

December Meeting of NW Neighborhood Association (NWN) Monthly Mtg.  
December 1st, 2007

Present: Members: Dan Dorsey (acting secretary), Shelly Dorsey, Armando Vargas, Hannah Soreng, James Ray.

Guests: Jennifer Gonzales, NW Neighborhood Center; Mike Finkelstein, Quatrovest; Ben Buehler-Garcia, consultant for Mariscos Chihuahua Restaurant; Martha Retallick.

The meeting was called to order by the President Armando Vargas at 1:05 PM

Minutes for the November meeting were approved.

An update on the NWN application to the Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee (PCNROC) was given. The PCNROC meeting to vote on our proposal was scheduled for Dec. 7th at about 10AM, and Armando urged residents to attend the meeting in support and to send in any final letters in support of the grant proposal.

Dan gave a quick update on progress on the initial stages of getting a grant to improve Bronx Wash. He and Katie from the Drachman Institute have had several meetings with City officials downtown about challenges that would be faced and opportunities to improve Bronx Wash. Dan will bring the updated conceptual drawings to the next meeting.

Tucson Police Department representatives did not show up.

Ward III council representative did not show up.

The rest of the meeting was taken up with the proposed rezoning of 352 and 356 E. Grant. Ben Buehler-Garcia, a consultant for Mariscos Chihuahua Restaurant on Grant gave a presentation which he is initiating with City Development Services to rezone part of the R-2 lot to the south of the restaurant C-1 to accommodate required additional parking for the restaurant. A required public informational meeting will be held before the holidays he said. He answered questions and made additional comments.

Mike Finkelstein from Quatrovest properties made some comments on Ben's presentation and some additional comments on the car lot next to Quatrovest properties and how he has been following up on getting City Development Services to issue the car lot warnings on zoning and code violations on its property, especially on the R-2 part to the south along Saguaro Avenue. Some questions and comments from meeting attendees ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM and the next meeting set for January 5th.

Dan Dorsey