

## **South Park Neighborhood Association Meeting**

February 13, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by Maggie Gerring, Co-Chair. Introductions were made and the dues basket was passed.

Barbea Williams announced that the Fit to Dance program is offering free classes twice a month at the library, and passed out flyers.

Fernando Molina, Public Information Officer for Tucson Water, gave a presentation about pollutants TCE and 1,4 Dioxane in the ground water. He displayed maps showing the areas of town that are currently affected by these pollutants. The chemicals were released into the ground in the industrial corridor near Tucson airport between the 1940s and 1970s. Trichloroethylene (TCE) is a cleaner/degreaser. 1, 4 Dioxane was used as a stabilizer in industrial solvents. The chemicals are spreading underground by mixing with the groundwater. The EPA has established limits setting maximum amounts of these chemicals are "safe" for humans to consume in water. Tucson Water tests the water and treats it to make sure it is below the limit. They remove some of the chemicals using a cleaning and filtering process, and they also dilute them by mixing in uncontaminated water. They are building a new \$15 million treatment facility near Irvington and I-19 that will use a new process to remove the chemicals. It should be open in late 2013. Mr. Molina distributed handouts and directed residents to Tucson Water's website for additional information and updates.

Captain Ramon Batista, TPD, gave the police report. He had a video that he wanted to show, but that was tabled until the next meeting due to equipment malfunction. TPD is committed to keeping the Bridges area safe so it will be successful. They are driving squad cars through there at least once per shift. Residents were asked to help by reporting any suspicious activity going on in that area. They are particularly concerned about people riding ATVs or off-road vehicles on the undeveloped property. Wal-Mart is under construction and should open this fall. Capt. Batista also warned about numerous robberies in the Vistas neighborhood where pizza deliveries will be called to vacant homes, then when the deliveryman arrives, he is robbed. There are also continuing problems with copper wire theft and graffiti. The wiring for the lights in Silverlake Park's parking lot, one soccer field, and the entire Little League ballpark complex has been stolen. Residents were asked to please be vigilant and report any suspicious activities, call 911. Residents complained about peddlers in the neighborhood, and Capt. Batista said TPD will be checking the peddlers' permits and making sure they are following the rules.

The minutes of the SPNA meeting held December 13, 2011, were read and approved.

Attention was called to a list of announcements on the agenda. There were several activities going on at Quincie Library, including computer classes, a movie, and English classes. QDL is also seeking Teen Advocacy Board members between the ages of 16-18.

Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.