

ORACLE FOOTHILLS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
September 15, 2007

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church, 665 W. Roller Coaster Rd., Tucson, Arizona

Registration, coordinated by Kitty & Richard Schwartz, began at 8:30 a.m. Neighbors enjoyed food and fellowship until the meeting was called to order at 9:45 a.m. by OFNA board president Greg Smith. Greg reviewed the agenda and minutes from the 2006 Annual Meeting. Both were accepted. Jay DeAngeli, treasurer, presented his report which also was accepted. Year to date income exceeded expenses by \$1,432. Beginning cash balance was \$8004 and ending cash balance is \$9,436. All of the grant of \$1,700 from Pro-Neighborhoods has been spent for restoration and beautification of the Triangle Park at Genematas and Canyon View, along with \$175 in neighborhood donations. Satisfaction with the result and appreciation for the effort expended by several neighbors was expressed. Membership subscription for 2006-2007 was 110 of about 260 Oracle Foothills family units. As of today, 72 subscriptions for 2007-2008 have been received. Karl Oxnam reported on the financial audit he and Sharon Laird conducted for September 1, 2006 to September 1, 2007. All is in order.

Carole DeAngeli reviewed her work in the area of communications. She has an updated Recommendations List and asked for ongoing updates. She encouraged members to submit information and articles on activities and interests for use in Desert Dwellers, the OFNA newsletter which she edits. Publication is generally quarterly (December, March, May/June, September). She does not accept articles of a political, religious or commercial nature. Also contact Carole with information appropriate for the weekly e-alerts, especially suspicious activities observed in the neighborhood, such as home or mail box break-ins. Appreciation was expressed for Carole's work in keeping the neighborhood informed.

Some time was spent reviewing the issue of Pima County zoning regulations regarding manufactured (built to be moveable) and modular housing (prefab with permanent installation) and pending efforts to modify the current exclusion of both types of housing. Pima County has set up a Committee to study the issue of "manufactured and affordable housing." Carole DeAngeli represents county supervisor for District 1, Ann Day, on the committee along with representatives from districts, some neighborhoods, and some not for profits, such as Habitat for Humanity. The first meeting will be October 2, 2007. Meetings will be led by arbitrators. She does not know if meetings are open to the public and if members of the media will be present. She will keep OFNA informed via email and the newsletter. Various views were aired on the subject, beginning with the history of OFNA in 1999 with a problematic manufactured home at Agave and 1st Avenue. It was removed only after considerable advocacy for removal by OFNA leadership and eventual purchase of the property by an OFNA member. Carole noted a county committee to study affordable housing already exists, taken to indicate that special interests, interested in making zoning regarding housing more lenient, have brought about the new committee. OFNA member, Jesse Wood, is an alternate on this committee. Carole and Jesse welcome input from OFNA members. Carole was asked to circulate the names of other committee members, so that OFNA members may communicate directly with them. Carole will do so as soon as she has that information. Carole encouraged direct communication with Ann Day.

Jay DeAngeli reported that development of Triangle Park at Genematas & Canyon View is completed, though watering and pruning will continue to be needed. The ongoing TLC provided by Angelo Dellacona was recognized, as was Jay's work in securing the Pro Neighborhoods grant, guiding its implementation, and securing a little over \$300 additional funding for finishing touches, such as metal plant tags.

Persistent advocacy for Oracle Foothills road improvements with Ann Day and Pima County Department of Transportation was reported. Initially dismissed, the need has been acknowledged by the Department of Transportation but no action is yet planned.

Richard Schwarz was thanked for his small acts of service to OFNA, such as securing refreshments for the meeting and assisting in obtaining supplies for the picnic.

Opinions about reinstating the CC&Rs (voluntarily instituted restrictions regarding property use) were put forward. CC&Rs were in place for the first fifty years of the subdivision. When they expired in 1997, efforts to renew them failed. George Genematas, a current resident and descendent of the developer of Oracle Foothills, is willing to finance the legal work required if the CC&Rs are drafted for reinstatement. While CC&Rs can provide safeguards to property holders, some present indicated they were not interested in strict regulations of everyday life, such as where to place one's garbage can. A call was made for committee volunteers to explore the matter further. If interested, contact Jay DeAngeli.

Greg reported on the status of the OFNA web site, which has been dormant for the past couple of years. He and Travis Wheeler developed a new web site which requires modest computer savvy to oversee. He called for volunteer contributors, offering instruction for what needs to be done.

Carolyn Hoenig, new Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Watch Area Leader, reminded all of the need for vigilance in reporting observed suspicious activity to block leaders and the sheriff. Problems over the past year have occurred with mail theft and fraud. One trial of an offender is known to be pending. Members were advised not to use mail boxes for out going mail and to install mail boxes that lock. An example of hesitancy to report suspicious behavior at an address, that turned out to be the site of illegal activity, was shared.

Camille Zachmeier reported on the annual picnic to be held October 27 in the wash next to the "chocolate house," (aka the Eisner residence) from 1 p.m. – dark. As usual, Chef Jay and assistants will barbeque chicken and hotdogs, planners will purchase meat, bread, water & soft drinks, and everyone is asked to bring side dishes and, if desired, beer and wine. Planners are open to new ideas. A call for a coordinator for next year was made.

Camille also reported on nominations. All of the current board was unanimously elected to another term ; (Jay DeAngeli, Sig Eisner, Gene Isaak, Sharon Laird, Scott Odom, Karl Oxnam, Carolyn Redmore, Tom Scarborough, Barbara Schuessler, Richard Schwartz, Greg Smith, Travis Wheeler, Jesse Wood and Camille Zachmeier). Rebecca Spencer, nominated from the floor, was also unanimously elected to serve.

In Open Forum the following was talked about:

How to increase OFNA membership? Personal invitation, beginning with attending the picnic, seems to work best. Carole DeAngeli's faithful outreach to each new family was given as an example.

More on pros & cons of CC&Rs and what makes them most palatable to the most people.

Comment on original intent of CC&Rs: To keep the integrity and desert esthetic of the neighborhood.

Development on Lady Lane on the newly subdivided properties has not begun, with no building permits issued.

A raffle of door prizes was held. Carolyn Hoenig and Marge Pellegrino won vouchers for Vivace's, Sig Eisner won a membership to Tohono Chul Park, George Grimm and Phil Williams won a membership to the Sonoran Desert Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn D. Redmore, Vice President