

**Minutes**  
NWN Meeting/Annual Meeting  
May 3, 2008

Residents in Attendance: Armando Vargas, Kathryn Foster, James B Ray, Hannah Soreng, Dan Dorsey, and Shelly Dorsey.

Business: Mike Finkelstein -- QuatroVest.

Guests in Attendance: Martha Retallick, Lori Mennella & Tori Stypula -- El Cortez NA, and Millie McCarley.

1. The meeting was brought to order at approximately 4:15 p.m. and minutes from the April meeting were approved.
2. Neighbors enjoyed a potluck at Ramada 1 at Mansfield Park during the meeting. Pizza was generously provided by Ward III.
3. Mike Finklestein from QuatroVest summarized recent developments in land use issues for both Mariscos Chihuahua restaurant and DC Auto City car lot. Mr. Finklestein mentioned the May 8 re-zoning hearing for the restaurant at 7:30 p.m. in the Mayor/Council Chambers. Armando in his role as president of NWN was authorized by the members to write a letter to those involved clearly stating our preference for minimal re-zoning with the designation "P" or parking only so that other commercial use of the land in question would be forbidden (except for parking). We would also like the land parcel designated "P" to be small enough so that there is still enough R2 land left for a real housing development in that area.
4. Armando gave a complete and thorough "Annual Report." He mentioned the successful re-investment grant for our neighborhood obtained this year as well as the on-going Mansfield Park conceptual plan. Neighborhood safety continues to be a high priority as well as maintaining a friendly and collaborative relationship with other organizations in our area such as El Cortez NA, U of A's Drachman Institute, Ward III, Mansfield Park, and the upcoming North Tucson Week and Seed Coalition. Armando proposed the following goals for 2008-9 and later:
  - Continue working with El Cortez NA in collaboration with the Drachman Institute.
  - Continue working with the Drachmen Institute and the Building Healthy Neighborhoods project.
  - Design phase with the City for the PCNR.
  - Evaluate the results and outcomes from the first PCNR proposal, and prepare a second PCNR proposal in the near future.
  - Seek Tribal game funding as match funding for the Mansfield Park improvements in collaboration with MPNC.
  - Website development and implementation.
  - Accommodation for the "have not's" on the digital/internet divide.
  - Neighborhood Watch programand he shared with us this inspirational quote: "All this will not be finished in the first 100 days. Nor will it be finished in [one year] . . . But let us begin." A paraphrased excerpt from Pres. John F. Kennedy's Inaugural Address, 20 January 1961.

5. Discussion on the Weed and Seed Coalition was tabled until June.
6. Nominations were taken and voting conducted for officers for Nwana for 2008-9. The following nominations were voted for and approved by all present:

President:	Armando Vargas
VP:	Shelly Dorsey
Secretary:	Dan Dorsey
Treasurer:	Hannah Soreng
7. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6 p.m.

The NWN was recognized in October 1996 by the City of Tucson.

The general concepts and topics discussed since June 2007 to present include the following six categories. Where possible, the results or outcomes are noted including if in progress or ongoing.

#### Neighborhood Planning & Improvement

1. Pima County Neighborhood Re-investment program. An IGA is work in progress between County and City
2. Drachman Institute – Building Healthy Neighborhoods ongoing for now.
3. Mansfield Park Conceptual Master Plan in collaboration with MPNC and the Drachman Institute.

#### Neighborhood Safety

1. Graffiti abatement (ongoing).
2. Red tag/ excessive noise (ongoing).
3. Drug houses (ongoing).
4. Abandoned houses (ongoing).
5. Speeders, especially on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Elm St
6. Upkeep of public right of way's
7. On the plus side, TPD officer at the monthly meetings.

#### Networking and collaborations

1. El Cortéz and NWN
  - a. National Night Out, August 2007 and soon August 2008
  - b. MPNC (Mansfield Park Neighborhood Coalition) ongoing
  - c. Drachman Institute – Building Healthy Neighborhoods
2. University of AZ
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3. Continuous cordial relationship with Ward III Councilmember and Liaison
4. Continuous cordial relationship NWN Center/Mansfield Park staff
5. Ward III Neighbors, a coalition for NA's in Ward III.
6. Grant Rd Improvement Plan, Rezoning requests, etc.
7. Upcoming North Tucson Weed & Seed/Coalition (EC, NW, Keeling, Amphi & Coronado HGTS NA's, TPD, etc)

Land Use Amendment/Neighborhood Preservation Zone concerns

1. Mini-dorms in Nwana and Feldman's NA.
2. Proposed LUA/NPZ before the Mayor and Council.

Nwana concerns and improvements

1. The lack of a regular secretary. Yet, we do have regular meeting minutes thanks to monthly acting secretaries.
2. On the plus side, email communication, yet, there exists the have's and have not's on the digital/internet divide.
3. On the plus side, increased interest in the activities of the Nwana, and steady meeting attendance.
4. Speakers and presenters usually at most monthly meetings
5. Pot-luck annual meeting arrangements for May 2007!

GOALS FOR 2008-2009 and later.

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6. Website development, and implementation.
7. Accommodation for the have not's on the digital/internet divide.
8. Neighborhood Watch program.

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