

Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWN) minutes, 6:30-8:30 P.M., We, 2 Dec 2009, International School of Tucson c/o 715 E Lester ST, website: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter 85705 & click on our neighborhood.

Present: James B. Ray, Leona Davis, James Krepps, Shelly Dorsey, Armando Vargas, Julie Summers and Katherine Foster.

Guests: Paul Sayre, Dan Roberts & Beau Tribolet – TPD; and, Tamara Prime, Ward III.

[The TPD officers were allowed to speak first so they may continue their regular duties sooner.]

I. Police Update: Three TPD officers were present. Officer Sayre gave the update. Officer Tribolet will be our contact; supervisory officer(s) will be attending instead of line officers so if assistance is needed the sergeant is more in the position to do so and SGT. Flores might attend our meetings in the future.

We looked at stress maps — shows us where we stand in relation to crime in the entire area.

- a. Home invasion: narcotics related and weapons; 200 block E Elm St., early Tues, 12/1: all four suspects involved were apprehended (gunfire exchanged) including two adult occupants of the house for drug possession.
- b. Suspicious activities, 221 E Waverly, not occupied (front door open, flashlights, missing items from nearby yards). Officer Roberts stopped by the house prior to this meeting; transients may be staying there, door is unsecurable; e-mail sent to Code Enforcement; house must be able to be secured. It has been unoccupied for several years. TPD officers closed the unlockable door. If we see it open we should close it and call the TPD.
- c. Nuisance/dangerous dog, 400 block E Seneca: dog jumps fence, barks at people; attacks other dogs; contact Animal Control.

II. November minutes: By consensus, the minutes were accepted as submitted

III. New Treasurer: The special election for Treasurer was tabled till next month.

IV. Treasurer Report—Armando, acting Treasurer, reviewed the treasurer report with us.

V. Tamara, Ward III Liaison: Armando mentioned the possible \$75-\$80 million City budget deficit; Tamara stated that no specific cuts have yet been identified. Status of the Goodman lawsuits against the city?? Just passed, the Feldmans NPZ design manual which limits design features; protect the historic nature of the neighborhood; transfer of development rights applies only to Feldman now (precedent now however) on major arteries (Speedway, Oracle, Grant, Euclid) (what sort of historic status is possible for our neighborhood) Jonathan Marby will be at our next meeting to discuss possible historic status and process for the NWN area.

VI. Yard sale: Held Sa, 21 Nov 2009, net proceeds \$41.00; some items were donated to Goodwill, we kept some of the nicer items for the next yard sale. Need more timely advertisement. We should have neighborhood information available at the yard sale.

VII. Newsletter: monthly newsletters up to four pages in length: 1 page both sides (two months turn around) – four weeks – would be possible to do for Feb 2010. Leona will do it for Feb. She will prepare a draft for the Jan meeting so we can look it over . . . sent to DNR for timely mailing.

VIII. Pro Neighborhoods Update

- a. Mural project Update: Michael Schwartz has sealed part of it, and work is in progress .
- b. Revegetation: Dec 12, second planting session and spreading rock, moving big rocks, mulching, and lunch will be provided.
- c. Armando will send more up to date budget; with PN budget.

IX. Mission Statement: We reviewed the mission statement and made suggestions (to include “we work with other groups”) James will revise and we hope to approve it in January. Below is a tentative draft for review.

“Northwest Neighborhood Association is a group of residents in the boundaries of NW Neighborhood who are joined together to build and maintain a healthy, vibrant and sustainable community for all residents. We aim to build community interaction among residents, improve public spaces, and improve the health and safety of residents through various means, including implementing environmentally sustainable practices, the arts, education, and advocating better public services.”

X. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Minutes taken by Shelly Dorsey, acting Secretary.