

NWNA monthly meeting minutes, 6-8 P.M., We, 6 Oct 2010, Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park, 2160 N 6th Avenue, website: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter 85705, click on our neighborhood

Members attending: Dan Dorsey, James Ray, Armando Vargas, Jenn Henzler, Rudy Poe, James Krepps, Leona Davis and Julie Summers.

Guests: Keith Bagwell (Pima County) and Katie Gannon (UA Drachman Institute).

Welcome & Opening

1-a. Introductions took place.

1-b. 1 September 2010 minutes approved by consensus with correction to wording concerning bylaws change effective dates, effective upon approval, and Jenn and Rudy's names were left off.

1-c. Treasurer's Reports – James K reported no change in bank account, still \$34.90. Armando reported that the IRS for some reason is not allowing us to file a 990 e-postcard, and he will contact the IRS again.

1-d. Comments from Armando. Apologized for the length of a discussion last month by a neighbor about a general election proposition; Armando reported on the call from Feldman's Neighborhood in supporting their efforts against the proposed QuikTrip at 203 E Speedway Blvd; and mentioned some concepts being considered for historical preservation.

2. Ward III liaison (suspended until further notice for budgetary reductions purposes). Tel. 791-4711, office, 1510 E Grant RD. Ward III staff is available at the W3NA and community Conversations.

UA Drachman Institute

3-a. Sung happy birthday to Katie!

3-b. Katie reported that the Drachman Institute is working with Tom Thivener, COT Bike Coordinator, to find donations and, or, funding for the landscaping and water establishment contract for the 4th/Fontana Avenues bike boulevard.

3-c. There was a discussion of the proposed 5th Avenue pedestrian bridge. Dan and Rudy have worked on a design, possibly to be funded through grants that the Drachman Institute could find and the CPPW grant. We will need a structural engineer to approve the drawings.

Pima County

4-a. Keith Bagwell, Executive Assistant to Supervisor Richard Elias, came to address a neighbor's desire to have a sign to commemorate "Sugar Hill Neighborhood" to be posted in the neighborhood near 4th AV and Seneca ST. Neighbors supported the idea of having signs designating Sugar Hill Neighborhood, and voted to support this idea. According to Keith, funding has been found and allocated for these signs.

NWNA concerns

5-a. Being inclusive with the "postcard" meeting announcement. SHARE print copies with neighbors.

5-b. Proposed changes to reformat the Bylaws and other changes – Armando led discussion of and explanation of the bylaw changes, and proposed additional changes to Articles V and VI, and some other reformatting and style changes. Changes to Article V, re-inserted "at least 10 days before the meeting," passed by unanimous vote. Changes to Article VI, to be uniformed with the revised and modified Art. V about meeting notifications, passed by unanimous vote. Style and reformat changes to number articles, confirm or delete certain words (e.g., keep "president" and delete "chair," etc) and phrasing within the bylaws, passed by unanimous vote.

5-c. Sugar Hill Oral History project (tri-neighborhood – ECNA, FNA & NWNA). Armando reported on the meeting held We, 22 Sep, and the next meeting is We, 13 Oct 2010, training dates & D.A.T. Contact Armando for these dates or to get involved. All trainings are on Saturdays and will be held in the NW Neighborhood Center. The project is still looking for teens to be interviewers.

5-e. Poverello House. A follow up meeting was held Fr, 24 Sep 2010. There was discussion about any new concerns from Feldman's and NWNA, and developing a memo of understanding. This MOU TBD by December 2010.

5-f. Mansfield Park public art

- "Roots", to be deaccessioned in early October 2010, and some of the molded faces and hands are being saved.
- "Family", TPAC developing a plan, hopes to announce it at our November meeting.

5-g. 6th/Linden:

- Clean up event, Sa, 25 Sep 2010, went well and was fun!
- Dan discussed the monthly watering schedule for the rest of the year. Each volunteer is to water all the trees and shrubs in the pocket park and easement with the hose from the Murphy's water spigot at the end of their designated month. Oct- Dan; Nov- Jen and Rudy; Dec- Armando; and, Jan- James Ray.
- Julie suggested that some plants be added to replace the dead plants and some of the excessive amount of native plants be thinned out. Dan said go for it.
- "Neighborhood sign" community board, an unaccomplished item from PRO Neigh's grant. Leona found out we can talk to Gary Wittwer about city approval and permit for this kind of structure. Leona and Rudy formed ad hoc sign subcommittee to come up with a sign design proposal.

5-h. November meeting announcement & newsletter draft – Leona shared the newsletter draft with those present and asked for comments. None given.

5-i. Report sanitation and street repairs by email, telephone or fax.

- Environmental Services: eshelp@tucsonaz.gov, tel. (520) 791-3175, fax: (520) 791-4155
- TDOT Street & Traffic Maintenance: TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov, tel. (520) 791-3154, fax (520) 791-3189

5-j. Additional assistance for neighborhood projects. NW Neighborhood Center has community service volunteers who need to complete community service hours and could work on neighborhood projects. Poverello House can help too. Can we put them to work?

5-k. 4th Avenue, tree pruning and clean up decided for Saturday, Nov 20, from 9am to 12noon. Meet at 4th Ave and Lee with pruning tools. Is there a volunteer to host lunch afterwards?

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

6-a. PCNR-COT project (bid process & award Sep/Oct & 90-day construction Oct, & landscaping in the spring)

- Ad Hoc Landscape Committee met 23 Sep 2010 with Gary Wittwer. Dan provided information on trees suggested. Neighbors generally agreed on a mostly native plant landscape for this project and willing to consider some non-native plants that Gary could suggest. Dan will email information and pictures to the ad hoc committee. Next meeting Th, 14 Oct 2010.
- Neighborhood "ownership/sweat equity" in planting three to five chicanes and bump-outs. This discussion was tabled to the November monthly meeting.

6-b. Bike Boulevard

- Presented finally to the Mayor & Council, Tu, 28 Sep 2010
- Bid in process or awarded, and construction may start Oct 2010
- Tom Thivener is seeking trees and other landscaping donations.

Other events/reminders

7-a. MPNC mtg We, 10 Nov 10, at 6:30 P.M., at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2140 N 4th Ave (agenda online)

7-b. Sustainable Tucson mtg, Tu, 12 Oct 10, at 5:45 PM, Main Public Library

7-c. NTWS/NTC & TOP meeting, Tu, 12 Oct 10, at 5:30pm, 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West Div)

7-d. W3NA meeting, We, 20 Oct 10, at 6-8 P.M., Woods Library, 3455 N 1st Avenue (Alternative energy and transportation)

7-e. Ward III office, Community Conversation, none scheduled yet for October. Tel. 791-4711.

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

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

8-a. Now meeting the second Tuesday of each month.

8-b. Gun Safety events in October

- Public event 10-11 AM, Th, 7 Oct 2010, Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park
- Next week an event in the West Weed & Seed Coalition, 29th Street.
- Movie night and drumming, 6-9 PM, Fr, 22 Oct 2010, Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park.
- Other events and activities have been planned

Adjournment

9. The meeting closed about 750 PM. The next meeting is We, 3 November, at 6 P.M., in the Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park, 2160 N 6th Avenue.

Please remember, the residents of the Nwana 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.