

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Annual Meeting

September 18, 2004

Murphy Room, St Philip's in the Hills Episcopal Church

By 8.30 neighbors were gathering, enjoying coffee, bagels and muffins and examining the fine art works on display representing the work of seven of our neighbors. We had the following wonderful sets:

Becky Huddleston – basketware

Steve Manson – flagstone creations

Kitty Schwartz – paintings and photos

Richard Schwartz – jewelry

Glen Sherwood – sculptures

Liz Sherwood – jewelry

Tickets given out to all neighbors present for the raffle of free dinners/teas at three local restaurants.

At 9.30 President Jay DeAngeli called the meeting to order and welcomed the 47 neighbors present

Jay indicated that the minutes of the last general meeting of September 20 2003 prepared by Liz Bernays were available at the back of the room for anyone interested. It was suggested therefore that they not be read, with the agreement of all.

Jay presented the current board members: Liz Bernays, Bill Broyles, Sig Eisner, Roger Felty, Becky Huddleston, Scott Odom, Kim Peterson, Tom Scarborough, Barbara Schuessler (absent), Kitty Schwartz, Vera Uyehara

Roger Felty summarized the Financial Statement for the year and indicated that details were available at the back of the room. The overall statement was approved. Scot Odum reported that he and Bill Broyles had audited the finances and that all was in order.

Jay introduced Pima County Sheriff – Deputy Ken Hedrick. He is one of our local sheriffs dealing with the Foothills District, with a focus on long term issues in the area. He first gave us statistics for the crime in the area [First to Oracle, River to Rudasill]:

Aggravated assault	1
House burglary	1
Other thefts	2
Auto thefts	2
Arson (possible)	1
Fraud	1
Malicious mischief	1
Suspicious vehicle reports	2
Suspicious persons reports	5
Disturbance calls	9

He then mentioned that there are 12 to 16 deputies in the larger area at any one time (up to Catalina etc) and that they are always ready to take phone calls for queries about any possible problem [741 4900 for non-emergency and 547 6311 for district office]. He explained the volunteer service, by which many helpful advice may be obtained, such as looking at homes and advising improvements to safety.

Questions:

- What to do about barking dogs – need to call animal control
- Agave-First problem property issues – there have been a number of calls, but there is nothing that neighbors need to worry about with respect to safety
- What about when someone is away – he gave advice on this and noted that anyone can call the district office and there will be extra concern whenever deputies are free to come by. It was also suggested that anyone going away organize some kind of observation help from neighbors

Jay then introduced Captain John Barbee of the Northwest Fire Dept. He is a new neighbor and paramedic presently stationed at Marana. His major point for discussion was the shortage of hydrants in a large part of the OFNA area, and how that influenced ISO ratings for insurance. Tucson Water is responsible for these and may put in more if were annexed to the city. He gave an overview of the work of the NWFD, including the fact that 75% of call were for medical problems, that advice is given for all kinds of safety issues, that there is a full prevention department with many types of education given on all topics. To that end he indicated the fliers available at the back of the room and that anyone having any issues that they are interested in to contact the dept for more information.

There followed a discussion on how fire engines find houses and what we can do to help in the event that any of us had to call for help - in particular, large reflective house numbers on mail boxes.

Jay DeAngeli summarized the activities of the last year.

1. Catalina Foothills Lodge: no sale in the offing so far
2. Friendly Village Wash: developer has not so far pursued the plan to concrete this
3. Annexation: Letter from Chuck Huckleberry on the myths of annexation available at the back of the room. He discussed requirements for annexation, some pros and cons, and indicated that the issue will return again at some point
4. The issue of the untidy trailer on the corner of Agave and First was discussed. He explained his letter to Ann Day, who immediately visited the scene and found it totally unacceptable. She will put forward a case to deal with it.
5. A number of road signs go missing or get destroyed. These will always be fixed promptly if reported
6. Eighteen months ago teams of neighbors trimmed trees and shrubs that were negatively influencing visibility along our roadsides. Jay negotiated for the county to pick up the trash. Another effort will be organized this fall. Please all report anyone dumping such trash in unauthorized places (some of our washes have been used by outsiders to our neighborhood).
7. Jay explained the current situation with the Rudasill-Genematas intersestion. A number of neighbors got up a petition to argue against the plan to alter the angles and elevations as it was thought to destroy one pleasant little corner or our neighborhood. As a result the

project has been shelved indefinitely. However, research on the accidents and causes of them continues to be monitored, as well as alternative ways to reduce speed and increase attentiveness to the problem.

8. Jay is still trying to get work done on roads, but money is restricted to doing small repair jobs

Carole deAngeli asked for input on the OFNA newsletter, especially for interesting articles on neighbors, but also on any other things of general interest

Becky Huddleston gave details of the neighborhood picnic to be held on October 30 from 1 to 6 in Yvon wash below Sig Eisner's house. Jay will cook chicken and hot dogs, soft drinks will be available, participants should bring a potluck dish. Beer and wine can be brought if desired. There will be a jumping castle, tables and chairs, entertainments for adults and children, information booths and good cheer. Wear Halloween costumes if possible! A call for volunteers was made for set up, parking, and clear up – signup sheet at the back of the room.

Kim explained all about the new website she has made at www.OFNA.org and asked for pictures and any other interesting information to put on it. She also explained the T-shirt competition – send her your ideas – the winner gets free T-shirt for self and family. Some examples will be on display at the picnic.

Vera explained slate of candidates for the OFNA board 2004-2005. Handouts with the fifteen neighbors who had agreed to serve were available, and the thirteen present at the meeting were introduced: Bill Broyles, Jay DeAngeli, Sig Eisner, Roger Felty, Becky Huddleston, Gene Isaak (absent), Joni Kalis, Sharon Laird, Scott Odom, Kim Peterson, Carolyn Denison Redmore, Tom Scarborough, Barbara Schuessler (absent), Liz Sherwood, Vera Uyehara. Vera then asked for further nominations from the floor. There were none. There was a unanimous voice vote for the slate as it stood.

Jay opened the meeting to the whole group for questions and comments.

- Further information on the Genematas-Rudasill intersection and how to make it safer
- Trimming to include prickly pear this time
- Not likely to get sewage lines any time soon
- Voter registration forms available at the back of the room
- Political signs must be 30 ft from road, not in a right of way and not more than the standard small size.

At this point there was the drawing by Tom Scarborough and Roger Felty for the free dinners. These were won by Dan Boone, Sig Eisner and Aubra Gaston.

One of the neighbors thanked the current board - to general applause
The meeting adjourned at 11.25