

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Neighborhood Watch #1300

Annual Meeting
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
September 8, 2012

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 9:00 by president Ron Kuykendall. He asked Carole DeAngeli to report on any new neighbors or neighbors lost in the past year. Carole noted the following neighbors who had passed away this year: Dennis Wasko, Tip and Katherine Jackson, Royce Arrowsmith, Lynn Maricich, Ricardo Muñoz. New neighbors include Dean and Becky Siler, David and Carol Dean. Ron introduced our first speaker, Officer Tovar with Pima County Animal Care.

Pima County Animal Care Officer Tovar covered three main topics of concern to our neighborhood: dogs off leash, barking dogs and wildlife encounters. The Pima County leash law requires that all dogs either be confined to the owners' yard (or house) or that they be on a leash. If there is no fence or wall enclosing the yard, the dog cannot be loose even within the owners' property boundaries. It is also illegal to tie a dog in the yard and leave it unattended. People should not approach a dog running loose as it is impossible to predict how the dog will react. Take a photo and call Animal Care. If a dog is picked up and its owner cannot be identified, it will be put up for adoption (if it is deemed suitable) after a waiting period. Officer Tovar encouraged all pet owners to put identification on their pet. If a dog is barking persistently and causing disturbance to neighbors, a complaint can be made to Animal Care, 243-5910. The complainant should keep a log of the dog's barking. The dog's owner will be contacted, and if there is no remediation, will be fined. Wildlife encounters with humans and pets are common in Tucson. If your pet comes in contact with a wild animal, report it to Animal Care. It is not necessary for the dog to be bitten in order to contract rabies. Be sure to keep rabies vaccination up to date. If a dog is not vaccinated, and the wild animal cannot be located, the dog will be quarantined for 6 months at the owners expense. Abandoned dogs, cats or other pets will be picked up by Animal Care. Contact Animal Care for more information on any of these issues - 243-5900.

Neighborhood Watch President Kuykendall introduced Carole DeAngeli as the Neighborhood Watch Area Leader. This meeting will serve as the annual meeting for Neighborhood Watch. Carole said she had taken over as the AL earlier this year. Currently there are 15 active Block Leaders with an area of responsibility within the neighborhood. There are still several large areas of the neighborhood not covered by a Block Leader. Carole introduced Deputy Cheryl Berry with the Pima County Sheriff's Office. Officer Berry said that volunteers run Neighborhood Watch, but that she is responsible for overseeing them. Her background includes over 20 years with PCSO, many of them in Robbery/Assault. So she has dealt with many of the issues that affect our neighborhood. Deputy Berry said that the goal of NW is to

get neighbors to know one another, to care about one another and to watch out for each other. If you are going to be away, ask a neighbor you trust to check your house, pick up newspapers, etc. NW offers free services to help residents protect themselves, such as videotaping a home's contents, and doing a security assessment. She said it is important that people report even small incidents as it helps police agencies track and identify criminals. She encouraged people to call 911 for any suspicious activity. Deputy Berry answered questions from neighbors about crime and encouraged involvement in Neighborhood Watch. Carole concluded the Neighborhood Watch portion with a discussion about neighborhood crime, including a recent incident on Genematas involving the legal growing of marijuana.

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Membership Report - Jay DeAngeli, Membership Chairman, said that the membership remains fairly steady from year to year, from 115 to 125 households.

Treasurer's Report - As Treasurer, Jay gave the Treasurer's Report. We began the year with \$10,302 and ended the fiscal year with \$10,880. Financial reports are available for everyone. We have not yet collected dues for the new fiscal year as the invoice letter has just been mailed.

Streets - Jay has been working on improving our neighborhood streets for several years, including having the roadsides trimmed, getting potholes fixed, getting sand cleared after storms, and working on repaving issues. Now, we have been told informally by Ann Day's office and by PCDOT that all our streets will be overpaved this Fall. Prior to paving, the Streets crews will trim the sidelines, clean the streets and repair the edges which are now deeply rutted. Diane Foray commented on how much she appreciated the Mutt Mitts that Jay keeps filled.

Website, Newsletter, Saturday Updates - Carole reported on recent developments with the website, including the Real Estate page. Thanks to Pam Remington for the data. Carole has not published the Desert Dwellers recently and is considering doing away with it since she sends out weekly updates. Several neighbors commented that they would support this decision, but that they really enjoyed the paper newsletter.

Picnic - Mark Andersen encouraged everyone to come to the picnic on October 27th as they are always a great time.

Election of the Board - Ron introduced the two retiring board members, Karl Oxnam and Angelo Dellacona and thanked them for their service. Carole also thanked Angelo for all he does for the neighborhood. The current board members were introduced, as well as the two new candidates - Robert Bolton and Mary Jo Schwartz. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted. The membership unanimously approved the new slate. The board of directors for the 2012-2013 fiscal year are: Mark Andersen, Susan Berger, Robert Bolton, Jay DeAngeli, Delann Debenedetti, George Grimm, Ron Kuykendall, Roxie Lopez, Carolyn Redmore, Leo Roop, Tom Scarborough and Mary Jo Schwartz.

Raffle - Jay conducted the raffle. Six \$50-dinners at Metro Restaurants and two tickets to the Arizona/USC game were the prizes. Thanks to Debby Formo for the donation of the tickets!

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:55am.