

Northwest Neighborhood Association (NWN) monthly meeting minutes
6:30-8:30 P.M., We, 4 Feb 2009
Ward III office, 1510 E Grant RD

Residents present: Armando Vargas, Dan Dorsey, James Krepps, Leona Davis, James Ray and Alma Berkowitz
Others present: George Pettit, Ward III; Marty Rotter, NW Center; and, Officer Hyde, (TPD) Tucson Police Dept.

1-a. Armando opened the meeting at 6:38 PM, and those present introduced themselves.
1-b. January 2009 minutes were read and accepted unanimously with no changes.
1-c. Treasurer's Report & TIN update – In Hannah's stead, Armando reported we had \$14 in our treasury and said he was continuing to work on getting NWN a TIN (tax identification number), and also he reported that a P.O. box to receive NWN mail costs \$45 for six months. The suggestion was to have our mail received for free at NWNC (Northwest Neighborhood Center). Marty said she would check into this possibility.

2. Ward III Liaison – George Pettit was present from Ward III. He reported on a 'get your taxes' done for free' program available for free if a person or family meets the income requirements. George said Councilperson Karin Uhlich is continuing to hold 'Community Conversations' to discuss the upcoming 2010 budget cuts to the City, expected to exceed 80 million dollars. The next one is 23rd Feb. at 6PM at the Ward office.

3. Marty Rotter spoke about NWNC concerns about budget, operating hour cuts and how to best serve the community. She mentioned the upcoming Harambee Festival and passed out flyers.

4. TPD – Officer Hyde gave a general report and passed around the monthly report for the previous month for the neighborhood on crime statistics.

5. NWN concerns

5-a. Web site updates – Hannah wasn't feeling well so she was absent from the meeting, but the website continues to improve. The website address is: www.neighborhoodlink.com, enter the NWN zip code and click on NWN.

5-b. Land Use Code – The current 50-year or older requirement for a house to go through a review process before going through demolition has been struck down by a court ruling, so the Development Services Dept. is developing a similar policy to be part of the land use code.

5-c. At our next meeting on 4 March, our guest will be Colette Altaffer of the Neighborhood Infill Coalition.

6. Neighborhood Improvements updates

a. PRO Neighborhoods grant application. James Krepps said the final version of the grant was turned into PRO neighborhoods within the deadline. He mentioned several changes he had made in the final budget. Assuming NWN receives the grant money, the plan is in place to do the project in Sept. or Oct. Dan mentioned several items related to the landscaping part of the grant.

7. Mortar Board Clean Up Crew, Sa, 28 March 2009 – The projects, number of people and hours needed, and tools were decided on by those present. That information will be passed onto Shelly so she can give it to the Mortar Board at the next meeting she attends.

Other events/reminders

8-a. Mansfield Park Neighborhood Coalition (MPNC) meeting will be We, 11 Feb 2009, at 6:30 P.M., at La Fuente Restaurant.

8-b. North Tucson Weed and Seed (NTWS) meeting will be Mo, 16 Jan 09, at 5:30 P.M., 1310 W Miracle Mile

8-c. Ward III Neighbors Alliance (W3NA) meeting will be We, 18 Jan 09, at 6:30 P.M., at the Woods Library.

North Tucson Weed & Seed Committee/Community, and North Tucson Coalition updates

9-a. Grant application status and budget TBA.

9-b. North Tucson Coalition, a coalition of the six neighborhood associations involved with the NTWS. 'The motion was made and seconded for NWN to officially join the North Tucson Coalition. Motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment. Armando adjourned the meeting at 8:12PM

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