

Minutes:

Southside Neighborhood Associations Presidential Partnership (SNAPP)

Thursday, February 21, 2013, Ward 5 conference room, 4300 South Park Avenue, Tucson

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by President Yolanda Herrera

Attendance: 11

SNAPP Board present:

Yolanda Herrera (Sunnyside), President

Margie Mortimer (Barrio Nopal), Vice-President

Barbara Bohall (Cherry Avenue Senior Club), Secretary
Treasurer Vacant

Members present:

Margaret Ward (Barrio Kroeger Lane)

Beryl Baker (Santa Cruz Southwest)

Liaison, advisory, and associate members present:

Phil Mann (Cherry Avenue Senior Club)

Sgt. Joe Merrill (Tucson Police Department)

Amy Santos (City of Tucson Ward 1)

Guests:

Maureen Fisher (Cherry Avenue)

Bill Zimmerman (Deputy Director, Regional Flood Control District), Guest Speaker

Agenda:

Guest speaker from PC Flood Control

Possible short presentation on buffleggrass and impact on neighborhoods and flooding

Quarterly TPD South Division Advisory Committee meeting in conjunction w/businesses
& SNAPP March 21st location TBD

Neighborhood Roundtable

Updates:

Liquor License

NPO

Other?

Goal – Bringing SNAPP back to its full potential.

Future possible townhall, last one held in 2007

Proceedings:

Changes to Agenda:

Guest Speaker moved to follow Neighborhood Roundtable

Bubble Grass report tabled for later date, possibly April or May

Neighborhood Roundtable moved to first item. Introductions and reports combined

Changes approved by consensus

Introductions/Roundtable:

Maureen Fisher – CANA resident

Beryl Baker – Santa Cruz/Southwest

- Issue with the County project on the Santa Cruz River at Ajo and 29th

- Soil erosion control with rip-rap

- Safety hazard due to excess water run-off

- Community Food Bank Garden (Cottonwood Lane south of Silverlake Road) is expanding

- More plots, larger plots

- Encourage extra produce for Farmer's Markets

Margaret Ward – Barrio Kroeger Lane

- Issue with Street Car (west side of Santa Cruz River/Mission Gardens)

- Neighborhood impact

- Noise

- Some residents still have concerns regarding EF35 planes at Davis-Monthan

Barbara Bohall – Cherry Avenue Senior Club

Phil Mann – Cherry Avenue Senior Club

- Membership is growing

Bill Zimmerman – Deputy Director, Regional Flood Control District

- Regional drainage issues

Yolanda Herrera – Sunnyside

- Addition of Habitat for Humanity homes

- City is helping neighbors with clean-up by providing trash roll-off containers

- Work done at Peace Garden (northwest corner of Manuel Herrera Jr. Park)

- Jordan Feld reported on the TIA (Tucson International Airport) noise study

- Plan will be reviewed in 5 years

- Promoting 20th Annual All American Student Award

- Presentations will be at Pima Air Museum

- Want to make event special for winners

Margie Mortimer – Barrio Nepal

- Issue with neighborhood flooding

Sgt. Joe Merrill – Tucson Police Department

- Rodeo Parade came off well, rain notwithstanding

- Station will receive 2 more recruits next month

- Officer shooting in Midvale

- Officer tazed suspect, but suspect was still able to grab his gun

- Fatality at 12th and Valencia

- Female driver was trying to make a U-turn in front of a speeding vehicle

- Problems with speeding on 12th

New Divisional Advisory Committee (DAC)

Captain Bautista wants to reintroduce DAC meeting

Will be held quarterly and in conjunction with SNAPP meetings

Includes neighborhoods, police, businesses, schools, churches, and other interested parties

First meeting Wednesday, March 21st, 6-00-7:30 pm, at EPIC (Evidence, Property & Identification Center), 945 E. Ohio St., Tucson

Discuss what's going on in the neighborhoods

Take top 7-8 items on which to focus

Try to resolve issues

Report back in 3 months (next DAC) regarding progress

Still concerns regarding long response rates on non-priority calls to 911

Creating special group of officers to handle

Each Division will give up 2 officers for a total of 10 officers

Officers to follow up on level 3 and 4 priority calls over the phone

Program will have a 6-month trial

Guest Speaker: Bill Zimmerman – Deputy Director, Regional Flood Control District

<http://rfcd.pima.gov/>

Presentation on Pima County Flood Control Study (map attached)

Proposal was put forward by councilmen Romero and Elias

Study will take 12-14 months and cost \$500,000 – money has already been budgeted

Once plans have been created, consultants will hold public input meetings to get input from stakeholders

Beryl suggested looking at proactive green solutions such as water harvesting versus channeling water to move faster downstream

When a plan is adopted, the money can come from the general budget or financed through bonds

“Plan Tucson” includes looking at water

Mr. Zimmerman would like SNAPP members to be ambassadors to our neighborhoods regarding public input

He will keep SNAPP posted on meetings and project progress

Amy Santos – Tucson Ward 1

March 7th will be a meeting at 6:00 pm regarding the use of the Westside Downtown development plans

Presentation of input so far

Get more input

March 21st will be the second meeting on Joaquin Park project at El Rio

Low income tax assistance – pass the word

United Way's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program

<http://www.unitedwaytucson.org/vita>

AARP Tax-Aide Tax Preparation at many Pima County Public Library locations

First come, first served; Anticipate long waits

Reminder – There are many resources for children and the elderly, including low income utility assistance

Summer Youth Program

For youth ages 14-21

Income qualified

Positions all over the county

Get job skills

Two sessions available

Future Agenda Items

Guest speaker Theresa Williams on Neighborhood Protection Ordinances – will have to move to April meeting because of DAC

Guest speaker on bufflegrass for April or May

Discussion of people using their carports as patios for barbequing

Discussion of yard sales

Frequency

Use as a business

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

Respectfully submitted by

Barbara L. Bohall