

NWNA monthly meeting minutes, 6:30-8:30 P.M., We, 1 July 2009
International School of Tucson, c/o 715 E Lester ST
website: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter 85705, click on our neighborhood

Members Present: Armando Vargas, James Ray, Hannah Soreng, Kathryn Foster, Leona Davis and James Krepps.
Guest: Michael Schwartz.

1. Welcome & introductions. The meeting opened at 6:45 PM. Armando handed out the June 2009 minutes. Approved by consensus. Treasurer' Report – Hannah reported we still had \$1029.50 in our account. Leona was the acting secretary because Dan was not present.

2. Ward III Liaison – Tamara was not present.

3. TPD – Officer Bradley attended the meeting. He handed out the monthly crime stats for NWNA and ECNA, and information about the “Stupid Motorist Law.”

NWNA concerns

4-a. New Neighbors, how to welcome? – Armando posed the question to think about “how do we welcome new neighbors”? Suggested we foster conversation and ideas for welcoming committee of some sort.

4-b. Mission Statement discussion – James Krepps talked about the importance of mission statements and suggested the association come up with one to add to our bylaws. James K. volunteered to facilitate this project.

4-c. Environmental Planning Group consultant for Tucson Electric Power Company – Armando reminded us to give our input during the planning of the new 138kV line.

4-d. Mansfield Park – Marty was not present – Public art discussion tabled.

Neighborhood Improvements updates

5-a. NWNA's PCNR/COT improvement project, Elm Street chicanes and 5th Avenue/easement greenways. The first neighborhood meeting is Th, 30 July! Inviting Watershed Management Group (expertise \$), UA Drachman Institute, City and Pima County. Need about 50% of the neighbors to sign a petition to be able to start the project. Talked about door to door activity for getting this done. Someone suggested using Volunteer America for help. Armando handed out a sheet on the Rincon Heights Neighborhood project as an example of chicanes and water harvesting techniques.

5-b. 4th/Fontana Avenues bike boulevard RTA funded project. First neighborhoods meeting (maybe 20 Aug 09) – ECNA, Feldman's and NWNA. Discussed various types of lighting, particularly solar lighting for both projects.

5-c. PRO Neighborhoods grant updates for the Bronx Wash.

i. Mural phase – Michael presented the updated mural design which includes horned toad, palo verde, brighter colors, red line moved to Grant RD, person walking out of a door instead of looking out of a window, and other details. The planned paint days are July 10 and 11 (Friday and Saturday). Other logistics were discussed – Food, drink, tables, shade, contacting media, and etc.

ii. Revegetation update, west terminus and SE right of way – postponed to August, Dan was not present.

Other events/reminders

6-a. National Night Out (4 Aug) will not happen this year at the Northwest Neighborhood Center. ECNA may plan a modest observation. TBA.

6-b. Sustainable Tucson meeting, Tu, 14 Jul 09, at 6 P.M., Main Public Library, 101 N Stone Ave

6-d. MPNC meeting We, 8 Jul 09, at 6:30 P.M., at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2140 N 4th Ave

6-e. NTWS/NTC meeting Mo, 20 Jul 09, at 5:30 P.M., 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West Substation)

6-f. W3NA meeting We, 15 Jul 09, at 6:30 P.M., Woods Library, 3455 N First Ave, solar power is the topic

6-g. Ward III office, Sa, 18 Jul 09, graffiti abatement information/training, at 6:30 A.M.

North Tucson Weed & Seed Cmte/Cmty, and North Tucson Coalition updates

7-a. Grant application being reviewed and budget TBA by DOJ.

7-b. North Tucson Coalition updates – officers to be elected.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 P.M.

8. The next meeting is We, 5 August 2009, at 6:30 P.M, at the International School of Tucson.