

**South Park Neighborhood Association
Regular Meeting February 9, 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.

Ofc. Jason Winsky reported for TPD. Crime is up slightly; notable are 2 sexual assaults, a car-jacking and a vehicle fire. Narcotic violations remain steady. Crime is likely to increase as the temperatures warm. Residents are urged to watch for theft of building materials at construction sites and to keep an eye on each other's homes. Residents reported a theft of jewelry and cash at Blanche Johnson Courtyards.

Jeannette Seitz, Secretary, read the minutes of the SPNA meeting held on January 12, 2010. They were approved as read.

* A motion was made to amend the Bylaws to change Article IV, Paragraph 1, 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." And to change Paragraph 2, section d, to read: "an appropriate date in the fourth quarter of each year as designated by the Executive Committee shall be the Annual Meeting." The motion was seconded and passed.

Abe Marques reported for the Ward 5 office. He said that would cost \$60-70,000 to install sidewalks on 36th St. west of Park as residents have requested. The city does not have the money in the budget for this project. Maggie reported that she had contacted County Supervisor Ramon Valadez and was told that they have HURF funds and that the project will be done when 36th St. is paved. Abe reported that there have been problems with pigeons around residences in the neighborhood. Pigeons should not be fed, and dry dog food left outside attracts them. Residents of Courtyards requested assistance with getting some signs installed at the complex.

Carolyn Cortesi, Outreach Coordinator, distributed hand-outs and spoke about the Pima Council on Aging. They are not a government agency but receive government funding and their services cover all of Pima County. If you aren't sure who to call about an issue, you can call them and they can refer you. They are the official Medicare counseling agency and can help with billing questions and choosing a plan. PCOA comes to Quincie Douglas Center every Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. The Neighbors Care Alliance is a program to assist neighbors in helping each other. Transportation is one of the biggest needs they fill. Funded by the RTA, they reimburse volunteers 50 cents per mile. Interfaith Community Services also covers this neighborhood and provides transportation for seniors and disabled persons through volunteers. Volunteers do not need to be senior citizens.

Maggie reported that a committee has met to discuss possibilities for the building at 35th and Park. The Physics Factory, Literacy Coalition, local artists and the Library have all expressed interest in the facility. Shared usage seems possible. Maggie met with Councilman Fimbres about the building. We need information from the City about how we can have input.

Shirley Hockett is leading a group of residents at Blanche Johnson Courtyard who have complaints about security and maintenance issues. Some progress has been made but there is much more to resolve. They will meet again on February 23.

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