

Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWNNA) Monthly Minutes
for meeting, 1-3 P.M., 1 November 2008
Northwest Neighborhood Center, 2160 N 6th Avenue

Residents: Dan Dorsey, Shelly Dorsey, Kathryn Foster, James Krepps, James B Ray, Hannah Soreng & Armando Vargas.

Guest: Mike Katherina – Northwest Neighborhood Center

- 1-a. Armando opened the meeting at 1:05 with a welcome and introductions.
- 1-b. The October 2008 minutes were approved by consensus.

2. Ward III Liaison report - Tamara Prime did not attend the meeting.

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

4. NWNNA concerns

4-a. Web site development discussion - Hannah said there was no Department of Neighborhood (DNR) support available for website development and hosting, but she was referred to a website, neighborhoodlink.com, which many Tucson neighborhoods maintain a website. The website has basic templates for neighborhoods to use to get started. The site also has many 'cut and paste' type local resources that can be used with many links to other organizations. The consensus was that Hannah will go set up the basic structure for a website for NWNNA and initialize the process by building basic content with more content to be added later.

4-b. Discussion & vote -- Changing our monthly meeting date and time to the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. The vote was taken on this topic and it passed with four ayes and one abstention to move to this new date and time for our meetings starting in January. Since the Northwest Center (NWC) is cutting back on hours, the preferred new site for meetings is the Ward III office on Speedway just east of Mountain Ave. Armando agreed to check to see if the conference room was available there at the new times.

5. Neighborhood Improvements updates

5-a. Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Inter-governmental Agreement (PCNR - IGA) has received final approval from Board of Supervisors and is now at the County Recorder and a design and construction schedule will now happen after it has been recorded.

5-b. Possible submittal of a grant to PRO Neighborhoods for tree planting along 4th Ave. After discussion, the members present decided that the focus of submitting a grant should shift to the Bronx Wash between 4th Ave. and 6th Ave. The idea was to stack a lot of functions into the grant by painting murals in the wash, planting trees or shrubs at the terminus at 6th Ave, having a 'wash party' to bring the community together, and getting kids involved from the NWC, etc.

5-c. Tree pruning on 4th Avenue, between Lester and Waverly. There will be a tree pruning of neighborhood trees, neighborhood clean up, and party on 15 November 08, from 9am to 12noon. A roll-off large city dumpster will be available in the 500 block of Waverly for approved debris.

6. Other events/reminders

6-a. The Drachman Institute on Monday, 3 Nov 08, will have its Solar workshop, Part II, at 630pm at the NWC.

6-b. Mansfield Park Neighborhood Center (MPNC) will have its monthly meeting on We, 12 Nov 08, at Parkside Terrace Apts at 630pm.

6-c. Ward III Neighbors will meet We, 19 Nov 08, at Woods Library at 630pm

7. North Tucson Weed & Seed Committee and Community (NTWSCmte/Cmty), and North Tucson Coalition

7-a. NTWS Steering Committee/Community updates & next meeting will be 17 Nov 08 at 5:45 at 1310 W. Miracle Mile.

7-b. North Tucson Coalition of the involved neighborhood associations tabled to the NWNNA December meeting.

8. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 2:39 PM, and the next NWNNA meeting is Saturday, 6 December, at 1 P.M at NWC