

**NWNA monthly meeting minutes**, 6-8 P.M., We, 1 September 2010, Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park, 2160 N 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, website: [www.neighborhoodlink.com](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com), enter 85705, click on our neighborhood

Members in attendance: Armando Vargas, Dorothy Turner, James B. Ray, James Krepps, Leona Davis, Dan Dorsey, and Mike Katerina (NW Neigh. Ctr).

#### Welcome & Opening

1-a. Introductions took place.

1-b. The August 2010 minutes were accepted by consensus.

1-c. Treasurer's Reports. James K reported \$34.90 balance, and that Jim Click is buying out bank.

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 W3NA and Community Conversations.

#### NWNA concerns

3-a. Remember to be inclusive with the "postcard" meeting announcement. SHARE print copies with neighbors.

3-b. Possible meeting date and time changes- there was brief discussion without conclusion, the meeting time will stay as is, first Wednesday of each calendar month, 6-8pm, until further discussion.

3-c. Proposed changes to the Bylaws

- Terms limitations – Leona D et al. A motion and second were made to accept the following Bylaws change to Article III, Officers, "An officer may not serve more than two consecutive one-year terms in any single officer position." This Bylaws change was passed, all ayes, no nays and two abstentions. This change will take effect beginning September 2010.
- Meeting Announcement ways/means – Armando. A motion and second were made to accept the following Bylaws change to Article V, Meetings, "A reasonable effort will be made to notify all interested parties and members of the neighborhood association of upcoming meetings by any print and, or, electronic means of mailings, website, email, community boards, newsletters, telephone reminders, any verbal or print announcements at a previously scheduled neighborhood association meeting or any other acceptable means of communication." This Bylaws change was passed by consensus. This change will take effect May 2011.
- Armando will submit the approved bylaws changes to Neighborhood Services next month.

3-d. Sugar Hill Oral History project, goal setting meeting 25 Aug 2010. A tri-neighborhood (ECNA, FNA & NWNA) collaboration with Pan Left Productions, Mt Calvary Church Social Justice Ministry, NW Neighborhood Center, etc. The next meeting is 6-7 PM, We, 22 Sep 2010, in the Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park.

3-e. Poverello House follow up meeting TBA. The letter explaining zoning regulations and understandings for a "Home Occupation: Day Care" was shared with the group.

3-f. Mike Katerina from the NW Neighborhood Center shared a "state of the neighborhood center comments." For information on the center's services and hours, see:

[www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/parksandrec), or call 520-791-3247.

3-g. Mansfield Park - "Family" public art. We are waiting to hear from Peg Weber, City Parks & Recreation Administration, if the statue can be repaired or removed (i.e., deaccession) the statue.

3-h. 6<sup>th</sup>/Linden:

- watering schedule – Dan D. Our watering contract, funded by PRO Neighborhoods, with the Murphy's expires by the end of September, all time slots are covered.
- Pocket park clean-up/maintenance activity: Saturday, September 25, 9am. All neighbors welcome.
- "neighborhood sign" community board, an unaccomplished item from PRO Neighborhoods grant. Leona to contact Tamara Prime, Ward III office, to explore the legal parameters for possible signage and, or, bulletin board.

3-i. November newsletter articles due NOW! Armando submitted announcements and articles. Leona will bring a draft of the November meeting announcement and newsletter to the October meeting.

3-j. Armando reminded everyone about appreciating active neighbors who are not able to attend monthly meetings yet do participate in various neighborhood events and activities, e.g., meeting with Poverello House, graffiti clean up, informal crime watch, etc.

4. TPD report - no TPD officer was present.

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

5-a. PCNR-COT project (bid process & award Sep & 90-day construction Oct, & vegetation sprg)

- Must have an Ad Hoc Landscape Committee (3-5 neighbors) to plan with Gary Wittwer the project vegetation. Rudy, Jen, Dan, James K and Armando have signed up to be on this ad hoc committee. James K reminded group to remove all Bermuda grass in and near marked bump-out and chicane locations.

5-b. Bike Boulevard (construction may start Oct 2010) Contact by 7 Sep Wards III & VI to support this project.

5-c. UA Drachman Institute/Katie Gannon at October meeting – Rudy talked briefly about a new grant that the Drachman Institute received recently. Katie is scheduled to make a presentation at the October meeting.

5-d. Leona proposed scheduling pruning and trimming the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave trees, group decided to choose weekend before Brush and Bulky pick-up in mid-November

Other events/reminders

6-a. MPNC mtg We, 8 Sep 10, at 6:30 P.M., at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2140 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave (agenda online)

6-b. Sustainable Tucson mtg, Mo, 13 Sep 10, at 5:45 PM, Main Public Library

6-c. NTWS/NTC & TOP meeting, Tu, 14 Sep 10, at 5:30pm, 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West Div)

6-d. W3NA meeting, We, 15 Sep 10, at 6-8 P.M., Woods Library, 3455 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue (Going Green)

6-e. Ward III office, Community Conversation, Mo, 27 Sep 2010, 6-8 PM, Core Tax. Tel. 791-4711.

6-f. VOTE General Election, Tu, 2 Nov 2010.

6-g. Katie Bolger, neighborhood and city employee, spoke about Proposition 401.

North Tucson Weed & Seed Cmty/North Tucson Coalition & TOP updates.

7. Now meeting the second Tuesday of each month at 530 PM, TPD West Operations, 1310 W Miracle Mile.

Adjournment

8. The meeting adjourned about 750 PM. The next meeting is We, 6 October, at 6 P.M., in the Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park.

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Please remember, the residents of the NWNA must be present at the monthly meetings to be part of the decision making process. The email exchange is welcomed and encouraged for discussion purposes. Thank you.