

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
February 1, 2006

The Monthly Meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, February 1, 2006 at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, AZ.

Members present: 20

I. Call to Order

- Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- Secretary David Jones conducted a roll call. All six members were present. A quorum was noted for the record.

II. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

- A motion was made by Cheryl Hunziker and seconded by Nick Wilson to approve the January 4, 2006 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Call to Audience

- Audience thanked Randall Pierce for his leadership in obtaining reflective surfaces for the intersection at Poorman and Houghton.
- Many Homeowner Association issues were brought forward by residents. They were informed of the responsibilities of the Mesquite Ranch Homeowners Association and the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association.
- Lumber left by Pulte Homes on bike path on Bilby Road. Pulte was repeatedly informed of the matter by a Mesquite Ranch resident. Ward IV staff will address problem with Pulte Homes.
- Residents also reported that some landscaping and pool companies do not repair the damage that they cause while doing their work in residents' yards. Randall Pierce will handle this problem.

IV. Guest Speaker

- President Randall Pierce introduced Shirley Scott, Ward IV Council Member as the guest speaker. He also introduced Council Member Scott's husband, Joe, and Ward IV staff member, Renee Sowards.
 - Councilmember Scott spoke to residents about the following items:
 - Influence of the neighborhood association.
 - The size of Ward IV in area. Ward IV is the largest ward in square mileage of any wards in Tucson
 - History of the politics within Ward IV and the city.
 - Wal-Mart Issue.
 - Lack of a gas station close to Mesquite Ranch. Council Member Scott stated that part of the problem is the Davis-Monthan flight pattern and how that restricts the locations of some businesses.
 - Informed residents of the Regional Transportation Authority presentation at Empire High School on Feb. 22 at 6:30 p.m.

- Back-to-School Bash. Council Member Scott stated that last year's event was a resounding success. The next event is scheduled for August 19th. More information will be forthcoming in the future.
- Two new schools are scheduled for the Mesquite Ranch area. One will be an elementary school and one will be a middle school.
- The new Tucson Medical Center hospital at Houghton and Drexler will be a 60-bed facility.
- A lack of baseball parks for Little League continues to be a problem.

V. President's Report

- Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association has nominated Tucson Police Department Officer Spike Walker for the TPD "Unsung Officer Award" for his diligent work in resolving the problems with commercial traffic on Poorman Road.

VI. Committee Reports

- Cheryl Hunziker has scheduled the community garage sale and the community clean-up for May (exact dates will be presented in May). The newsletter and signs will be used for advertising the garage sale.
- Neighborhood Watch: Signs should be available soon to mark Neighborhood Watch areas within Mesquite Ranch.

VII. Old Business

- Call for nominations for Board of Directors member.
 - No nominations were made.
 - David Jones made a motion that nomination process be closed. Seconded by Cheryl Hunziker. Motion was approved unanimously.
- Dusk-to-Dawn street lighting at Poorman Road/Houghton Road intersection: The Mesquite Ranch Homeowners Association would fund the streetlight material. A trench would be required to obtain power for the light. Bill Hughes will check on the trench and advertise to see if anyone within the neighborhood could do the trenching.

VIII. New Business

- Poorman Road Committee: Randall Pierce reported that he would be making a presentation to the sand and gravel owners and commercial vehicle operators that utilize Poorman Road to highlight problems with the commercial traffic. The meeting will be held on February 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in the Mayor and Council Chambers. All residents are encouraged to attend.
- Sam Hagadorn proposed that the association should look in to the "Adopt-a-Highway" program as a community service and to inform residents of the existence of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association.
- Randall Pierce will look into having the state land representative as a guest speaker for the March meeting.

IX. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on March 1, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

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