

WNA January 2012 Mtg.

Jan. 12, 2012

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Present: Tony Weir, Patrice Wappel, Jon Witcomb, Jason Bliss, Brad Brauer, Gene Nance, Phil Fleming, Don Vallejo, Phil Fleming, Greg Corns.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Secretary Lauren Zell was not present, the approval of minutes from December is tabled until the next meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT/APPROVAL

Don Vallejo moved to approve the treasurer's report as presented, second from Jon Witcomb. Report approved.

COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER

CAO Ben Harris reported that he has been looking at Crime Stats for Willo. He believes he has been getting an increase of calls regarding property crimes. Some breaks-ins mostly of cars have been reported. Office Harris reminded the neighborhood of numerous crime prevention tips. He also sent out a recent e-mail addressing the same issues. Officer Harris also reported that the Fairfield Inn and Suite has recently signed an "authority to arrest" agreement allowing Phoenix PD to make arrests on its property. Officer Harris believes this will help the city address some issues with vagrants in an adjacent vacant lot. Don Vallejo also reported a burglar on the 100 Block of Coronado. PD had stopped the same guy before looking over walls. Harris also reported forced entry through a back gate from the alley on Willetta street near 7th Avenue – they stole a big TV and some other electronics.

A neighbor reported that he was verbally threatened at the QT on Indian School road, and felt dissatisfied with the police response. Don Vallejo advised the neighbor to request a report be taken, and to request further investigation.

Jon Witcomb reminded the neighborhood about Coffee with a Cop at Maizies.

THIRD AND FIFTH AVENUE CONSTRUCTION

Greg Corns reported that the project started on January 10th, 2012 at Edgemont and 3rd and 5th Avenues. Some pavement has been demoed, curbing will be poured next, then landscaping. It is a 20-day project. We should expect completion by about January 30.

WILLO WEBSITE FINALIZATION

Greg Corns had some issues with the web designer. The website is now up and operational and fully functional. There have been some hiccups, including some "urls" that pointed back to the old website. Greg says this has all been cleaned up. Neighbors pointed out a couple of issues with membership forms and the description of vendor booths for home tour. Greg will investigate and resolve by Monday, January 16 if possible.

LUMINARIES FOLLOW UP

Don Vallejo reported that luminaries went well. He ordered too much sand and some volunteers failed to show, but for the most part things ran smoothly. A couple of streets were dark on the first night, but the last two nights Don is not aware of any dark streets.

HOME TOUR UPDATES

Jill Bray gave a report on Home Tour. The Tour is Feb. 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We will be doing the Twilight Tour again which is \$10 and will begin about 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 11, 2012, for neighbors and friends only. Twilight Tour tickets are available in Walton Park on the afternoon/evening of February 11. Tickets for the Twilight Tour are not sold in advance. A post Twilight Tour party will be held at 317 W. Cyprus.

ENERGIZE PHOENIX UPDATES

Brad reported about his experience with a contractor under the Energize Phoenix and some of the details of the program. Tony Weir reported that REEIs is now offering 10% additional off of the cost of recommended improvements/repairs.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Block Watch: Jon Witcomb reported that there will be captain's meeting in April.

There no other committee updates.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Brad reported that WNA has sent condolences to Councilman Nowakowski for the death of his mother.

Don Vallejo moved to adjourn, Patrice Wappel seconded.