

*South Park Neighborhood Association  
Meeting Minutes - January 12, 2010*

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Maggie Gerring, Co-Chair. Introductions were made and the dues basket was passed. Jeannette Seitz, Secretary, read the minutes of the December 8 meeting and they were approved. TPD was not present to provide a police report.

Maggie discussed a proposed change to the bylaws which would allow more flexibility in scheduling the annual meeting. Article IV, Paragraph 1, would be changed to read: "An Annual Meeting shall be held in the fourth quarter of each year, at a time and place designated by the Executive Committee." Paragraph 2, Section d would be changed to read: "An appropriate date in the fourth quarter of each year as designated by the Executive Committee shall be the Annual Meeting." These changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

Kip Perkins spoke about The Physics Factory, a non-profit that provides fun science workshops for young people. They use a bus to bring their program to the schools and Boys & Girls Clubs to show children how exciting science can be. They would like to start a community science workshop on the south side of Tucson and are interested in using the former Arts and Culture Partnership building at 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Park Avenue.

Abe Marques, Council Aide from Ward 5, spoke about issues affecting the neighborhood. Cuts to the city budget may affect Ward 5 staffing. He reminded everyone that there would be a community dialogue with new councilman Richard Fimbres on January 14. Residents complained about vehicles parking on the sidewalks and were encouraged to call Parkwise at 791-5071. Residents asked about the lack of sidewalks on 36th Street. Adding sidewalks would have to be covered by city or county grants, but may be added when the current construction is finished and 36th is repaved.

Shirley Hockett led a discussion about complaints the residents of Blanche Johnson Courtyards have with the facility. There are issues related to maintenance, security, and parking. A committee was formed to work with the residents and see how SPNA can help.

Barbea Williams spoke about the PRO Neighborhoods grant that S.P.Ar.C.C. received. They will be presenting a program called "Where We Come From" with dance, art, musicians, hands-on participation activities, storytelling and crafts on February 28 at Quincie Douglas Library.

Sofia Blue spoke about the PRO Neighborhoods grant that the South Park Neighbors group received to present Pima County Indian cultures at the library. One activity will be scheduled each month. The first activity will be basket weaving in February.

Attention was called to a list of events and activities printed on the agenda. Flyers were also passed out for the Martin Luther King Day of Service weaving project and a reception for artist David Laughlin who wrote a book about the Buffalo Soldiers.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.