

NWNA monthly meeting  
1 P.M.-3 P.M., 2 August 2008  
Northwest Neighborhood Center  
2160 N 6th Avenue

Present Members: Armando Vargas (President), Dan Dorsey (Secretary), Hannah Soreng (Treasurer), Shelly Dorsey (Vice President), Dorothy Turner, Susan Thorpe, Belen Olmedo, Kathryn Foster, Alma Berkowitz, Mike Haggerty, Carolyn Minor, Mae Hughes

Armando brought the meeting to order at 1:08 PM.

1-a. Welcome & introductions

1-b. Copies of the July 2008 meeting minutes were passed out and approved by consensus.

2. Ward III Liaison - Neither Tamara Prime nor any other representative from Ward III was present.

3. TPD - There was no representative from the Tucson Police Department (TPD) present.

4. National Night Out will be at Northwest Neighborhood Center on Tu, 5 August 2008, from 6PM to 9PM. There are flyers in the lobby of Northwest Neighborhood Center.

5. Other events/reminders

5-a. Mansfield Park Neighborhood Coalition (MPN) will have a meeting on 13 August at 6:30 PM at the Parkside Terrace Apts. meeting room.

5-b. Ward III Neighbors is on hiatus until 17 Sep 2008.

5-c. Armando gave a report on the Mariscos Chihuahua Restaurant re-zoning request. There was a site visit for all parties involved on Tuesday, July 29th. The next Examiner's Hearing on the re-zoning will be on 14 August.

5-d. Kathleen is having two events on Waverly Street. The first is a block party on August 10, 2008, in the afternoon. Later the same day in the evening, the second event is a 'Harmonizing With Humanity' Party with a singer in Kathleen's backyard.

6. Neighborhood Improvements updates

6-a. PCNR – the IGA is pending final approval from Board of Supervisors, then it will be sent on to the City design unit.

6-b. Armando put in a Back to Basics Grant request for FY 08-09 for projects that are in the NWNA Master Plan - the Bronx Wash revegetation & retention basin/water harvesting/landscaping concepts where Linden Street meets 6th Avenue on the west end and where Linden Street meets 1st Avenue on the east end. The amount requested from Karin Uhlich's office was in the range of \$25,000.

7. North Tucson Weed & Seed (NTWS) Community and North Tucson Coalition.

7-a. NTWS Steering Committee updates: Armando said the NTWS Steering Committee met for some long meetings and brainstormed the needs for the Coalition area. He previously had sent out the results of the meetings as an e-mail to members of the NWNA, but he also had a few paper copies available at this meeting for those who did not have e-mail (see attachment to these minutes).

7-b. There was discussion if the NWNA was ready to vote to endorse the ideas in principle contained within the document, as well as formally vote to join the North Tucson Coalition. The consensus was to table to next month after some members wanted more information on what exactly the funds were to be used for; these members wanted to see some actual previous projects from active or former Weed and Seed communities. Some members were also vocally opposed against more police presence in the neighborhood, and there were concerned about how the document was worded concerning minority groups. The consensus was that the NWNA was not ready to vote on this issue at this month's meeting.

8. Adjournment - the motion was made for adjournment and seconded and passed by majority vote.

The next NWNA meeting will be Saturday, 6 Sept., at 1 P.M. at Northwest Neighborhood Center.