

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2005

The Monthly Meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, AZ.

Members present: 17

I. Call to Order

President Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 7:35. The Secretary, Dave Jones conducted a roll call and all five Board members were present. A quorum was noted for the record.

II. Introduction of Guest Speakers

President Randall Pierce introduced TPD Officers Bob Greenwood and “Spike” Walker

- Officer Bob Greenwood spoke to the residents about the following concerns
 - Parking: Illegal parking was discussed. Officer Greenwood stated that he raised concerns about the parking layout when the developers submitted the neighborhood plan through the city. TPD will help to curb illegal parking in the neighborhood.
 - Vandalism: Residents need to dial 911 to report acts of vandalism.
 - Graffiti: Officer Greenwood informed residents that residents had 48 hours to remove/cover graffiti. He said the Graffiti Abatement department will supply paint and suggested that the neighborhood stock up due to a backlog of paint requests.
 - Security measures: Officer Greenwood addressed suggestions about enhanced security measures in the common areas such as: better lighting, security system, and cameras. He stated that the high quality cameras required for evidence in court are very expensive and that enhanced lighting might actually aid the vandals.
 - Neighborhood Watch: Officer Greenwood stated that a Neighborhood Watch program was a great way to deter crime and could be implemented by street rather than large blocks. He is the TPD Neighborhood Watch coordinator for our area.
 - Contact phone numbers: There is a general non-emergency phone numbers for TPD, however, there is a sector 8 number (Mesquite Ranch area) that can be called to leave a voicemail. If you have an issue in your neighborhood that does not

warrant a 911 call, you can call this number 791-5304 ext. 2436 and leave a voicemail. TPD Sector 8 officers check the voicemail at each shift and will take note of your issue and may check on the issue during their shift. If you witness a crime or criminal activity, PLEASE call 911.

- Officer “Spike” Walker addressed issues regarding Commercial Vehicle Enforcement
 - Officer Walker encouraged the use of the Mayor’s Citizen Comment Line when resident’s issues have not been adequately addressed. The Mayor and Council Citizen Comment Line is (520) 791-4700. You may also email the Mayor and Council with your comments at: mcweb@tucsonaz.gov.
 - He informed the residents that commercial vehicles are allowed in the neighborhood for pick-up and deliveries only.
 - Officer Walker reported that approximately 50 citations were issued with 150 commercial vehicle violations noted while he and other officers patrolled Poorman Road during the month of July. He advised residents to let him know when problems arise again.
 - Nineteen Mesquite Ranch residents were cited for breaking the speed limit on Poorman Road while TPD officers were present.
 - Officer Walker was also informed that problems with commercial vehicles also existed on Bilby Road.
 - Officer Walker left business cards for the residents.

III. Old Business

- Completion of Annual Voting was accomplished by Dave Jones.
 - Voting Procedures were explained
 - Meeting opened for Board Nominations
 - Bill Hughes and Sam Hagadorn were nominated
 - Nominees introduced themselves
 - Voting was held and both nominees were unanimously elected.

IV. Call to the Audience

- Members raised concerns about portable basketball hoops and directives from the Homeowners Association. Residents were encouraged to contact MRHOA Board of Directors and to attend the next meeting.
- Neighborhood Watch will be given consideration for inclusion in a committee.
- Nick Wilson informed residents about the Regional Transportation Authority’s meeting at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop in Rita Ranch. The meeting will be held on Monday, September 19, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. Discussions that affect the southeastern portion of the city will be discussed. Nick Wilson highlighted Houghton Road

expansion and increased bus service as topics for discussion at the meeting.

- Cheryl Hunziker addressed the residents about having a community clean-up week, possibly in October. The city will provide between two and four roll-off waste containers, gloves, and some tools. Disposal of hazardous waste is prohibited and will be monitored during the clean-up week. Cheryl is coordinating this activity with the HOA and City waste management.
- Randall Pierce informed residents and board members to have their newsletter inputs to him by September 17.

V. New Business

- The following committees were formed and approved by the Board of Directors along with the chairmen:
 - Newsletter (Randall Pierce)
 - Plans and Development (Nick Wilson)
 - Traffic and Safety (Bill Hughes)
 - 1. A sub-committee was approved to address the Poorman Road noise issue. (Randall Pierce)
 - Neighborhood Watch Committee (Sam Hagadorn)
 - Cheryl Hunziker (Community Services)
- Board of Director Terms of Office: In accordance with the bylaws, 50 percent of the officers will hold office for two years with the remaining officers serving for one year. The following terms were approved by the Board of Directors:
 - President – 2 years
 - Vice President – 1 year
 - Secretary – 1 year
 - Treasurer – 2 years
 - Director 1 – 1 year
 - Director 2 – 2 years
 - Director 3 – 2 years
- Randall Pierce informed board members to have their biographies submitted for the newsletter by September 17.
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David B. Jones
MRNA Secretary