

**NWNA general monthly meeting minutes**, 6-8 PM, We, 2 Feb 2011, 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 present: Hannah Soreng, Richard Sanders (NWNC), Shelly Dorsey, Dan Dorsey, Marsha Miller, Leona Davis, Armando Vargas, James B. Ray and James Krepps.

Guests present: Sarah Harris (president (Feldman's NA), Gary Wittwer (City-DOT), Ofcrs Frank Hanson and Daniel Roberts (TPD), and Bob Schlanger and Joan Hall (JPNA).

(NWNA allowed the TPD officers to be first because they were present at the start of the meeting.)

TPD – SGT Matt Dietzman (TPD liaison contact, 791-4467, West Div, and emergency 911)

1-a. TPD officers reviewed our “red tag warning” draft letter. Neither did not have an official opinion but warned about retaliation from party goers which has happened in other neighborhoods.

1-b. Concerns addressed about after hours use of and loitering at Mansfield Park. If concerned with people in the park after hours, call 911. If temperatures are below freezing and there are no other problems, the TPD will have the person taken to a shelter.

1-c. Concerns addressed about suspicious behavior in the park and an ice cream truck selling drugs.

Welcome & Opening

2-a. Introductions took place after the TPD officers return to their duties.

2-b. 5 January 2011 minutes accepted by consensus

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

3. Ward III Liaison suspended until further notice for budgetary reductions purposes. Tel. 791-4711, M-F, 9 AM – 5 PM, office 1510 E Grant RD. Ward III staff is available at the W3NA and Community Conversations.

NWNA concerns

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

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

- Landscaper has been chosen - Southwest Enviroscapes Inc.
- Landscaper can be paid to water plants ONLY through Dec 2011 per the IGA with Pima County. NWNA needs to decide how we can water plants for at least one or two summers, 2012 and 2013. There is approximately \$2,000 for materials that we could use for hoses, buckets, a 55-gal drum bike cart? Other ideas?
- Chicane planting event, 10 AM-1 PM, Sa, 19 Feb 2011, 315 E Elm. Grading, planting holes and, possibly, boulders will be placed prior to this event. Gary or one of the landscape personnel will be there. Leona and James will pursue a cafecito grant for food for this event.

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

- Work in progress still, Armando reported on interviewing Donna soon 5 March 2011.

4-d. Poverello House. 1:30 PM, Fr, 4 March meeting. Draft MOU will be represented at the 2 March meeting.

4-e. Mansfield Park sculpture

- “Family” sculpture update – Armando reported from TPAC that City Parks and Rec has allocated \$600, for two artists and materials, to repair this sculpture. Timeline unknown at this time.

4-f. 6<sup>th</sup>/Linden

- “neighborhood sign/community board,” an unaccomplished item from PRO Neigh's grant – Dan presented the idea of two low-level wooden pocket park signs on steel posts, for the approximate cost of \$250-\$350. The neighbors agreed by consensus to pursue this idea through one of the \$500 PRO Neighborhoods grants BUT we need to find five neighbors who were not on a previous grant. Who are these neighbors and will they be amiable?

4-g. 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, tree clean up pruning (not structural pruning)

- held 11 AM-2 PM, Sa, 29 Jan 2011. Meal respite at 130 PM
- Chipper, which had mechanical problems, was a complimentary arrangement by Sunbelt Rentals.

4-h. Mortar Board Clean Up Event, 8:30 AM-12 Noon, Sa, 26 March 2011.

- Planning meetings are 4-5 PM, 9 and 23 Feb, and 9 Mar, in the USB Rm 116.
- Perhaps we can schedule our chipper pick up for this weekend?
- Need more neighbors to be involved in greeting AND working with the students.

4-i. Welcome and unruly gathering warning draft letters, drafts no. 3 – Sarah Harris shared the draft welcome and information brochure that Feldman's NA is considering to give to any of its new residents, and offered to share it electronically so we can use the format for our neighborhood as well.

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)

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

- Bids received 8 Dec 2010, was rebid, and construction starts Mo, 7 Feb 2011.
- Tom Thivener is seeking trees and other landscaping donations. However, once the traffic circles are planted the neighborhoods will be responsible for watering and maintenance.
- Proposed bike shade shelter in the Mansfield Park- Neighbors need to let Tom Thivener know where a good place in the park for the bike shelter. James K suggested on the N side of the 4<sup>th</sup> Ave parking lot where there is lighting, near the pool and basketball court. The neighbors agreed by consensus on this suggestions. Armando will pass this suggested on to Tom.

Other events/reminders

6-a. NTWS/NTC & TOP meeting, Tu, 8 Feb 11, 5:30 PM, 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West)

6-b. MPNC meeting, We, 9 Feb 2011, at 630 PM, at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2140 N 4<sup>th</sup> Ave

6-c. Sustainable Tucson mtg, Mo, 14 Feb 2011, 5:45 PM, Main Public Library, Downtown Tucson

6-d. W3NA meeting, We, 16 Feb 11, 6-8 PM, Woods Library, 3455 N 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue.

6-e. TBA Ward III office, Community Conversation, 6 PM, Mo, xx Feb 2011. Tel. 791-4711 for information.

6-f. Armando reported that the ACC Siting subcommittee will recommend to the ACC the TEP 138 kV line be placed within the I-10 option rather than the other two options which transect 11<sup>th</sup> Ave and through neighborhoods.

6-f. Grant Road planning is ongoing. Area and neighborhood plans will be reviewed in public meetings to update for the Grant Road corridor. Please attend those meetings to express your concerns.

6-g. Leona announced several events, local food resources, and a grant opportunity for neighborhoods from Connecting Communities Foundation.

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

Now meeting the second Tuesday of each month, 5:30 PM, TPD West Substation. Any resident and business within Amphi NA, Balboa Hgts NA, Coronado Hgts NA, El Cortez NA, Keeling NA and Northwest NA, and within the OARP area are welcomed to attend.

NPZ concerns and Administrative Action taken

7-a. NPZ concerns from NW neighbors – Armando reported that several neighbors would like to see some sort of NPZ process for NWNA, and protection from more mini-dorms in the NWNA area.

7-b. Guests: Bob Schlanger and Joan Hall, JPNA

Bob presented Jefferson Park NA's experience in applying for National Historic Status and the NPZ process. JPNA has worked with Council Member Uhlich to produce a legal document claiming that Goodman properties are "group dwellings"- not allowed in R-1 or R-2 zones. This formal Request for Determination, an administrative action allowed under the Land Use Code and zoning ordinances, has been submitted to the Zoning Department. The COT attorney advises several COT boards, commissions, committees and departments including Zoning. Prop 207 does not affect this formal request nor the city's ability to take action against developers who misuse the Land Use Code because the "group dwellings" definition pre-dates Prop 207. The JPNA is awaiting for a response to its request from the Zoning Examiner. The response is currently four weeks overdue. If the wait continues, the JPNA will request that the request go before the Zoning Commission and seek additional help from Uhlich in pursuing further action.

The JPNA recommended NWNA to submit its own Request for Determination to the Zoning Examiner, and JPNA can provide assistance in writing this request. They are also requesting money (estimate \$10,000) to pay the lawyer (who lives in JPNA and had been doing some legal work pro bono) and pay other related expenses. Contact Bob to join a confidential email list regarding this multi-neighborhood concern.

8. Adjournment.

The next meeting is We, 2 March 2011, at 6-8 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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- Environmental Services: [eshelp@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:eshelp@tucsonaz.gov), tel. (520) 791-3175, fax: (520) 791-4155
- TDOT Street & Traffic Maintenance, including burnt out street lights:  
[TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov), tel. (520) 791-3154, fax (520) 791-3189
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  - tel. (520) 791-5843
  - fax: (520) 791-2513, use the mail-in/fax form:  
[http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/CMS1\\_016211.pdf](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/CMS1_016211.pdf)
  - 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, 1510 E Grant RD, 85719, M-F, 9 AM – 5 PM, [ward3@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:ward3@tucsonaz.gov), tel. 791-4711.