

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

February 16, 2009
5646 N. Genematas

Directors in Attendance: Becky Spencer, Phil Williams, Jay DeAngeli, Sharon Laird, George Grimm, Carolyn Redmore, Tom Scarborough, Jesse Wood, Karl Oxnam, Angelo Dellacona

Neighbors in attendance: Carole DeAngeli (Recording Secretary), Leo Roop

Directors Absent: Camille Zachmeier, Marianne Richardson, Don DeYoung, Scott Odom

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by acting president Sharon Laird. All present introduced themselves.

Minutes – Tom read the minutes of the previous board meeting. There being no corrections or additions, the minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report - Jay reported that our bank balance is currently \$12,120. He briefly reviewed the expenditures since the last report, including \$55 for the purchase of graffiti-removing chemicals. Since the county is short of money and not responsive to the graffiti reports, we will attempt to remove it as soon as it appears. There have been several incidents recently involving street signs. Jacki Elder will coordinate the effort.

Membership – Jay reported that we now have 118 members, the highest number we've had. There being no corrections, the treasurer's and membership reports were approved as read.

Old Business – Committee Reports

Website and Newsletter – Carole said that the next newsletter will come out in March and asked for contributions. The website is updated weekly and Carole asked for input from Board members, and contributions of information, photos or suggestions.

Picnic – With Richard's passing, Becky will be the picnic coordinator. Tom volunteered to assist her. Jay has locked in reservations for tents, chairs, tables, outhouse, etc. Jay and Tom will do the cooking. Camille has all the supplies stored at her house. Carolyn volunteered to work with Kitty on the piñata. It was generally agreed that the picnic is a valuable event and should continue.

Roads, Mutt Mitts, Entrance Sign, Trimming – Regarding street maintenance, Jay talks to the county streets supervisor on a regular basis, trying to get the county to fill potholes and do other needed street work. The streets supervisor has promised to fill in the newly exposed trench alongside the hill on Yvon Dr., but so far this has not been done. Jay will continue to follow up on this situation. Jay indicated that perhaps we could hire a cheap contractor to come out and fill some of the worst potholes. Angelo said that Pima County has warned against neighbors taking on street maintenance as it will then become

their responsibility. The Mutt Mitts have been refilled 4 times and are being used regularly. The roadside trimming is done for this year. Jay thanked all those who had worked on the project. Entrance signs – DeAngeli’s have had no more feedback from Pima County on our request to place a sign on the sound barrier wall owned by the county at the corner of Canyon View and 1st Ave. George suggested that we find someone to paint a sign on the stucco wall at Zachmeiers’ property. Everyone agreed that it would be a good solution. George will speak to the Zachmeiers and will try to find an artist to do the painting. It was the consensus that OFNA is willing to spend some money on this project. It was moved, seconded and approved unanimously that we move forward with this project. Angelo offered beige paint for a base coat. Jay commented on the wildflowers which are now starting to bloom in the Triangle and thanked Angelo for his efforts.

Dumpster - Karl reported that the dumpster was again a success. This was our third year. There were about 23 loads and the dumpster was not maxed out. This year the cost was \$339, and Karl feels that this is a worthwhile project and creates good will in the neighborhood. Jay suggested that perhaps someone with a truck and trailer could pick up items from those neighbors who were unable to get to the dumpster.

New Business

Vacancy of Presidency – Sharon indicated that she would be willing to finish out this year as president, and was thanked by all.

Graffiti – This item was previously covered under old business.

Food Bank Donation – Carole suggested that OFNA make a donation to the Community Food Bank in Richard Schwartz’ name. Carolyn moved that \$300 be donated. Jay seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Citrus harvesting – Tom asked if anyone knew of people that harvest excess citrus. Carole and Carolyn both spoke about Iskash*taa, an organization which assists refugees and is profiled on our website.

New Neighbors – George suggested that OFNA give new neighbors their first year membership, and that we send them a letter in this regard. Perhaps we could also have a drawing just for new neighbors at the annual meeting. Jay said that Carole could include such a letter in the packet that she currently prepares for new neighbors. George moved that we proceed with this effort. Carolyn seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

Plaque – George feels that we should honor the contribution of William Genematas in establishing this neighborhood with its large properties and abundant natural vegetation. He suggests a plaque be placed at the Triangle Park. George will bring a proposal to the group and Jay will discuss this idea with the Genematas family.

Security Detail – Jay has previously suggested to the neighbors that we form a citizen’s patrol, but has received little feedback. There was a lengthy discussion about crime in the neighborhood and possible solutions. Leo said it’s a good idea to call the sheriff to let them know you’ll be gone so they can patrol.

Carolyn feels that we're doing the right thing already by keeping people informed and aware. Angelo asked about the possibilities of security cameras at the entrances. Jay said that this had been investigated in the past and was not feasible due to the cost and need for power at each location. Maintenance is also an issue. Carole brought up the Neighborhood Watch and the fact that it has not been proactive. Carolyn Hoenig and her husband both have health issues, and she might be willing to hand over the Area Leader position to someone who could be more involved.

Bees - Jesse stated that there is an abandoned house on Genematas with a colony of Africanized bees. He offered to write to the owners. Carole will send him the owners' names and address.

Next Meeting: May 18, 7p, at Phil's house (5705 N. Lady Lane). If he is unable to host, Angelo will do so.

Karl offered thanks to Carolyn for hosting this meeting on short notice.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted by Carole DeAngeli, Recording Secretary