

Northwest Neighborhood Association Minutes
March 4, 2009, Ward III Office, 1510 E Grant RD

Present: John Dahlstrand, Shelly Dorsey, James B. Ray, Armando Vargas.

Guest speaker: Collete Altaffer, Neighborhood Infill Coalition project.

1. Address for checking account and tax identification number application: mail could be delivered to NWNC and delivered there or we could get a PO Box. We would supply a clear, plastic box with a latched cover and it would be kept at the NWNC front desk. Those present at the meeting decided by consensus to have NWNA mail delivered to the NWNC and periodically collected by one of the officers.
2. The February 2009 Minutes were approved unanimously by consensus.
3. Treasurer's Report. Armando reported in Hannah's stead. \$14 is in the treasury.
4. No official news on the proposed 4th Ave bike boulevard. Armando thinks it went up for a vote earlier this year and was approved for funding. NWNA should be contacted for design sessions. RTA is the funding source.
5. No TPD report was presented and no Ward III representative was present.
6. Brush and Bulky pick up dates changed for several neighborhoods including NWNA; the first cycle is May 25, 2009 and the second is August 24, 2009. The neighborhoods were not notified of the change. Armando will check to see if there could be a special pick up in March and then the regular schedule in May and August. People were expecting to see it in January and had started putting materials out.
7. In two months we'll have the annual meeting. We'll discuss more planning in April. Possible potluck for May at the annual meeting. Next month will call for nominations and ad hoc committee to set up voting. The State of the Neighborhood address will be given by Armando.
8. Possible new meeting site — International School of Tucson, 1st and Lester — which would be within walking distance of NWNA. Will discuss at next month's meeting. IST has offered a meeting room — about the same size as the Ward III meeting room.
9. Environmental Planning Group, a consultant group engaged by Tucson Electric Power Company: TEP is looking to improve electricity service between the Grant/I-10 substation and the Downtown substation (near 6th/Main) by increasing the electricity capacity by 138,000 KV line. EPG is forming a Community Working Group and will host meetings with neighborhoods to talk about issues and concerns about this project.
10. No updates from TPAC or others about the headless child statue and other problems with the public art in the Mansfield Park .
11. No update on our pending PRO Neighborhoods grant application.

12. Mortar Board update: The Mortar Board clean up project is March 28. Those helping will meet by 8:30 at the staging area in the NWNC. Our four proposed clean up projects were submitted and we are waiting to hear how many student clean-up volunteers we will have. Everyone is invited to the after party at the NWNC starting about 12:30 p.m.
13. Upcoming events include the Ward III Community Conversations later this month, exact date to be announced. Drachman Institute "Building Healthy Neighborhoods", March 25, 6:30 p.m., at the International School of Tucson covering outdoor living and better homes. International Day March 14 at the IST. March 11, at 10:30 a.m., Martin Ave and 8th Street, a Watershed Management representative will meet with any NWNA members to discuss the water harvesting work in the Rincon Heights Neighborhood.
14. Guest speaker Collette Altaffer updated us on land-use codes, mini-dorm construction and what the NIC is doing to provide input into the process.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes submitted by Acting Secretary, Shelly Dorsey.