

B o a r d M e e t i n g

M i n u t e s - M a y 7 t h

Meeting opened: 6:35 pm

In attendance: Jeanne Greene, Sharon Bushouse, Carrie Frazer, Melanie Thomson-Legendre, Mike Radtke, Katie Hamm, Juanita Soto-Ayer, Virginia Anders

The board had visitors from the recently-opened clinic, the Arizona Medical Clinic. Letticia, the office manager, and two of the doctors spoke to the board. The office will have an open house at the end of May. This is a family practice clinic, specializing in treating distressed families, who lack basic tools such as insurance, a phone, a car, or even much clothing. Because of this, the clinic also provides a thrift store for the patients. Any clothing donations would be appreciated. The staff also offers medical students, even from out-of-state, the opportunity to learn community medicine. As with another such clinic, Phoenix Dream Center, this clinic wants to work with local churches and neighborhoods, such as our BelAir neighborhood. Letticia left us brochures, and will provide more for the May 19 meeting.

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Following this presentation, the board meeting continued as follows:

The April 9 meeting minutes were accepted as presented.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Beautification Report – Mike, Katie, Jeanne, Sharon, and Dick finished this part of the project, with more planting. We still have \$100 for more plants, but we need to choose low-water/low-maintenance ones. Kids still ride their bikes in the area, but the planting is expected to help deter traffic, ultimately.

Crime Prevention Committee/issues: There were several break-ins in the last month. Several members spoke with neighbors concerned about the break-ins. They want a bigger police presence, but Jeanne has seen more police lately patrolling the neighborhood. Sharon asked if anyone else had see a pair of white 2-door sedans, tires with painted red rims, and spoilers on their roofs. They seemed suspicious and unfamiliar in the neighborhood. Virginia and Dan have made two rides around the neighborhood so far. Several neighbors stopped to talk with them because of the mandatory magnetized signs on the car which identify the occupants' purpose in driving slowly along the streets. Virginia will do a brief presentation at the General Meeting defining and describing the Crime Prevention Committee and the PNP program.

Community Garden: There are radishes and other vegetables available, and being picked, which is exciting. Has anyone noticed sunflowers coming up around the neighborhood yet? Sharon has one very tall one, and there are several on Monterosa. We ought to take pictures of them for the newsletter.

General Meeting: The board members need to be on-site at the classroom by 8:30 a.m. on May 19 to set up the chairs for the general meeting. We no longer have access to the gym. We will provide coffee and pastries for the gathering. The meeting format will be as follows: Introduction by people on the ballot, followed by voting. The City of Phoenix representative will answer questions on the trash pickup changes. Officer Aaron Stevens will be available to talk with neighbors. Virginia will give a report on the Crime Prevention committee and the PNP patrols. Jeanne will announce the results of voting.

Block Watch Grant – The quarterly report is done and submitted to the City. We still have about \$1000 left, but remaining known expenses include:

213.44 postcards and mailing printing

119.25 newsletter

200.00 safety printing

100.00 plants

and facility rentals for meetings

Whatever the remaining balance will be returned to the City

Newsletter/website – The next newsletter will be printed after the general meeting and the June board meeting.

Old Business: The summer schedule for board meetings will be determined by the new board, after the May 19 election. There are 6 positions to fill on the board, due to term endings and Sebashtzen's resignation from the board. Mike suggested that spam filters may be filtering out board communications, so we need to check our filter settings. Virginia thanked Mike Radtke and Jeanne Greene for their help in securing physical and technical support for the secretary's laptop. Please respond that you get the board e-mails.

Meeting adjourned: 7:50pm

Next board meeting: June 4, 2012