

MPNC

Mansfield Park Neighbors Coalition

October 14, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Present: For those present, please refer to sign-in sheet.

Meeting Location: Parkside Terrace Apartments, 2150 North 4th Avenue

Tori opened the meeting at 6:30 pm.

Police Report: None –

Tori informed members the LPO contacted us via email. The officer was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Park Report: None

Shade structures erected to finish the grant. Formal dedication slated for some time in January 2010.

Ward III Report: None

Zoning Report: None

The attendees agreed we would wait to take any action. The 1-year period is up on November 1, 2009.

General discussions:

Mike F. indicated that Keeling NA has expressed an interest in becoming active in our MPNC. Tori indicated she has contact info on several members of Keeling NA and will update email list.

All felt it is extremely important to have a TPD officer attend meetings. Both Armando and Tori said no officer attended their last neighborhood meeting either. All felt this was a perfect opportunity for TPD to meet and hear concerns of several NAs at one time. Everyone has been experiencing a severe increase in tagging activity. Tori noticed more accidents were reported in the NSN police activity report for her neighborhood. In the past there were none. Tori read LPO Szelewski's return email.

All agreed that as a coalition we have achieved the majority of our goals we originally established. It is time to perhaps set new goals. From this discussion two potential goals are to be actively investigated.

1. Work with the local law enforcement, City of Tucson and Pima County prosecutor's offices, and the judicial arena to break the current cycle of crime in Tucson.

Tori stated that the standard response from TPD has always been that with strategic enforcement TPD can push the criminal activity out from the targeted area. However, it just moves the problem to another neighborhood. There was a discussion on the judicial process and punishments for misdemeanors.

2. As a coalition we should become actively involved in the upcoming review of Tucson's General Plan.

Pete C. talked about the upcoming review. All felt now is the time to have Tucson take a look at smart planning. Pete and Mike agreed Tucson does not currently have the tools to conduct proper urban planning for the future of the City. Mike discussed the advantages of high density housing along major arterials. With the University here it is essential to provide adequate housing and ease of transportation. Pete talked about combined usages along those same areas.

For our next meeting, Tori will get a list of potential additions to the coalition, Pete will provide a cliff note version of the General Plan process, and Mike will review the zoning issues in the area. Due to the nature of the upcoming discussions, it was felt we change the meeting time to begin at 6:00 pm.

The time limit had been exceeded and the meeting was adjourned. The next Mansfield Park Neighbors Coalition meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th.