

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
March 1, 2006

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

Members present: 8

I. Call to Order

- Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
- Secretary David Jones conducted a roll call. Sam Hagadorn was absent. 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 February 1, 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.
- Illegal parking was brought up by several residents. Most complaints seem to be in the Rose Hill Street and Oakbrook Street areas.

IV. New Business

- Community Service
 - Community Garage Sale will be at the end of April
 - Community Clean-up Dumpsters will be placed at selected areas for two weekends at the end of April.
- Star Party – David Jones is checking for dates with Tucson Amateur Astronomy Association for a community star party.
- Newsletter – Randall Pierce notified residents that the Department of Neighborhood Resources (DNR) only allows newsletters to be four pages in length. DNR, on the other hand, has a machine to fold and process the newsletter. Randall reported that the newsletter will be mailed out March 27.
- Plans and Development: Nick Wilson informed the residents of Vail Unified School District's plans for an elementary school and middle school to the east of Mesquite Ranch.
 - Elementary school completion is scheduled to be completed in July 2007 and the Middle School completion two years later.
 - Next information meeting will be at Mesquite Elementary School Media Center (Library) on March 16 at 5:30 p.m.
 - Connie Erickson, current Mesquite Elementary School principal and future principal for the new elementary school, was introduced by Nick Wilson. She and other Vail officials will be guest speakers at the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association meeting in May.

- Vice President Cheryl Hunziker resigned her position from the Board of Directors. President Randall Pierce made the motion that the resignation be approved. Bill Hughes seconded the motion. The resignation was reluctantly but unanimously approved. The Board noted its appreciation for all of Cheryl's hard work and community spirit.
 - Board of Directors will elect a new Vice President at the April meeting.
 - Randy Pierce noted that the bylaws require the consideration and voting-in of new candidates to fill vacated position at the next regular meeting. This action is contingent on notifying the community that nominees will be considered and that a vote will take place 5 days prior to the next meeting. Randy noted that since the March newsletter, which did not have the voting notice in it, was already sent to print, that considering and voting on new board members would have to be delayed one month. Randy made a motion to delay the voting to the May regular meeting which was seconded by Bill Hughes. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Old Business

- Poorman Road Committee: Randall Pierce reported that the Committee's presentation to the sand and gravel companies went well. Sand and Gravel business owners and managers were very receptive to our concerns and requested first shot at helping to resolve issues. Some independent trucking company operators are proving to be more difficult, however, Vulcan Materials will approach the owners of the trucking companies that do not follow established procedure and consistently violate traffic laws if MRNA residents identify the trucking company and license number of the problem vehicles. If you see trucks parking in bike lanes or observe other traffic related violations, please report them to mrna@mesquiteranch.org and MRNA will forward the info to the appropriate sand and gravel representative.
- Poorman/Houghton Intersection Lighting: We need a trench dug 400 feet long along with electric cable. Mesquite Ranch Homeowners Association will pick up the cost for the light electric bill. On the contrary, there were suggestions from some residents that after seeing the reflective signs and poles installed, a light may not be required at the intersection after all. We will discuss whether or not to pursue a dusk to dawn light at the next MRNA meeting.

VI. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on April 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David B. Jones
MRNA Secretary

