

# Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting  
February 8, 2010  
5625 N. Genematas Dr.

## Minutes

Board Members present: Carolyn Redmore, Sharon Laird, Jay DeAngeli, Leo Roop, Karl Oxnam, George Grimm, Angelo Dellacona, Phil Williams, Mark Andersen, Don DeYoung, Marianne Richardson, Tom Scarborough.

Board Members Absent: Camille Zachmeier, Scott Odom

Guests and Neighbors in attendance: Diane and Gordon Goodyear (Shadow Hills Neighborhood Watch), June LeClair-Bucko (Catalina Foothills 7 Neighborhood Watch), Reggie Smith, Roxie and George Crow.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10pm by president Carolyn Redmore.

Guests from nearby neighborhoods joined us to talk about Neighborhood Watch in their areas. Shadow Hills neighbors conduct regular patrols around the streets, by car or bike, with signs identifying them as NW. Those conducting patrols are asked to sign a release so that the HOA is not responsible for their actions. They have over 600 homes in their area. Size of Block Leader units varies (depending on need and leader interest) from 4-35+. They have also found that an annual food bank drive conducted by the Neighborhood Watch helps bring the neighborhood together. June LeClair-Bucko from Catalina Foothills #7 is an Area Leader in a neighborhood that is very similar to ours in size and makeup. She does not use patrols, but rather relies on the Block Leaders knowing the people in their area, encouraging everyone to call 911 for any suspicious activity, and reporting to the Block Leader and the Area Leader in turn. She meets with her Block Leaders at least annually, makes certain that the Block Leaders meet with the neighbors in their block, and also meets with the entire neighborhood annually. She noted that since the NW became active, the crime rate has dropped dramatically. She strongly suggested that speakers for the annual meeting be knowledgeable individuals regarding crime and criminal behavior. Both speakers emphasized the importance of keeping in contact with other neighborhoods and associations. The guests were thanked for their attendance and valuable information.

Agenda – the agenda for tonight’s meeting was approved as presented.

### **Committee Reports**

Minutes – It was moved and seconded that, since everyone received copies of the previous meeting’s minutes, we dispense with the reading. Motion Approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Jay distributed copies of the current financial statement. Cash on hand is \$11,343. He indicated that the budget numbers had not been adjusted since the last meeting, but that they will be corrected. The treasurer’s report was approved as presented.

Membership Report – Jay reported that we now have 114 household members, including one membership deposit that has not been made.

Phil presented a plan to increase the number of households that join the association. Discussion ensued regarding what steps could be taken to encourage residents to join. Carole and Jay said that we send out an invoice letter to all residents in August that lists the functions and benefits that OFNA offers. Currently, most benefits of the organization are also offered to non-members. Marianne felt that we should restrict some of our benefits (newsletter, e-letter, dumpster, for example) to paid members only, thus giving non-members a reason to join. Carolyn said that she prefers our current arrangement, not excluding anyone, creating a more accepting atmosphere. Carolyn asked the board members to give this topic some thought and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

Picnic – Mark has recently received picnic information from previous years and is reviewing it. The date is set for October 30<sup>th</sup>, and Jay has already reserved the date with the vendors.

Welcoming, Website, Newsletter, E-Update – Carole ordered and received 10 more books by neighbor/author Bill Broyles, *Our Sonoran Desert*, to give to new neighbors. She has met the new neighbors in Myron Morris' old house. They are a young couple with 4 children. She has also attempted to meet the new owner of Raye Robinson's house on Agave, without success so far. There is also a new owner of 240 E. Yvon. Carole will make contact with them. George asked if the policy of giving a year's complimentary dues was paying off. Carole indicated that at least one new household had joined after the first year. Carole noted that the next edition of the Desert Dwellers will be out in late March, so deadline for articles is March 15.

Neighborhood Watch – Reggie Smith is considering taking over the Area Leader's position from Carolyn Hoenig. Carole will follow up with Reggie. Jay likes the idea of patrols and feels they could be effective in Oracle Foothills. In order to discourage solicitors, Jay suggested that we post NO SOLICITORS signs as has been done in Shadow Hills. There was a discussion about the effectiveness of such signs. It was moved and seconded that OFNA budget for and purchase 4 signs for our entrances, not to exceed \$150. The motion was approved. Jay will order the signs.

### **Old Business**

Triangle Park Plaque – The plaque was purchased and has been mounted. George thanked Angelo and Jay for their work in moving the rock and mounting the plaque. Carolyn would like to invite the Genematas family to a dedication ceremony and she is attempting to contact them to make arrangements. She will hopefully work toward a date in April when the weather is nice and the trees have leafed out.

Neighborhood Brochure – Leo has an original sales brochure for Oracle Foothills that he received when he purchased his house and he thought the board and/or the neighbors would be interested in it. Carole will try to scan the document so the original can be preserved.

Dumpster Report – Karl reported that this was the most successful year for the dumpster. It was completely full in only 2½ hours. Jay said that, unfortunately, someone came after the dumpster had been closed and threw a large load of trash on top. Jay and Rich had to go back down and attempt to reorganize the load and get it below the level of the top so that Waste Management would accept it.

### **New Business**

Trimming – Jay will select a Saturday in March, probably the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, and set up the trimming project. Several people volunteered to help. Phil questioned the need for OFNA to do trimming for neighbors who should be doing it themselves. A discussion about the need and advisability of doing the trimming took place. Most board members felt that the trimming addressed a safety issue for both drivers and walkers, and that if we didn't do it, it wouldn't get done at all. The county picks up the trimmings, so this is a free service to OFNA.

Annual Meeting – Carolyn asked board members to give consideration to speakers for the annual meeting. Carole had suggested that Brad Holland with the PC DA's office might be one possibility. Jay said that annexation will be an issue that might need to be addressed.

Thanks – George suggested that the board send a letter of thanks to the two recently retired board members – Becky Spencer and Jesse Wood. Carolyn will take care of it.

Next Meeting – the date for the next meeting is Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7pm at the home of Marianne Richardson, 560 E. Canyon View Drive, 742-6186.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Carole DeAngeli  
Recording Secretary