

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

and

Neighborhood Watch #1300

Annual Meeting
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
September 20, 2014

Minutes

Registration and Coffee Hour Neighbors met for registration, coffee, refreshments, conversation and informational material from 8 - 9am.

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by president Robert Bolton. Carole DeAngeli introduced our guest speaker, neighbor and author, Bill Broyles.

Bill Broyles Bill handed out pencils to each neighbor, and centered his talk around each individual's ability to write and tell a story. We have so many published authors in our neighborhood, both present and past. Bill displayed copies of the books written by Oracle Foothills neighbors, including Reg Chapman, Liz Bernays, Marge Pellegrino, Susan Lowell, Larry McMurtry and Diana Ossana. Too often, it's obituaries that tell the interesting lives of the people around us. Each of us has a story to tell. Put your pencil to work and start telling yours!

Minutes The minutes having been previously distributed by e-mail, and being available on the website, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that the reading of the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting be dispensed with.

President's Message Robert reported that the OFNA Board has been extremely busy this year with major projects such as the Tea Room, the Catalina Foothills Lodge and the closing of West Yvon Drive. He thanked the current board for all their work. He also introduced Shirl Lamonna from Supervisor Miller's office and thanked her for attending. Robert specifically thanked Jay and Carole DeAngeli for all their contributions to the Association and the neighborhood.

Treasurer's and Membership Report - Jay DeAngeli, Membership Chairman and Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's report, stating that we as of the end of the 2013 fiscal year, we had \$14,629 on hand. There were some budget lines that we didn't spend against, such as the beautification project at the Rudasill/Genematas street island. That project will take place when the weather cools. As of today's meeting, OFNA has 105 paid member households. Compared with other neighborhoods, this is an excellent number.

Audit Report - Bente Jensen, the neighbor conducting this year's financial review, was out of the country. A report will be available at a later date.

Website, Newsletter, Saturday Updates - Carole encouraged people to write their stories and contribute to the newsletter, the Saturday Updates and the website.

Neighborhood Watch - Area Leader Carole DeAngeli reported that there has been no serious crime in the neighborhood this entire year. She encouraged everyone to participate in Neighborhood Watch by getting to know their neighbors and watching out for them. She is still in need of more Block Captains. Please call 911 for any suspicious activity, including solicitors. It is incumbent on each of us to be the eyes and ears of the Sheriff's Department.

Picnic - Leo Roop is this year's Picnic Chairman. He asked volunteers to help with the picnic preparations, setup, decoration, clean up, etc. He invited everyone to come to this year's picnic, which will be held on Sunday, October 26th. Neighbors are asked to bring a potluck dish to share.

Catalina Foothills Lodge - Joan Scott explained the development plans for the 50-acre property to the west of Oracle Foothills Estates, owned by the Catalina Foothills Center. She described each zone of the proposal and the land use designation being requested by the developer. The P&Z Commission voted to compromise on the most controversial portion - Zone 2 - recommending LIU 3.0 rather than the MIU that was requested, and which could allow for up to 10 houses per acre. This is a win for the neighborhood, but our work is not done. The plan now goes to the Board of Supervisors. They do not have to accept the recommendation of the P&Z Commission. Joan passed out a sample letter to send to the Board of Supervisors and indicated that neighborhood participation is very important, including writing letters and attending the meeting. Some members said that it might be wise for OFNA to hire a consultant, as the Lodge has done, to represent our case. Marge Pellegrino and Barbara Schuessler would like to organize a walk of the Lodge property so neighbors can have a better idea of what may happen and where it could be.

Tea Room - Jay reported on the effort of the Chantilly Tea Room to amend the Pima County Comprehensive Plan to bring its land use into compliance with its current zoning, CB-1, and to add several business types to the rezoning policies applicable to this property. The Board of Supervisors recently voted to allow the change from MIU to NAC. The next step is a rezoning request. The only issue we've had with the Tea Room has been parking. Vehicles park on both sides of Genematas, causing congestion and dangerous conditions. The current owner has pledged to us that he will not allow parking on the south side of the road.

Streets - Debris washed into the streets by our recent storms is still a problem. Jay is negotiating with PCDOT to get some larger fill material for the roadside edges that will not wash out with every storm.

West Yvon ROW - Carole has been working with adjoining landowners to have the County abandon their right-of-way on West Yvon Drive from Genematas to Oracle. Once the surveys have been blessed by the Pima County Surveyor, the quitclaim deeds will be drawn and sent to the Board of Supervisors for their approval. Once the process is complete, the road will be closed between Oracle Foothills and the Lodge property.

Election of the Board - Robert introduced the two retiring board members, George Grimm and Ron Kuykendall,, and thanked them for their service. The current board members were introduced, as well as the three new candidates - Joan Scott, Mary Clare Jacobs and Ralph Jewett. The membership unanimously approved the entire slate. The directors for the 2015 fiscal year are: John Battaile, Susan

Berger, Robert Bolton, Jay DeAngeli, Delann Debenedetti, Mary Clare Jacobs , Bente Jensen, Ralph Jewett , Roxie Lopez, Leo Roop, Tom Scarborough, Mary Jo Schwartz and Joan Scott.

Raffle - Jay conducted the raffle. Six \$50-dinners at Metro Restaurants, 4 tickets to the Mini-Time Museum and 2 tickets to the Tucson Reptile Show were the prizes, awarded to Jay DeAngeli, Reggie Smith, Liz Isaacs, Liz Sherwood, Marge Pellegrino, Carol Dellacona, Deborah Formo and Dan Boone.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Carole DeAngeli
Recording Secretary