



MITCHELL PARK WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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General Meeting Minutes, January 23, 2010

Location: Mitchell Park Ramada

Participants: Board members: Ira Domsky, Chair, Scott Seibel, Vice-chair, Pat Konomos, David Saar, Penny Wilson, Kirby Spittler and approximately 15 residents.

The meeting started with refreshments, introductions, and a call to order.

Announcements:

1. Pat gave information on how to acquire the Tempe City Tool Box for alley and yard cleanup. She said last month's cleanup on 11th and McKemy was a success.
2. Pat also noted she was holding a mosaic workshop at her home on February 20-21. It is in aid of the Code Pink peace movement.
3. Kirby announced a new pub, Robbie Fox's Public House, is opening in February on Sixth St. west of Mill Avenue
4. Penny said the new restrooms in Tempe Beach Park are located near the baseball diamond, and are *very* nice.
5. Carol noted several street signs are obscured by trees. Several people stated residents can call the city to report the locations to city maintenance, who will take care of the problem.
6. Kirby announced that Mary O'Connor, former Director of City Transit, passed away this week. She was instrumental in the success of the Light Rail and other public transportation projects. He suggested we call Tempe Transit Center "Mary's Station."

Continuing Items:

1. *Art in the Park:* Scott announced that the Art on the Fence event will be March 6. He urged artists and acoustic musicians to contact him for more information. It will be another informal event with no sales on the premises, and Paul Ewry will coordinate Mitchell Park East's participation.
2. *Maryanne Corder Grant:* David encouraged members to come with him to the city's grant writing course. There was general consensus that the Art Project on Thirteenth was top priority. As the Thirteenth street project involves another neighborhood, it was suggested that their association be notified. New playground equipment for the park was also mentioned. Ira noted that the grant application must be voted on at the February 27th General Meeting.

New Topics:

1. *Block Delegates:* Pat is creating a list of delegates for MPWNA who would pass out flyers for upcoming events. Kirby suggested we list a central telephone number for delegates to contact the Board when they find they cannot distribute in time, so their route can be covered.
2. *Web Site:* Ira expressed concern that our current Neighborhood Link site is not being used enough. Valerie and Jamie suggested using ning.com social networking. Scott and Ira will check this out.

Open Discussion:

Valerie showed plans for a small neighborhood garden she is developing at 601 S. Roosevelt. She is looking for more volunteers.

Meeting adjourned, with the agreement that the proposed volleyball game would be tried another day, as the park was wet and very cold.

Calendar:

Board Meetings: Thursday, February 11, Wednesday, March 10

General Meetings: Saturday February 27, Saturday March 27

Recorded by Penny Wilson