

Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWN) annual meeting minutes, 5-7 P.M., Sa, 8 May 2010, Dan and Shelly's backyard ramada, near the corner of 6th AV/Linden ST, website: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter 85705, click on our neighborhood

There was a change of location from the NWN Pocket Park at Linden and 6th Ave because of the heat and wind to Dan and Shelly Dorsey's backyard ramada several houses away from the park (an e-mail was sent out earlier in the day and a sign was put up at the park telling of the change of location). Until the official opening of the meeting, attendees socialized and had dinner from the potluck offerings.

Members present at the annual meeting: Alma Berkowitz, Dan Dorsey, Shelly Dorsey, Armando Vargas, James Ray, John Dahlstrand, Susan Thorpe, Leona Davis, James Krepps, Carolina Cruz-Popkin & Cece Cruz.

Armando our president officially opened the meeting at 5:25PM.

Welcome & Opening

1-a. Introductions of attendees.

1-b. April 2010 minutes were read and approved by consensus

1-c. Acting Treasurer's Reports – Armando gave the report. We have \$14.90 plus \$20.00 to be deposited.

2. Ward III Liaison attendance is suspended until further notice for budgetary reductions purpose. Tel. 791-4711, office 1510 E Grant RD. Ward staff available at the NTWS, W3NA and Community Conversation meetings.

NWN concerns – Annual meeting Election of officers.

3-a. Ad Hoc Nominations & Elections Committee – Chair Cece Cruz conducted nominations and elections. New officers were elected by consensus: Armando Vargas – President, James Ray – Vice President, Leona Davis – Secretary and James Krepps – Treasurer.

3-b. Armando gave the Annual Report and recap of accomplishments for the year (enclosed).

4. TPD – SGT Matt Dietzman (TPD liaison contact, 791-4467, West Div) TPD was not present.

Neighborhood & Community Concerns & Improvements updates and reminders

5-a. PCNR-COT project (estimated construction start date is July/Aug 2010 pending bid process).

5-b. 4th/Fontana AV's Bike Boulevard (estimated construction start date is fall 2010).

5-c. Cyclovia 2010 – there was a good turnout and more events more are being planned pending funding.

Other events/reminders

6-a. REMEMBER TO VOTE, special election Tuesday, 18 May 2010.

6-b. Sustainable Tucson mtg, Mo, 10 May 10, at 5:45 P.M., Main Public Library, 101 N Stone Ave

6-c. MPNC mtg We, 12 May 10, at 6:30 P.M., at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2150 N 4th Ave (agenda online)

6-d. NTWS/NTC meeting, Mo, 17 May 10, at 5:30 P.M., 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West Div)

6-e. W3NA meeting We, 19 May 10, at 6-8 P.M., Woods Library, 3455 N 1st Avenue

6-f. Ward III office, community conversation with Karin Uhlich, 5:30 P.M., 24 May 2010. Tel. 791-4711.

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

7. No new updates.

Adjournment

8. The meeting was adjourned, and the next meeting of the NWN will be We, 2 June 2010, at 6:30 P.M, at the International School of Tucson at 711 E Lester ST.

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This report covers primarily the period since June 2009 to present. Where possible, the results or outcomes are noted including if in progress or ongoing

ACTIVE Neighborhood & Neighbors Involvement!

- Website – ongoing
- Bronx Wash Improvements – James K & Leona (murals), and Dan Dorsey (revegetation) (funded by PRO Neighborhoods grant) (Introduce Linda Duran if present.)
- 2010 Mortar Board Clean Up Event – Kathryn, James R and myself worked with the students, & Cece, Kathryn & James met the students on the UA campus.

Neighborhood Planning & Improvement efforts

- Pima County Neighborhood Re-investment program construction starting after June 2010 pending bid award. Construction will take about six months.
- 4th/Fontana Avenues Bike Boulevard, being funded by RTA and coordinated by the City. Construction should start in fall 2010.
- Grant Road Improvement Plan – planning phase until 2013. Bike boulevard planning sessions in process!
- Drachman Institute – historical status preliminary study underway.

Neighborhood Safety concerns

- Graffiti abatement (ongoing).
- Red tag/ excessive noise (ongoing).
- Drug houses (ongoing).
- Abandoned and vacant houses (ongoing).
- Speeders, especially on 4th Avenue and from 6th Av onto Elm St
- Loss of revenues from sales tax because of the now “Great Recession” has impacted upon the ability of the Ward III Liaison to attend our meetings, furlough days for all COT employees, etc.

Networking and collaborations

- University of AZ
 - Drachman Institute & Mortar Board
- Continued cordial relationship with Ward III Council Member and office staff
- Continued cordial relationship NWN Center/Mansfield Park staff
- Ward III Neighbors Alliance, a coalition for NA's in Ward III.

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- Grant Rd Improvement Plan, Rezoning requests, etc.
- EPG for TEP 138kV line and Community Working Group
- North Tucson Weed & Seed/North Tucson Coalition (Balboa HGTS, EC, NW, Keeling, Amphi & Coronado HGTS NA's, TPD, etc)

Land Use Amendment/Neighborhood Preservation Zone concerns

- Mini-dorms in Nwana, Feldman's and other NA's.
- Feldman's NA NPZ status, historical review of structures, etc.

Nwana concerns and improvements

- We have a website and email communication (5%), yet, there exists the have's and have not's on the digital/internet divide.
- Must continue to outreach to our neighbors to be inclusive because the neighborhood monthly mailings have been eliminated by Neighborhood Services.
- Annual meeting including potluck arrangements for May 2010!

GOALS FOR 2010 - 2011 and later.

- Continue working with El Cortéz NA et al regarding Mansfield Park and other common interests.
- Evaluate the results and outcomes from the first PCNR proposal, and when possible, prepare a second PCNR proposal in the future.
- Seek possible Tribal game funding for the Mansfield Park or other neighborhood improvements. (For example, FWNA.)
- Accommodation for the have not's on the digital/internet divide.
- Neighborhood Watch program.
- Continue to seek and apply for and benefit from grant opportunities that can improve the neighborhood quality of life and enhance intra- and inter-community building. We must NOT shrink from such opportunities. We must WELCOME and learn from applying and being awarded grants and benefiting from grants awarded to others.
- Sugar Hill Oral History, from dream to reality.