

Minutes
Northwest Neighborhood Association
March 1, 2008

Neighborhood residents in attendance: Armando Vargas, Shelly Dorsey, Alma Berkowitz, Belen Olmedo, Kathryn Foster.

Guests: Officer Lizette Gomez (TPD), Katie Gannon (Drachman Institute), Tres English Guest Presenter (Teaching and Helping program), Tamara Prime (Ward III), Jennifer Gonzalez (NW Neighborhood Center).

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The meeting started at approximately 2:05. February minutes accepted without change.
2. **TPD Report:** Officer Gomez furnished stats on crimes in the area including car theft and vandalism. Speeding on the 200 block of east Elm was reported at the meeting (with those neighbors calling Armando to report this). Armando also noted that there has been concern among neighbors of possible criminal activity occurring in the parking lot of the Mt. Calvary church (in off-church times). Officer Gomez noted that neighbors who call to report suspicious activity can remain anonymous. Neighbors should try to furnish to police details such as license plate numbers or exact locations of trouble spots, if possible.
3. **Ward III:** Armando briefly discussed a memo he had sent to Ward III listing unaddressed problems in the area such as speeding on Elm and Fourth Ave (among other issues). Ward III is in support of a possible proposal to make the Fourth Ave. corridor more bicycle-friendly and to prioritize bike travel along this route. This might include traffic circles, street paint, better signage and would include Fourth Ave from Prince to the underpass. Katie Gannon said that it looks like a proposal for this will be going to the RTA in October for possible funding.
4. **Mansfield Park and Bronx Wash Updates:** On April 10 at 6:30 there will be a re-presentation of the Mansfield Park Plan. There will also be a walk-through of the park at 4 p.m. March 6 for one part of the park plan which is currently up for funding: shading for the playground. A meeting was proposed to re-consider elements of the Bronx Wash plan and to gather more views from neighbors. No date was decided for this Bronx Wash update meeting.
5. **Neighborhood Re-Investment Grant:** The Board of Supervisors approved NRNA proposal for neighborhood improvements and the Intergovernmental Agreement is now being written (between Pima County and the City of Tucson). Construction could start in 2009.
6. **Other Events:** MPNC, 6:30, 3/12; International School open house, 10-2, 3/15; Ward III Neighbors' Meeting, 6:30, 3/19.
7. **Tres English Presentation:** Tres presented on two issues: a. "Our Sustainable Future: Preparing for the Renewable Century" and b. the "Teaching and Helping" project which he administers. "Teaching and Helping is a service-learning program that offers volunteers the opportunity to explore a new career in re-construction, help a neighbor in need, or learn to fix your own home." If you are interested in finding out more about this program, please contact Tres at 795-3413 or e-mail him at tres1@mindspring.com
8. Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

Minutes taken by Acting Secretary, Shelly Dorsey.