

NWNA monthly meeting minutes, 7-8 P.M., We, 7 July 2010, Mansfield Park, southwest corner
website: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter 85705, click on our neighborhood

Members present: Armando Vargas, Leona Davis, James Ray, John Dahlstrand, Rudy Poe, Lee Poe, Kathryn Foster, Gregory Wafer and Mani Vertrees.

Welcome & Opening

- 1-a. The meeting opened about 7:05 P.M. and introductions by all were made.
 - 1-b. The June 2010 minutes were accepted by consensus
 - 1-c. Treasurer's Reports – James K was absent, Leona reported there is \$34.90 in the bank account
 - 1-d. IRS & tax status – Armando presented the IRS' recommendation for the NWNA to file for 501(c)(4) status, a non-profit tax exempt status. Currently, NWNA is recognized as a HOA, i.e., for profit taxable group. For formal recognition it is a \$400 or \$800 fee or the group can operate as 501(c)(4) without filing an application, and must file returns each year. The motion to operate as a 501(c)(4) for non-profit tax exempt purposes without filing a formal application and to file our return per calendar year was passed. Armando will contact again the IRS to complete the appropriate paperwork. The treasurer will be responsible for filing NWNA IRS returns in March-April.
2. Ward III Liaison (suspended until further notice for budgetary reductions purposes). Tel. 791-4711, office 1510 E Grant RD. Ward III staff available at the NTWS, W3NA and Community Conversations.

NWNA concerns

- 3-a. Being inclusive with the "postcard" meeting announcement. SHARE print copies with neighbors.
- 3-b. Proposed changes to the Bylaws - Leona D presented possible wording to include term limits to NWNA bylaws. Change was tabled to next month to allow input from more neighbors, Leona will distribute proposed change via listserv. The proposed wording is as follows, "An officer may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms in any single officer position. If there is no candidate to oppose an incumbent, then the incumbent may remain in office for an additional term."
- 3-c. Armando presented several revisions he made to the Bylaws, including numbering Articles, detailing annual meeting in May, removing "chairperson" language that does not apply to us, and fixing a grammatical error.
- 3-d. Jefferson Park School will close. It is one of nine elementary schools being closed by TUSD. Jefferson Park serves our neighborhood..
- 3-e. Sewer vermin, a few neighbors had concerns, Ward III and County was contacted. No vermin were found. The speeders was tabled until the TPD is present. A concern about homeless receiving assistance in the 200 block E Lee.
- 3-f. Pan Left Productions was awarded a one-year Kresge Foundation grant for oral history! Meeting being scheduled.
- 3-g. Mansfield Park "Family" public art- Still no progress in finding the child's head or possible fix for the statue.
- 3-h. Active coyote in the neighborhood. Recent remains of domestic prey were found in the neighborhood.
- 3-i. COT Neighborhood Services is now allowing two neighborhood mailings for FY 2010-2011. NWNA plans to publish two newsletters biannually, for the November and May meetings. Please email Leona with ideas or content for the newsletter- leonafdavis@gmail.com

4. TPD is not present, no report this month.

Neighborhood & Community Improvements updates (reminders, with new updates)

- 5-a. PCNR-COT project (bid process July, bid award August & 90-day construction September maybe)
- 5-b. Bike Boulevard (estimated construction start date is Oct 2010) **So far, negative comments have dominated the feedback the city has received about the bike boulevard. If you support this project, PLEASE send a letter or an email to Tom Thivener, or the Ward III or Ward VI offices. Ward3@tucsonaz.gov and, or, ward6@tucsonaz.gov**

Other events/reminders

- 6-a. Sustainable Tucson mtg, Mo, 12 July 2010, Main Public Library.
- 6-b. MPNC mtg We, 14 July 10, at 6:30 P.M., at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2150 N 4th Ave (agenda online)
- 6-c. W3NA meeting We, 21 July 10, at 6-8 P.M., Woods Library, 3455 N 1st Avenue (Revitalization & Infill 2)
- 6-d. NTWS/NTC meeting, Mo, 19 July 10, at 5:30pm, 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West Div)
- 6-e. Ward III office, community conversation with Karin Uhlich, no meeting in June or July. Tel. 791-4711.

North Tucson Weed & Seed Cmty, and North Tucson Coalition updates.

- 7-a. Possible Gun Violence Prevention Month activities in October 2010.

Adjournment.

8. Adjournment occurred about 8:15 P.M. The next meeting is We, 4 August 2010, at 6:30 P.M., in the southwest corner of Mansfield Park, near the parking lot. Bring a snack to share!

