

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
August 1, 2006

The Monthly Meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association was held on Tuesday, August 1, 2006 at the east pool area of Mesquite Ranch. Prior to and during the meeting, Bar B Q and side dishes were served to those who attended.

Residents present: 45

I. Call to Order

- President Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:48 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

- Mosquitoes and the retention basins were discussed. The Mesquite Ranch Homeowners Association President fielded this concern since it is within the HOA's purview.
- Poorman Road concerns: Randall Pierce reported that we may have to revisit this issue with the concerned parties. Problems may have arisen due to new drivers or drivers who have forgotten about the concerns raised in the past.
- Parking in the street continues to be a concern. If problem continues, Park Wise will be notified. Residents were also advised to not park in the wrong direction in the cutaways.
- Randall Pierce again briefed residents on the difference between a Neighborhood Association and a Homeowners Association.
- One resident would like assistance in contacting other stay-at-home parents for possible babysitting co-ops and play groups. Randall Pierce will be looking into possibly adding an area on the website for information about these activities.
- Commercial vehicles cannot park in the cutaways. They must be parked in the driveway.

IV. Officer or Committee Reports

- Community Service: Chip Ellis informed residents that the community yard sale will probably be in October and the clean-up with roll off trash bins occurring sometime in the fall.
- Newsletter: Inputs are needed on teenagers within Mesquite Ranch who are distinguishing themselves at school and/or in the community.
- Neighborhood Watch
 - Sam Hagadorn informed residents of the Neighborhood Watch program.
 - Residents were directed to e-mail Sam at MRNAVicePresident@mesquiteranch.org
- Plans and Development: Randall Pierce briefed the following:
 - Senita Valley Elementary School will open for school year 2007-2008.

- Pulte Homes is starting Phase II at Sierra Morado. This phase will contain 579 homes. Phase III, which is in the planning phase, will have several hundred homes.
- State land south of Poorman and east of Mesquite Ranch will probably sell off all at once.
- The hospital, north of Pulte's Sierra Morado, now has an estimated opening of 2009.
- Traffic and Safety
 - Bill Hughes reported that he is still waiting to hear from the city on traffic sign determination.
 - Signs on Poorman have been replaced after being run over.
 - Metropolitan and Bilby intersection needs a stop sign
- Social
 - David Jones provided ideas of social events. Surveys will be given to residents at the next meeting.
 - After the adjournment of the September meeting, residents will be treated to a Star Party in the grass area adjacent to the east side pool.

V. Old Business

- Ward IV Back to School Bash is scheduled for August 12. Neighborhood Association will have an active part in this event. Eight volunteers were recruited.
- Graffiti Abatement
 - Sylvia Katvala briefed residents that there are 8 different paint colors on the block walls in Mesquite Ranch. She has acquired two buckets (5 gal) of paint
 - Donations of paint rollers and other tools will be appreciated.
 - Graffiti needs to be painted over as soon as possible after being found.
 - City of Tucson has contracted for graffiti abatement in a small area around Park Place Mall according to information from a meeting attended by Sylvia Katvala and Sam Hagadorn.
- Visit by Tucson Police
 - TPD Officer Corina Chavez attended the meeting. She is our new Community Resource Officer.
 - Officer Chavez advised residents to report graffiti to TPD. She also advised that it would be helpful to take picture with a date stamp embedded before repainting. Residents also need to report graffiti to the neighborhood association by calling 444-2024 or by e-mail at mrna@mesquiteranch.org
 - Officer Chavez is also our Neighborhood Watch coordinator and she dropped off information packets for the residents.
- Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association's position on the rezoning of washes and Environmental Resource Zones was voted on by the Board of Directors. The rezoning of the washes and ERZs was unanimously approved by the board members as MRNA's position. A public hearing, on this issue, will be held on Thursday, August 10.
- Crime Statistics

- Sam Hagadorn and his son, Sam Jr., provided attendees with the crime statistics from Feb. 28 to Jul. 30, 2006.
- There were a total of 86 calls of which 22 were criminal. The remainder were non-criminal calls
- Our neighborhood's relative crime rate is reported as VERY LOW.
- The upcoming September meeting will mark Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association's first anniversary, therefore it will be our Annual Meeting. The terms for Vice President, Secretary and Director 1 will expire so an election will be held for these positions. We also have two unfilled director positions available if anyone is nominated.

VI. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.
- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona.

Respectfully submitted by:

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