

(Brief history) The Nwana was recognized in October 1996 by the City of Tucson. The Nwana was active for a while then went into a hiatus until 2005. The Nwana re-energized itself in 2005 – thanks to Dan Dorsey and others. Carrie Culver, the immediate past president, started inviting guest speakers on various topics. The current president continued the guest speaker concept with a focus on neighborhood planning and improvement.

The general concepts and topics discussed since June 2006 to present include the following six categories. Where possible, the results or outcomes are noted including if in progress or ongoing.

Neighborhood Planning & Improvement

1. Pro-Neighborhood, e.g., Bronx Wash. Tabled.
2. Pima County Neighborhood Re-investment program.
3. Survey, Fall 2006, COMM 312 class. Done.
4. Neighborhood Planning Process, Rebecca Ruopp, CoT UPD.
5. Drachman Institute – Building Healthy Neighborhoods.

Neighborhood Safety

1. Graffiti abatement (ongoing).
2. Red tag/ excessive noise (ongoing).
3. Drug houses (ongoing).
4. Abandoned houses (ongoing).
5. On the plus side, TPD officer at the monthly meetings.

Networking and collaborations

1. El Cortéz and Nwana
 - a. National Night Out, August 2006 and soon August 2007
 - b. MPNC (Mansfield Park Neighborhood Coalition) ongoing
 - c. Drachman Institute – Building Healthy Neighborhoods
2. Meeting with City Park/Rec & NWN Center officials.
3. University of AZ
 - a. COMM 312 class, the survey Fall 2006
 - b. Drachman Institute – Building Healthy Neighborhoods
4. Improved relationship with Ward III Councilmember and Liaison
5. Improved relationship NWN Center/Mansfield Park staff
6. Ward III Neighbors, a coalition for NA's in Ward III.

Land Use Amendment/Neighborhood Preservation Zone concerns

1. Mini-dorms in Nwana and Feldman's NA.
2. Church property sale to a mini-dorm developer.
3. Proposed LUA/NPZ before the Mayor and Council.

Nwana concerns and improvements

1. Three presidents between June 2005 and May 2007.
2. The lack of a regular secretary and, or, minutes.
3. On the plus side, email communication, yet, there exists the have's and have not's on the digital/internet divide.
4. Also, on the plus side, increased interest in the activities of the Nwana, and meeting attendance.

Other/miscellaneous topics

1. Free spaying/neutering for household pets
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GOALS FOR 2007-2008 and later.

1. Continue working with El Cortéz NA in collaboration with the Drachman Institute.
2. Continue working with the Drachman Institute and the Building Healthy Neighborhoods project.
3. Finish the first proposal for the PCNR.
4. Evaluate the results and outcomes from the first PCNR proposal, and prepare a second PCNR proposal.
5. Seek Tribal game funding as match funding for the Mansfield Park improvements.
6. Website development, and implementation.
7. Accommodation for the have not's on the digital/internet divide.
8. Neighborhood Watch program.

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