

NWNA general monthly meeting minutes, 6-8 P.M., We, 2 Mar 2011, Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park, 2160 N 6th Avenue, website: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter 85705, click on our neighborhood

Members present: Armando Vargas, Shelley Dorsey, James Ray, Julie Summers, Leona Davis, Dan Dorsey and Richard Sanders (NW Neighborhood Center).

Guests present: Keith Bagwell, Pima County, Exec Asst for Supervisor Dist. 5.

Welcome & Opening

1-a. Introductions took place by all present.

1-b. 2 February 2011 minutes adopted by consensus

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

2. 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

3-a. Being inclusive with the meeting announcement. Please SHARE print with or forward electronic copies to your neighbors.

3-b. NWNA Annual meeting We, 4 May 2011, election of officers. Neighbors decided to have this meeting at the regular date and time, outside the NW Neighborhood Center at a ramada (if one is available) for more of a "picnic" feel. It is okay to have food in the meeting room. Must clean up thoroughly. Annual report- Armando will be compiling the 2010-2011 annual report. Nominations & Elections ad hoc committee to be formed by the April meeting.

3-c. May Newsletter possible. DRAFT at April 2011 meeting to announce annual meeting to elect officers in May 2011 for June 2011-May 2012. Must be Word document. Leona will compile this newsletter with contributions from neighbors.

3-d. Chicane planting event, 10 AM-1 PM, Sa, 19 Feb 2011, follow up. Leona reported a great event with about six other neighbors. Already, people walking along the street are stopping to talk about it! Photos available and will be highlighted in newsletter. All plantings should be done by end of April.

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

- WIP – work in progress, interview this Saturday with Donna.

3-f. Poverello House, upcoming 1:30 PM, Fr, 4 March meeting. Draft MOU, neighbors approved the draft and no comments were added.

3-g. Mansfield Park. Richard reported no major concerns for the park, except getting some new nets for the basketball hoops. Armando mentioned a neighbor reported a drinking party in the park a few weekends ago. No other neighbor complaints were mentioned.

3-h. 6th/Linden:

- "neighborhood sign/community board," an unaccomplished item from PRO Neigh's grant. Discussion on a few ideas and materials needed. Further discussion tabled to the April meeting.
- Update: PRO Neighborhoods is no longer giving grants, alternate proposal is to put out a "wish list" to the neighbors for materials needed to construct signs for pocket park.

3-i. 4th Avenue, tree clean up pruning (not structural pruning)

- Chipper, had mechanical problems in January. Unfortunately, Brush and Bulky took all the cut brush from Murphy's yard so we no longer have anything to mulch.

3-j. 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.
- Must identify now tasks and sites. Removing Buffel grass, graffiti, etc?
- Identity senior/super senior/disabled homeowner who needs help with light yard work. None self identified her/his self or a neighbor.
- Armando will be leading graffiti removal, James R will be leading buffelgrass removal. No one else has signed up for this day.

3-k. Draft Welcome and informational pamphlet – discussion, Leona, Hannah & Armando. No copies were available so this item was tabled until the next meeting. Neighbors agreed to have TWO letters available for use, one that would welcome new neighbors, and one that would warn an unruly house. Revised drafts of a welcome pamphlet and of a warning letter will be brought to the next meeting.

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

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

4-b. 4th/Fontana Avenues Bike Boulevard project (RTA funded)

- Tom Thivener is seeking trees and other landscaping donations.
- Proposed bike shade shelter in the Mansfield Park. Consensus was reported to Tom. The bike shade shelter may or may not go to or near a school. More bike racks will be placed in the NE section of the Mansfield Park near the pool, basketball court and baseball field.
- Remember to contact COT Mayor & Council your opinions regarding the proposed Land Use Code bike parking regulations.

4-c. Armando presented information about Pima County Attorney's "Highly Acclaimed Citizens Prosecution Academy"

Other events/reminders

5-a. NTWS/NTC & TOP meeting, Tu, 8 Mar 2011, 5:30 PM, 1310 W Miracle Mile (TPD West)

5-b. MPNC mtg We, 9 Mar 2011, at 630 PM, at Parkside Terrace Apts, 2140 N 4th Ave

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

5-d. W3NA meeting, We, 16 Mar 2011, 6-8 PM, Woods Library, 3455 N 1st Avenue.

5-e. Lend a Hand Arts & Crafts Fair, Sa, 19 Mar 2011, 9AM-4PM, Northminster Presb. Church.

5-f. TBA Ward III office, Community Conversation, 6 PM, Mo, xx Mar 2011. Tel. 791-4711 for information.

5-g. Keith reminded us that the next county bond cycle, whenever it happens, will offer another chance at funding for neighborhood investment. Do we have a plan in mind?

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

6a. Now meeting the second Tuesday of each month, 530 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.

JPNA Request for Determination - discussion

7-a. Options for the NWNA to consider - neighbors discussed waiting to see when the decision will be reached. In the meantime, NWNA adopted by consensus the following, Resolution to support morally the JPNA's effort for its Request for Determination regarding "group homes" in R1 (and neighborhoods including NWNA hope that it will extend to R2).

Adjournment.

8. The next meeting is We, 6 April 2011, at 6-8 PM, in the Northwest Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park, 2160 N 6th Avenue.

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.

Report sanitation, street repairs and other city services concerns by email, telephone or fax.

- Code Enforcement, including overgrown and excessive vegetation, illegal or abandoned dumping and waste, excessive storage, vacant/boarded structures.
 - Use the new [On-line complaint form](http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation), <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation>
 - M-F, 8 AM- 5 PM, tel. (520) 791-5843
 - fax: (520) 791-2513, use the mail-in/fax form: http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/files/hcd/CMS1_016211.pdf
 - Address: 320 N. Commerce Park Loop, Tucson, AZ 85745
- Environmental Services: eshelp@tucsonaz.gov, tel. (520) 791-3175, fax: (520) 791-4155
- Graffiti removal.
 - M-F, 8 AM – 5 PM, tel. 792-2489, fax 791-3189
 - email: TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov,
 - website: <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/graffiti/report>
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- TDOT Street & Traffic Maintenance, including burnt out street lights and pot-holes, TDOTStreetsTrafficMaint@tucsonaz.gov, tel. (520) 791-3154, fax (520) 791-3189
- Ward III Office, 1510 E Grant RD, 85719, M-F, 9 AM – 5 PM, ward3@tucsonaz.gov, tel. 791-4711.