

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

and

Neighborhood Watch #1300

Annual Meeting
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85704
September 21, 2013

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 a.m. by president Ron Kuykendall. Ron introduced our first speaker, District 1 Supervisor Ally Miller.

Pima County Supervisor, District 1 Supervisor Miller introduced herself and her staff, including her Chief of Staff, Jennifer Coyle, who was present at the meeting. She spoke about some subjects she feels strongly about - graffiti, potholes and neighborhood cleanup. Her office has a zero tolerance for graffiti, and it should be reported immediately. She talked at length about the Pima County budget and the need for more openness and public input in the budget process. She is a strong believer in transparency in government. It is her contention that County mismanagement, not legislative HURF sweeps, are the reason for the deplorable condition of County roads. She is working hard to get the County to cut non-essential spending. Supervisor Miller is a strong supporter of the Rosemont Copper mine, believing that it will bring high-paying jobs and reduce the U.S.'s dependence on foreign copper. All residents are invited and encouraged to attend the Board of Supervisors' meetings on Tuesdays at 9am, 130 W Congress St. Also, she will be holding quarterly town hall meetings, and handed out a schedule for the upcoming meetings.

Next, Ron introduced U of A Entomologist Carl Olson.

Bees and other desert Creatures Carl explained where our honeybees come from and the difference between Africanized bees and feral European honeybees. All honeybees are non-native. Bees which are out collecting pollen, getting water or even in a swarm looking for a new nest are not dangerous. When people come too close to or disturb the nest, the bees will protect the nest by stinging, and by sending out pheromones to call for reinforcements. All these bees are females and they are all armed! Carl stated that at this time, the bees in Arizona have not been affected by Colony Collapse Disorder which has devastated hives elsewhere. It is up to homeowners to inspect and maintain their property to prevent the establishment of bee hives in crevices or crawl spaces. Make sure doors and screens are tight-fitting, seal cracks and crevices. Carl strongly advised against the use of chemicals to control insects in and around the house as they have more of a negative effect on people than they do on insects.

Ron thanked the current Board for all of their selfless work during the previous year, and also thanked Carole DeAngeli for all she does for the organization.

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Membership Report - Jay DeAngeli, Membership Chairman, reported that we concluded the 2013 fiscal year with 122 members. Thus far for 2014 we have 95 paid members, well ahead of the normal pace.

Treasurer's Report - As Treasurer, Jay gave the Treasurer's Report. Cash on Hand as of 8/31/13 is \$13,316. Our major expenditures are the picnic, the newsletter, the website, the dumpster and neighborhood beautification. There was a discussion about whether dues should be lowered in light of the large balance in the bank. Jay explained that we have received most of the dues for this year but had not yet made any of our major expenditures. Most members voiced agreement that \$45 is a very small amount to pay for annual OFNA membership.

Website, Newsletter, Saturday Updates - Carole encouraged everyone to check the website for updates, including the real estate page. There has been a big turnover in the neighborhood this year, with 22 houses having sold. She mentioned those neighbors who have passed away this year - Sig Eisner, Lynn Bizik, Ricardo Muñoz and Irene Diamos, the wife of one of the neighborhood's founders.

Neighborhood Watch - Area Leader Carole DeAngeli reported that there has been no serious crime in the neighborhood since last December. 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.

Picnic - Jay invited everyone to come to this year's picnic, which will be held on Sunday, October 27th. He and his committee will once again be cooking ribs and chicken.

Election of the Board - Ron introduced the two retiring board members, Carolyn Redmore and Mark Andersen, and thanked them for their service. The current board members were introduced, as well as the one new candidate - Bente Jensen. There was one nomination from the floor - Joan Scott nominated John Battaile who was previously on the board several years ago. John introduced himself to the group. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted. The membership unanimously approved the new slate. The directors for the 2013-2014 fiscal year are: John Battaile, Susan Berger, Robert Bolton, Jay DeAngeli, Delann Debenedetti, George Grimm, Bente Jensen, Ron Kuykendall, Roxie Lopez, Leo Roop, Tom Scarborough and Mary Jo Schwartz.

Raffle - Jay conducted the raffle. Six \$50-dinners at Metro Restaurants were the prizes, awarded to Mary Boone, Mary Jo Schwartz, Robert Bolton, Danny Wong, Joan Scott and Dan Boone.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.