

OFNA ANNUAL MEETING
September 17, 2005
St. Phillips Church

Minutes

President Jay DeAngeli called the annual meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He introduced current board members to the group

Treasurer's Report

Scott Odum presented the Treasurer's report. The annual audit of OFNA financial activity has been completed and no problems were found. Copies of the financial report and the audit report are available to all members.

Neighborhood Reports

Jay De Angeli recognized Carole DeAngeli for her work on the OFNA newsletter.

Jay presented a summary of activities within the neighborhood over the past year.

Catalina Foothills Lodge – KB Homes dropped out of negotiations to purchase this property. Nothing is pending at this time.

The trailer at First and Agave has been moved. The new owner is cleaning up the property, and intends to revegetate the area. OFNA will lobby the county for extension of the sound wall along this property

Island clean-up - At Nina and Yvon the circular planter was cleared of all cacti, and new plantings have been established

Genematas/Oracle monument – this monument is getting shabby and is in need of maintenance and repair. There are plans to do this in the fall.

Genematas/Canyon view – Joni Kalis has suggested that the triangular island at this intersection is also in need of repair and maintenance. It needs to be determined who owns this property, and what permits might be necessary for repairs to take place.

Flood abatement – Jay reported that Pima County is still in the process of remapping the drainages in the neighborhood. A Pima County hydrologist indicated that this project is still two years from completion. Approximately 20 homes are in the affected washes.

Signs – a right turn sign in the median of First Avenue at Agave was removed by the county. The county will install a new sign at the edge of the roadway

Roadside trimming – Jay reported that over 100 cubic yards of brush was trimmed from neighborhood roadsides by a volunteer crew. Pima County picked up and removed the trimmings

Neighborhood roads – Many roadways are in need of repaving. Pima County surveys and maintains roads. The county has repaved the neighborhood entrance at First and Agave.

Guest Speaker

Joan Scott introduced Ms. Pam Ryan, a volunteer with the Arizona Game and Fish Department, Tucson Botanical Gardens and the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Ms. Ryan delivered a presentation entitled “Living with Urban Wildlife”.

Neighborhood Reports (continued)

Adult store on Oracle – A proposal for a zoning change has been made to the Pima County Board of Supervisors to permit the establishment of a “Fascinations” adult store on Oracle. Neighborhood resident Tori Carlson reported on what has occurred in this process, and on activities to block approval of the zoning change. She reported that Supervisor Ann Day is against approval of the change.

Criminal activity – Jay presented a summary of criminal activity in the neighborhood, including the burglary of his home

Neighborhood Watch – Liz Sherwood, the Neighborhood Watch Area Leader presented an overview of current and future activities regarding the establishment of a Neighborhood Watch program in the neighborhood. She indicated that we have 15 block leaders covering 250 homes. We need more block leaders. She reviewed the requirements established by the Pima County Sheriff’s department for obtaining official recognition. There will be an organizational meeting with representatives of the sheriff’s Department on September 21 at the Nanini Library. Liz presented a display of block leaders’ names and a color coded map with block leader’s locations.

Annual Picnic – Carole DeAngeli reported on activities and plans for the annual picnic, to be held on October 29 in the wash behind Sig Eisner’s home. The picnic will have a Halloween theme. Jay will again prepare his famous chicken and hot dogs. John Barbee has arranged for a fire truck to be present. A jumping castle will be available for children. Kitty Schwartz is arranging for a piñata. We are still looking for entertainment, and will need set-up assistance. The picnic will begin around 1:00 p.m.

Website

Kim Peterson reported that she has added a new gallery to the website, and she encouraged neighbors to submit photographs. She has also added several new links. A neighborhood history is being developed. Anyone who can contribute to this project is encouraged to email Kim. There is also a page for the Neighborhood Watch program. The website is available at www.OFNA.org.

Presentation of slate of OFNA Board member candidates. – Jay acknowledged the work of Sig Eisner in assembling the slate of candidates. He introduced John Barbee, Matthew Freedman, Richmond Johnson and Richard Schwartz as new candidates. Jay asked for

nominations of additional candidates from the floor. None were received. . It was moved and seconded that the slate be approved as presented. The slate was approved by voice vote of the membership.

Open Forum

George Grimm reported on activity by Steve Lenihan to obtain access to his property across other properties, so that he can develop his property. He had approached two residents, both of whom denied access.

Door Prize Drawing

Sharon Laird conducted the drawing of tickets for door prizes. Winners were Sig Eisner with a gift certificate to Fox Restaurants, George Grimm with a certificate to Firebird, and Marge Pellegrino with a certificate to Vivace.

Kim Peterson moved for adjournment. Barbara Schuessler seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Tom Scarborough, OFNA Secretary