

**Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWN) Monthly Minutes
December 6, 2008, held at the Northwest Neighborhood Center**

Residents: Hannah Soreng, Daphne Arango, James B. Ray, Shelly Dorsey, Armando Vargas, Alma Berkowitz, Leona Davis, James Krepps, Nancy Miller and Kathryn Foster. (Minutes taken by Shelly Dorsey, Acting Secretary)

1. Armando opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. with a welcome and introductions. The November 2008 minutes were approved by consensus with a change of the Ward III address.
2. Ward III and TPD: Tamara Prime was not present. No TPD representative was present.
3. Updates:
 - NWNA new meeting change and times: 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month; Jan 7, Feb 4, March 4, April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, Sept 2, Oct 7, Nov 4, and Dec 2. Will be held at the Ward III office – Grant RD and Vine AV.
 - Web report: Hannah has set up an e-mail address and set an e-mail to Neighborhood Link. Com to get on their server for our website. The new e-mail address is nwna85705@gmail.com. Executive directors will be given password to be able to check e-mail.
 - Pruning: Great success; trash pickup and trees successfully pruned. Next year, we could rent a chipper \$200 for the whole weekend. Maybe apply for a PRO Neighborhoods grant for the chipper and community celebration. Raise the question if Ward III can help fund it possibly. Same time next year—November 2009.
 - Easements: Armando will use a gas-powered lawn mower to cut the grass in the easements. NWNA should do this every two or three months. Saturday, December 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., was set for the easement cleaning date. Meet at easement: Fifth Avenue between 200 and 300 Waverly, south side of street. Bring rakes, wheelbarrows, gloves, trash bags. Armando will try to get pizza from the Ward III office.
4. Neighborhood Projects:
 - The IGA for our reinvestment grant is at the City now – design costs of \$50,000 according to the City which were not part of the funded grant. Spokesperson Armando V. will send a letter to Karen Uhlich, Ward III – the city needs to cover and be approved by City and Council to authorize it in the 2009-2010 City budget. Armando will send a copy to the neighbors of this letter sent to City / Council so we can write letters supporting the City funding the \$50,000 for our project. Letters should be sent by January. July 2009-July 2010 design and July 2010-December 2010 construction.
 - PRO Neighborhoods Grant: Pre-application – Bronx Wash spiff-up, tree planting, signage. Letter of Intent is first; and then a more detailed grant application if we are approved in the next couple of months. Pre-application was looked over and approved by those present.
5. Events/Meetings this month:
 - MPNC Wed Dec 10 Parkside Terrace; Weed and Seed Dec 15 at 530 p.m.; Ward III community conversations Dec 15 at 6 p.m. & W3NA meeting Dec 17, Woods Library, 6:30 p.m.
6. Grant status and budget on Weed and Seed: on hold perhaps due to administrative changes in Washington DC. The North Tucson Weed and Seed community applied for the grant. The North Tucson Coalition neighborhoods involved in this grant are Amphi, Keeling, Coronado Heights, Balboa, El Cortez and Northwest. NWNA has not decided yet on being a NTC member—in the spring we will make a decision on being part of this coalition.
7. Mortar Board Clean-Up Project: Shelly urged neighborhood members to think about what types of neighborhood clean-up projects that Mortar Board volunteers can do including elderly or disabled neighbors who need a hand with their yards. Let Shelly ~~let~~ know who needs help. Project will occur Saturday, March 28, 2009.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next meeting is Wed, January 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Ward III Office.