

South Park Neighborhood Association

Minutes - June 12, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by Maggie Gerring, Co-Chair. Introductions were made and the dues basket passed.

Teresa Williams, Code Enforcement Administrator for the City of Tucson, discussed her department's enforcement responsibilities, such as neighborhood preservation, sign codes, and zoning codes. She reminded residents that properties must be kept up to code, including areas that fall on public right-of-way. Violations include: weeds over 6", dead trees, trash on property, and junk cars. Residents must keep their property in good repair, including the roof, exterior paint and sheds. Teresa explained the citation process, distributed hand-outs and answered questions. Complaints can be filed at 791-5843 or online at cm3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/violation.

The minutes for the meeting held on April 10, 2012 were read and approved. A hand-out was distributed explaining how to report graffiti to the city for clean-up.

Maggie announced that the new Wal-Mart store in the Bridges Marketplace will open October 31. Employment applications will be accepted online. Help with job applications is available at the Community Literacy Center on Wednesdays, 10:00-5:00.

The South Park Literacy Council is considering adding Las Vistas, Pueblo Gardens and Western Hills to the Literacy Zone. Sunnyside Literacy Zone has 5000 addresses and South Park currently has 1300. Adding the other neighborhoods would bring South Park up to 3000+. The initial meeting on this topic was postponed but should be rescheduled soon.

Residents discussed changing the SPNA meeting night. Tuesday conflicts with the School Board and the City Council. The meeting night was changed to the second Wednesday of the month, every other month.

Sara O'Neil reported that the Bridges Design Review Committee met and approved drawings for retail units to be built in the Marketplace. The first building will be near the Costco, next to the traffic circle. Construction should begin around February.

Pima County is planning an Urban Open Space Park in the riparian area southeast of 36th and Kino. Beginning in July, they will remove trash and invasive plants, trim trees and secure the property. Future plans include walking paths, ramadas and restrooms.

Officer Sutterly was present for TPD and reported statistics: 2 highway robbery, 1 residential robbery, 3 aggravated assaults, 5 burglaries, 4 shoplifting, 2 thefts from vehicles, 2 bike thefts, 4 thefts from residences, 4 general thefts, 3 stolen vehicles, 6 assaults, 7 criminal damages, 3 graffiti and 9 narcotics. Residents complained about dog noise, speeding vehicles and people living in a store on Park Ave.

A zoning change is being proposed at the corner of 36th and Campbell (C1 to C2). The business currently located there wants to make improvements. Pueblo Gardens NA is not in favor of rezoning. An informational meeting will be held June 16 at 12:30 at Quincie Library.

Attention was called to a list of announcements on the agenda, and a flyer was passed out that listed summer activities at the library. Door prizes were awarded and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.