

**NWNA monthly minutes**, 6-8 PM, We, 1 Dec 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

In attendance: Armando Vargas, Leona Davis, Mani Vertrees, Rudy Poe, Lee Poe, Jenn Henzler  
Guests: Gary Wittwer, City-DOT, and Katie Gannon, UA Drachman Institute

Welcome & Opening

1-a. Introductions

1-b. 3 November 2010 minutes were accepted by consensus

1-c. Treasurer's Reports – Leona reported for James K no change in treasury, \$34.90.

2. Ward III liaison (suspended for budgetary reductions purposes). Tel. 791-4711, 1510 E Grant RD, M-F, 9 AM – 5 PM. The Ward III staff is available at the W3NA and Community Conversations.

Presentations:

3-a. Mansfield Park public art "Family", Mary Wooten was not in attendance because of illness. She reported via email that \$400 would be needed to restore the sculpture and leave it in place with appropriate plantings framing the sculpture. Mary will be at our January meeting.

3-b. Gary Wittwer, COT-DOT, landscape for NWNA PCNR project

Gary presented a draft landscape plan for the 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Greenway and Elm St. chicanes for comments. A final landscape plan will be present at the 5 January 2011 meeting.

- Neighbors discussed trees in chicanes, Gary said this is okay with the City-DOT.
- Question about putting bollards at the ends of the pedestrian walkway (easement) to prevent vehicular traffic.
- Gary shared plant list and fact sheets on plants, mentioned that work would be done in two phases, construction (in process) and then planting/rock.
- Gary shared a change in plan from rolled DG in path in the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue greenway.
- Contact Gary for other suggestions/ comments.
- Armando shared color choices for pavers to place in the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue easement, will contact neighbors not in attendance to make a decision

NWNA concerns:

4-a. Being inclusive with the meeting announcement. Please SHARE print copies with neighbors.

- Possible for an NA to pay for its own mailing using COT contracted print & mail service

4-b. Sugar Hill Oral History project (tri-neighborhood – ECNA, FNA & NWNA)

- Interviews took place at the Sugar Hill Reunion Fr, 26 Nov 2010, mostly in the Mansfield Park in the new basketball court in the "strip" portion of the park.

4-c. Poverello House, draft MOU for discussion, inter-neighborhood meeting later this month

- Neighbors expressed no concerns on MOU

4-d. 6<sup>th</sup>/Linden:

- PVC or black plastic pipe canister to hold NWNA information, notices & newsletter. It was suggested to use a recycled mailbox with neighborhood news rather than pipe.
- Mani offered that we can post meeting times on NW Center google calendar.

4-f. Watershed Management Group

- January 2011 Neighborhood Leader program, application due 17 December.
- potential funding to install a Green Infrastructure project in each neighborhood that participates in the program, possible 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue easement GI "greenway" project?
- Katie mentioned potential for passive rain water harvest projects for 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and other "upstream" areas in NW and El Cortez to mitigate high rain water runoff and flooding in the Bronx Wash.
- No neighbors have expressed interest and time in participating in the N.L. Program.

4-g. Additional assistance for neighborhood projects. Community Service & Poverello House

4-h. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue tree pruning to be rescheduled to Jan-Feb, date to be picked at next meeting

4-i. Welcome and warning draft letters were distribution for discussion, tabled to the Jan meeting.

4-j. Mansfield Park. Mani reported on a suggestion for a mural or other art on the retaining wall south of the open field east of the NW Center because the 4<sup>th</sup> ave bike path will now be going by that wall. Donna Liggins is retiring 31 Dec 2010

4-k. Armando reported that the "ice cream truck" is not selling ice cream rather drugs. When seen or heard call 911 immediately.

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

5-a. PCNR-COT project ("shovel in the ground," Mo, 29 Nov, and 90-day construction starting in November, and landscaping in the early spring)

- draft landscaping plan, see above for the presentation

5-b. 4<sup>th</sup>/Fontana Avenues Bike Boulevard project (RTA funded)

- Bids to be received 8 Dec, bid awarded shortly thereafter, and construction in January.
- Tom Thivener is seeking trees and other landscaping donations.
- Proposed bike shade shelter in the Mansfield Park (see image)- Neighbors discussed putting the shelter near the park/NW center along the bike path, possibly placing our bulletin board on the same shelter. Will revisit at the January meeting.

5-c. Grant RD Improvement Plan – comments welcome online. Remember, during and after construction, approximately 2011-2012-2013, entering and exiting Grant RD via 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenues will be affected. (Grant RD Improvement Plan is a topic at the W3NA 19 Jan 2011 meeting.)

Other events/reminders

6-a. MPNC mtg We, 8 Dec 10, at 630 PM, at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2140 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

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

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

6-d. W3NA meeting, We, 15 Dec 10, 6-8 PM, "State of the Ward," Ward III office, 1510 E Grant

6-e. Ward III office, Community Conversation, combined with the W3NA 15 Dec meeting Tel. 791-4711 for information.

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

7-a. Now meeting the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM, TPD West Substation.

8. Adjournment. The next meeting is We, 5 January 2011, at 6 PM, in the Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park, 2160 N 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

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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.

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[TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov), tel. (520) 791-3154, fax (520) 791-3189

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□ Address: 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, AZ 85745

- Park Wise, neighborhood parking violations, M-F, 8 AM – 5 PM, [parkwise@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:parkwise@tucsonaz.gov), tel 791-5071. After hours and weekends, call TPD, 911.

- Ward III Office, M-F, 9 AM – 5 PM, [ward3@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ward3@tucsonaz.gov), tel. 791-4711.