

**South Park Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes September, 8, 2009**

The meeting was called to order by Maggie Gerring, Co-Chair. Introductions were made and the dues basket was passed. A written copy of the minutes of the SPNA meeting held August 11 was distributed, but approval of those minutes was postponed to allow more time for other agenda items.

TPD reported crime stats for August: 1 highway robbery, 2 aggravated assaults, 4 burglaries, some shoplifting, 10 drug violations and 6 auto thefts. Because of the high incidence of car theft, residents were urged to park their vehicles under a light and use a steering wheel lock. There were complaints about illegal parking, speeding and loud parties. Parkwise handles parking issues; call 791-5071 during regular office hours.

Pima County Wastewater was not present to report on the project at 36th and Park.

Abe Marques, Ward 5, urged residents to call the police before calling Parkwise. Parkwise will ticket every violation in the whole neighborhood when they come out. It is illegal to park on the sidewalk or with the vehicle facing the wrong way. Vehicles must have current tags.

Maggie spoke about efforts to reopen the Art & Culture Partnership (ACP) Center located at 35th and Park. The Center was supposed to be for neighborhood use and had been providing limited arts programs. It was closed in February due to lack of funding. It is now sitting vacant and the neighborhood is in danger of losing this asset. A group of interested persons from the Kino Weed & Seed neighborhoods are exploring ways to work cooperatively with the City to get the Center operating again. Historically, SPNA was involved in the lengthy process to establish the ACP in our neighborhood. Residents present voted unanimously to support efforts to reopen it with leadership from South Park and input and support from Kino Weed & Seed and SPARC.

Maggie reminded everyone that the next meeting on October 13 will be the Annual Meeting where officers and directors will be elected. She distributed sign-up sheets for those who would like to volunteer to serve.

Sara O'Neil reported on progress toward the UA Bioscience Park to be built at Kino and 36th. UA has received a \$4.7 million grant to fund infrastructure improvements needed (such as roads, water systems, utilities and landscaping) to make the site "development ready". Sara distributed maps and written materials explaining future plans for the Bioscience Park.

Attention was called to additional announcements printed on the agenda. Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.