

Northwest Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2008
Northwest Neighborhood Center

Attendance

NWNA residents: Hannah Soneng, Armando Vargas, John Dahlstrand, Dan Doresy, Shelly Dorsey, Belen Olmedo.

Guests: TPD Ofcr Dan Roberts, Ward III Liaison Tamara Prime, NW Ctr/Mansfield Park Jennifer Gonzalez, United Way/VITA Jeanenne Leven.

Opening and Approval of Minutes

Armanda Vargas, president, opened the meeting at 1:00. Minutes for the December meeting were approved.

TPD Report

Officer Roberts gave information on the upcoming Safety Fair which will feature crime prevention pamphlets, free fingerprinting kits, free auto VIN identification for neighbors who bring in their cars, with four or five TPD employees there during the fair as well. Officer Roberts also passed out stats on crime in our area.

Neighborhood Improvement Project

Armando updated everyone on the 5-0 approval by the Pima County Oversight Committee on our proposed improvement project. The proposal now goes to the Board of Supervisors and after that to the Mayor and Council for final approvement. Letters of support for the project from neighbors can still be written and sent to the Board of Supervisors and/or the office of Richard Elias.

Announcements and Information from Ward III

Tamara Prime gave some information and we also covered the following in the announcements section:

- Safety Fair, January 26, at NWNC
- Grant Rd. improvement discussions Jan. 14, 16, and 17 at the Tucson Association of Realtors meeting room at 2445 N. Tucson Blvd, 6-8:30. The Jan. 14 meeting will focus on the Oracle Rd. to First Ave section of Grant.
- The group Sustainable Tucson will host a discussion about the Grant Rd. improvement/widening as well on January 8 at the Main Library from 6-8 p.m.
- The “State of the Ward” address will be given Jan 16th at Woods Library at 6:30 p.m.
- Public meeting on re-zoning request by Marisco’s Chihauhua Restaurant will be held at NWNC on Thursday, Jan 10, 7-8 p.m.
- Mansfield Park Neighborhood Coalition meeting on Jan. 9 at 6:30

United Way VITA Presentation

Jeanenne Leven, a volunteer with United Way, gave information on the VITA program which provides tax assistance. The program provides information on the "Earned Income Tax Credit" and shows people whether they qualify for this tax credit. They offer free tax preparation as well as provide financial education/information. Jeanenne passed out a brochure on the program and a list of sites in Tucson which includes in our area the City Council Ward III Office, PCC Community Campus on Bonita, Arizona Dept. of Revenue on Congress, and El Rio Adult Learning Center.

Re-Zoning Request

Dan Dorsey made a motion to have the NWNA, in solidarity with the MPNC, oppose the re-zoning request put forward by Marisco's Chihuahua Restaurant at 340 E Grant Rd. His motion was approved.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at about 2:30 p.m.

Minutes taken January 5, 2008 by Acting Secretary Shelly Dorsey.