

Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
February 7, 2011
5459 N. Agave Drive, Tucson, AZ
Minutes

Board Members present: Jay DeAngeli, Kitty Schwartz, Susan Berger, Marianne Richardson, Leo Roop, Carolyn Redmore, Karl Oxnam.

Absent Board members: Camille Zachmeier, George Grimm, Mark Andersen, Angelo Dellacona, Tom Scarborough.

Neighbors present: Carole DeAngeli (recording secretary), Jacki Elder

The meeting was called to order at 7:14pm by President Carolyn Redmore.

Neighborhood Watch – Jacki Elder, Neighborhood Watch Area Leader, is working with her co-leader, Bente Jensen to organize and notify the Block Leaders. She discussed recent crime in the neighborhood and surrounding areas and suggested that outside alarm horns and a regular patrol would help reduce criminal activity. She has investigated hiring guards to patrol, and has discussed the matter with nearby Area Leaders. The price for one guard would be \$19/hour or \$42 for a one-time drive-through. An alternative to hiring a security service would be to do our own patrols. She suggested putting magnetic signs on cars of those willing to do the patrols. Jay said he preferred that patrols not use signs as that could just make them a target, of either the criminals, or unhappy neighbors. He has the names of several neighbors who have already agreed to help with patrols. Jacki will schedule a meeting of all Block Leaders and all neighbors who are willing to help with patrols.

Neighborhood Security – Kitty suggested that a deterrent to crime would be cameras, either real or fake, at strategic locations. Discussion followed about the drawbacks to installing cameras – cost, maintenance, effectiveness. There would have to be cameras at all major entrances and be placed in such a manner that license plates could be seen. They would also have to be placed on private property. Kitty agreed to speak to her security service regarding the available technology. Carole will do an article for the newsletter on this item.

Minutes – once a quorum was established, it was moved and seconded that reading of the minutes of the last meeting be dispensed with. All voted in favor. The minutes were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report – Jay handed out copies of the Treasurer's Report, showing a balance of \$11, 248. We have 107 members. The report was approved unanimously.

Hospitality – Carole spoke of new neighbors on Agave Drive (in the former Peters' home) and on Canyon View (former Jackson home). She continues to take a 'welcome' package to all new neighbors and offer them complimentary membership for the current year.

Website – Carole demonstrated the website and pointed out the new and renovated sections. She asked for ideas or input from Board members.

Streets – Carole reported that even though our streets have recently been patched, they are in need of being completely rebuilt. Given the county’s financial situation, the only way we will be able to raise the money for the necessary repairs is through formation of an Improvement District. Prior to the meeting, Carole distributed a document from Pima County explaining Improvement Districts. She briefly outlined the procedure. She said that representatives from the county are willing to come to our meetings to provide more details. Jay suggested that neighbor Dick Buchanan, who is a retired highway engineer, could assist us in determining what needs to be done and what the possible cost might be. He will talk to Dick. It was agreed that the Annual Meeting would be an appropriate time to have the county representatives speak to the neighborhood. Carole will write a newsletter article on the subject.

Snake Tong – Jay has purchased his own and demonstrated it for the group. Safely removing snakes helps prevent harm to both neighbors and snakes.

Message Book for Gabby – Jay commented on the excellent response to the book placed in the Triangle for people to sign for Representative Gabrielle Giffords. He said that the Bowdens took care of seeing that Gabby received the book.

Dumpster Day – Karl would like to have the Dumpster Day on March 12th. He has contacted a new service, Diggins, whose prices are competitive and who will pick up on Saturday. He will proceed with arrangements for that day.

Next Meeting – May 2, 2011, Susan Berger’s home at 60 E. Yvon Drive.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Carole DeAngeli, Recording Secretary