

Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWN) monthly meeting  
6:30-8:30 P.M., We, 7 Jan 2009  
Ward III office, 1510 E Grant RD

Present:

Residents - Armando Vargas, Alma Berkowitz, Hannah Soreng, James Krepps, Leona Davis, Dan Dorsey and Shelly Dorsey.

Guests: Dan Roberts and Cy Parker, Tucson Police Department (TPD); Robert Young, International School Tucson (IST); Marty Rotter and Mike Katherina, Northwest Neighborhood Center (NNC); and Tamara Prime, Ward III City Council Office Liaison.

1-a. Welcome & introductions - Armando opened the meeting at 6:38 PM, and we went around the table and did introductions.

1-b. December 2008 minutes were read and approved by consensus.

1-c. Treasurer's report. Hannah reported there is \$14 in the treasury. There was discussion about applying for a tax identification number. An T.I.N. is needed to open an account at any financial institution. A decision was made by consensus to apply for a T.I.N. A decision about which financial institution can be made later.

2. TPD – Officer Roberts gave the general police report for crime in the neighborhood, and then answered questions concerning possible rouge ice cream trucks, possible menacing pit bulls, parking tickets, cameras at intersections, graffiti, license plates and their owners suddenly caught on the wrong side of the law, and boarded up homes harboring possible criminal activity.

3. Ward III Liaison, Tamara Prime gave the Ward III report and fielded questions from the group concerning the expected further budget cuts in 2010. She mentioned that Ward III council member Karen Uhlich will continue to host 'community conversations' where the proposal budget cuts and ideas can be discussed. She mentioned that NWN's request for the funding, to pay for the design costs of our Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment grant for the 5th Avenue greenway and chicanes on Elm Street, has been forwarded to the mayor's office, and that it could be possible we could receive these funds from the mayor's Back to Basics fund.

NWN concerns

4-a. Web site development updates – Hannah showed us the shell of the new website she had set up. She said there would need to be commitment from members of NWN to fill in the details. She suggested a meeting at her house of interested parties, and several people volunteered to help.

4-b. Evaluate 5th Avenue easement clean up, 27 Dec 08 - Five people showed up for this event on a cold morning. The grass was too wet for doing much cutting, and debris got picked up and bagged.

4-c. Mini-dorms, SW corner, Lester ST/1st Av (638, 640 & 642 E Lester) & other locations - Armando mentioned these locations and others within the NWN area. There were concerns about adequate parking and setbacks. Tamara had checked out this site, and said the development mentioned had met all the required Land Use Code (LUC) requirements.

Neighborhood Improvements updates

5-a. PRO Neighborhoods grant application for Bronx Wash. There was an Ad hoc committee report and general discussion on the project. Marty Rotter from NNC volunteered some youth in the KIDCO program to help paint the murals in the wash, and Robert Young volunteered some

of the young children at the IST to help with the plantings on the terminus of Linden and 6th Ave. There will be a NRNA design charrette for the PRO Neighborhoods grant application for the Bronx Wash Project Thursday evening at 6:30PM, 15 Jan 09 at the Ward III Office.

5-b. There will be a PRO Neighborhoods grant application workshop 13 Jan 2009 in the evening; several people said they would attend.

5-c. Mortar Board Clean Up Crew, Sa, 28 March 2009 & celebration.

5-d. Trees for Tucson has \$8 trees available for our PRO Neighborhoods grant application.

5-e. There was discussion on all the items in 5.

#### Other events/reminders

6-a. There will be a Mansfield Park Neighborhood Coalition (MPNC) meeting We, 14 Jan 2009, at 6:30 P.M., at the Parkside Terrace Apartments.

6-b. The North Tucson Weed and Seed (NTWS) meeting be MLK Day, Mo, 19 Jan 09, at 5:30 P.M. at 1310 W Miracle Mile.

6-c. The Ward III Neighbors Association (W3NA) meeting will be We, 21 Jan 09, at 6:30 P.M., at the Woods Library.

6-d. The IST is having its Annual International Day on March 14th with food and other activities.

#### North Tucson Weed & Seed Committee and Community (NTWSC and C), and North Tucson Coalition (NTC) updates

7-a. Grant application status and budget TBA.

7-b. North Tucson Coalition, a coalition of the six neighborhood associations involved with the NTWS. Discussion and decision tabled to the February meeting.

Adjournment - the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

8. The next meeting is We, 4 February 2009, at 6:30pm, Ward III office, SE corner of Grant/Vine.