

Minutes for the monthly meeting, April 5th, 2008, of the Northwest Neighborhood Association

Present: Dan Dorsey, treasurer and acting secretary, Armando Vargas, president, James Ray, vice-president, Shelly Dorsey and Hannah Soreng.

Guests: TPD officer Gomez and Ben Buehler-Garcia representing Mariscos Chihuahua Restaurant in a rezoning request to the City.

Armando the President brought the meeting to order at 1:09 PM. The minutes for the March meeting were approved by the members present.

Ben Buehler-Garcia explained the revised plan (insert plan handed out here) that his client, Mariscos Chihuahua Restaurant, will be submitting to the City of Tucson to comply with the City's code and land use guidelines. The idea he explained was to have to re-zone as little as possible of the R-2 lot to the south of the C-1 lot the restaurant currently sits on for parking purposes. He is quoted (with his agreement on the quote) as, "This latest plan is the best deal we are going to be able to offer given the restrictions from the City". There was discussion that assembling the rest of the R-2 parcels along Saguaro St. together would give almost one acre of land that could be developed, where a multi family small apartment complex(es) could be built. The formal hearing of the Zoning Board is scheduled for May 8th. The neighborhood association members agreed to delay making a formal decision with Ben present and agreed to discuss the issue further via e-mail and at the May 3rd upcoming meeting if necessary.

Officer Gomez from TPD gave the general crime report for the area and said that while crime within the NWNA boundaries was unchanged, burgerly was up to the south and north of our boundaries. There was a discussion on how to report a loud party, and Officer Gomez outlined the guidelines TPD uses to break up loud parties. She mentioned how the 'red tag' program works also.

Ward III Liaison Tamara Prime did not show.

Armando talked about updates on old and new business, and there was discussion on issues such as:

1. Neighborhood Improvements. Updates on our Greenways project for 3rd Ave into Mansfield Park. Although the funds have been improved, both Camy from the County and Katie from the Drachman Institute emphasized that it was important to stay on top of the situation as the project goes to the City planners to make sure nothing gets changed.

2. The Mansfield Park Conceptual Master Plan presentation will be 6:30PM on Thursday, April 10th.

3. The Grant Road Widening Series for Public Input will be on May 8th from 6PM to 9PM at 2445 N. Tucson Blvd. for the segment adjacent to the NWNA boundaries.

4. The May meeting of the NWNA will be changed to later on in the afternoon on May 3rd and will be held outside as a potluck. This will be the Annual Meeting required in the Bylaws. Hannah volunteered to be the officer nomination committee for elections on May 3rd.

5. The state of the City Budget and the projected shortfall. Pie charts showing revenue and expenses were handed out.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 PM.