

SNAPP - Southside Neighborhood Associations Presidential Partnership
Regular meeting, Thursday 15-NOV-2012, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
TPD Santa Cruz substation, 4410 South Park Avenue
Margaret Ward, meeting chair

SNAPP Board present: Maureen Fisher (Vice President).
SNAPP Board absent: Joe Miller (President), Les Pierce (Secretary).
Treasurer office is vacant.

Members present: Barrio Kroeger Lane NA (Margaret Ward); Barrio Nopal (Rich Kessler); Cherry Avenue NA (Cheryl Strickland); and South Park NA (Maureen Fisher);

Liaisons, advisory, and associate members present: Cherry Avenue Senior Club (Barbara Bohall, Phil Mann) and Tucson Police Department (Sergeant Joe Merrill)

Others present: Lewis Koss, Margie Mortimer.

Action items:

- Approval of October 18, 2012 minutes: Rich Kessler moved to accept; Maureen Fisher seconded; motion passed 4-0.
- Margie Mortimer moved for no December meeting; Rich Kessler seconded; motion passed 4-0.

Proceedings:

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm at TPD Santa Cruz substation by Chair Margaret Ward. With the secretary absent, Barbara Bohall agreed to take minutes and send to Les Pierce.

Additions to Agenda: None

Introductions: Rich Kessler, Barrio Nopal; Cheryl Strickland, Cherry Avenue Neighborhood Association; Joe Merrill, TPD liaison; Lewis Koss, Barrio Nopal; Phil Mann and Barbara Bohall, Cherry Avenue Senior Club; Margaret Ward, Barrio Kroeger Lane; Maureen Fisher, South Park, and Margie Mortimer (L), Barrio Nopal

Guest Speakers: None present. Group consensus was to attempt to arrange another date for a presentation on flood control.

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Old Business:

Nominations for January elections, Maureen suggested members email nominations to Secretary Les Pierce by January 10, 2012. Maureen will contact President Joe Miller and Les Pierce. Candidates will be presented at the January meeting; additional nominations may be taken from the floor. Rich Kessler agreed to oversee the election process.

Round Table:

Rich Kessler - Barrio Nopal

Five people attended the last meeting. The leader from the 1,000-unit apartment complex said their residents want to get active in the neighborhood association. They want a five-star rating. Someone from the association will contact the residents. TPD officer Greg answered questions from the group.

The group explored the idea of a neighborhood watch. Right now there is only one neighborhood that has one.

Cheryl Strickland - Cherry Avenue Neighborhood Association

Thanked KD from Tucson Parks and Recreation - Cherry Avenue for his work with CANA. Had a good turn-out at last meeting. Had a report from the City regarding White Rock Street, neighbors have concerns about the half-way house. School children will have to walk by the house. Police can't do anything without a crime being committed.

Lewis Koss - Barrio Nopal

New to SNAPP. Has no information to report for now; just learning about SNAPP.

Phil Mann and Barbara Bohall - Cherry Avenue Senior Club

The group will have an early Annual Christmas Dinner as their president will be out of town in December. Construction on the Center is complete; security has been added; a new fenced courtyard has been added for the seniors.

Maureen Fisher - South Park

- Construction at 22nd and Kino is progressing. Roadway is currently down to two lanes. There is a two-year time-frame for the project. Kino will go over 22nd creating an interchange. Project is funded by RTA.

- New UofA student housing at 22nd and Park is progressing. There will be housing for 800 students. Structures are two- and three-story buildings; neighborhood was surprised at the height as the buildings were presented to them as "casitas." There will be 133 buildings. The community will be gated. There will be van transportation to the UofA for the students. TPD, not campus police, will cover the area as the development is not on the actual campus.

- The new [big box chain] store at ~Park/36th has opened.

Margie Mortimer - Barrio Nopal

They are still having problems with semi-truck parking.

Margaret Ward - Barrio Kroeger Lane

- Loose dogs are a big issue. A pack of loose dogs attacked a girl riding her bike; police and animal control arrived to investigate. A notice has been posted and sent to all residents to keep their dogs confined or on a leash. Residents are encouraged to photograph and report loose dogs. The situation has improved with this action.

- Neighborhood clean-up is on-going.

TPD Report - Officer Joe Merrill

- There will be four new "kids" on the force in December.

- New carpet and tile will be installed at the facility the week after Thanksgiving; other precincts are getting new buildings.

- Officers have attended several neighborhood meetings. They love to interact with the neighbors. They get to relax and just talk. They advise people of resources available.

- Statistically nothing stands out; events are status quo.

- Holidays are coming up; be careful and watchful. Keep yourself safe: If you're not at home, leave lights and TV or radio playing. Don't leave drapes open to show off Christmas tree or decorations as other household items will be visible. Keep your garage door opener in the house if your car is parked outside the house. Don't leave your purse unattended in the shopping cart when shopping or transferring items from cart to car. Be watchful and attentive to deter criminals.

- Crimes are up during the holiday season:
Burglary = break into a residence to commit a crime, including rape.
Robbery = take something from you by force (not breaking in).
Keep your car and residence locked. If you see something suspicious, go into your house without your items; retrieve these later.
- TPD has reactivated the bike patrol for Black Friday and the holidays.

Ward 1 - No report (no representative).
Ward 5 - No report (no representative).
Legislative Activity: The Governor has plans for a State Exchange System for the Affordable Healthcare Act (Obamacare).
Liquor Licenses - No activity.
Financial Committee - No activity (\$0 in/\$0 out).
New Business: Will research for the flood control speaker for sometime after January.

Next meeting:
Margie Mortimer moved for no December meeting; Rich Kessler seconded; motion passed 4-0.
Next meeting will be Thursday, January 17th, 6:00 pm, TPD Santa Cruz substation.
Joe Miller should chair the meeting; if not, Maureen Fisher should chair.

Adjournment: Rich Kessler moved and Margie Mortimer seconded to adjourn at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara L. Bohall, CASC