

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
June 7, 2006

The Monthly Meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, June 7, 2006 at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, AZ.

Members present: 36

I. Call to Order

- President Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.
- Secretary David Jones conducted a roll call. All board members were present. A quorum was noted for the record.

II. Approval of Previous Month's Minutes

- Minutes of previous month's meeting were approved by the board.

III. Call to Audience

- One resident complained about his neighbor's barking dogs. Animal Control and Tucson Police Department were called on numerous occasions and statements were taken. There has been no resolution to this problem. Vice-President Sam Hagadorn will investigate this problem.
- A resident asked about a No Outlet sign for Malta since it is a dead end street. The city will be asked to erect one.

IV. President's Report

- Randall Pierce reported that our neighborhood is a relatively calm and quiet place to live.
- President also informed residents of the recent passage of the sales tax increase to fund transportation improvements. This increase was advocated by the Regional Transportation Authority.

V. Officer or Committee Reports

- Community Service: Next community clean-up, in the fall, will be advertised on the postcards to try to inform as many residents as possible.
- Newsletter: Next edition will be coming out in July. Requested additions include a warning about speeding on Bilby and Poorman roads along with information about the dog barking situation.
- Neighborhood Watch: Sam Hagadorn briefed members on the benefits of Neighborhood Watch.
- Plans and Development
 - Proposed Wal-Mart Store did not garner enough votes with Mayor and City Council, so it will not be built at Old Vail Road and Houghton.
 - Home Depot store may be built on a site in the area where Wal-Mart was to be built.
 - A gas station is being built in the same shopping center as Fry's and a Gas City is scheduled to be built at Houghton and Valencia.

VI. Old Business

- Discussion and Vote on Senita Valley Elementary School Secondary Access from Marquette Street
 - Residents discussed the various options listed below.
 - A vote was taken on the three options to be added to the votes cast on May 3. Below are the results.
 - Vehicle Access 24 hours a day – 0 votes plus 3 votes from May 3 for a total of 3 votes.
 - Vehicle Access during school hours only – 1 vote plus 2 votes from May 3 for a total of 3 votes.
 - No vehicle access except for emergency vehicles – 19 votes plus 34 votes from May 3 for a total of 53 votes
 - Other options – 3 total
 - President Randall Pierce will inform the Senita Valley Elementary School Planning Board of the results.
 - Stop Sign request for Bilby and Metropolitan was requested by Roger Montemayor. Traffic and Safety Committee to request installation by the City.
 - Bill Hughes will check with the city about the Yield sign request.
 - Stop Sign request for Poorman and Metropolitan. Tabled for board meeting (was not addressed during board meeting).
 - Meeting Change: Beginning with the August monthly meeting, the meeting dates will change to Tuesday. Note: Due to the Fourth of July holiday, the next meeting will be on Thursday, July 6th.
 - Ward IV Back to School Bash is scheduled for August 12. Neighborhood Association will have an active part in this event. There are currently three volunteers to support the Bash from MRNA and we're looking for more.
 - Randall Pierce has installed storage shelves in one of the pool storage areas for graffiti abatement paint. Traffic and Safety Committee will be acquiring the paint soon.

VII. New Business

- There will be a meeting at the City Council Chambers on Thursday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m. to rezone wash and ERZ areas to protect them from modification by developers. Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association approves of this rezoning effort.
- Residents were informed that predatory birds and rattlesnakes can harm family pets. Protect small pets from being carried away by hawks and be on the lookout for rattlesnakes. As a service to the community, Randy "Snake Charmer" Pierce will eradicate any unwanted snakes from your premises, as a last resort. He can be reached at 444-2024.

VIII. Board of Directors Meeting

- Board members discussed different methods of communicating amongst each other. It was agreed that email would be the primary source of communicating. A master list of board members, email addresses, and phone numbers were compiled and will be provided to each board member by Secretary Dave Jones.
- Ward IV Design Review Committee training: Randall Pierce and Keith Miller will attend

- Committee Assignments
 - Plans and Development: Randall Pierce and Keith Miller
 - Newsletter: Charles (Chip) Ellis
 - Community Service: Charles (Chip) Ellis
 - Traffic and Safety: Bill Hughes and Sylvia Katvala
 - Social: Dave Jones and Sam Hagadorn
 - Neighborhood Watch: Sam Hagadorn
- Board Member forms for new board members and officers were completed for Department of Neighborhood Resources.

IX. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on **Thursday, July 6, 2006** at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona

Respectfully submitted by:

David B. Jones
MRNA Secretary