7 at 1 p.m.