

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
October 5, 2005

The Monthly Meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2005 at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, AZ.

Members present: 14

I. Call to Order

- President Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.
- Secretary David Jones conducted a roll call. Six members were present with Vice-President, Cheryl Hunziker, absent. A quorum was noted for the record.

II. Call to the Audience

- Ray Austin, 10642 Rose Hill Street, voiced his concern about businesses soliciting in Mesquite Ranch.
 - President Randall Pierce stated that the Mesquite Ranch Homeowners Association have placed “No Soliciting” signs at various locations. He stated vendors, like Ice Cream Trucks, should have permits to operate. If vendors engage in unsafe practices or create lots of noise, residents are encouraged to call 911. There is little residents can do about door to door sales people other than pointing out that the community does not support soliciting.
- Jim Lupin, 10668 E. Marquette Street, brought forward his concern about problems with parking in the cut-away areas and storage building regulations.
 - Mr. Lupin stated that some residents in Mesquite Ranch were parking their vehicles in the cut-away areas for extended periods of time. He has called Lewis Management about this issue and it has not been resolved.
 - He also voiced concerns about the issue of storage buildings in the backyard of the homes. He stated that there seems to be no standard that is being enforced on size, location, and type of construction of these buildings.
 - President Randall Pierce restated the differences between the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association and the Mesquite Ranch Homeowners Association and the responsibilities of each. President Pierce stated that both of these concerns fall under the responsibilities of the Homeowners Association. He stated that he would send a letter, as a concerned party, to Lewis Management about the parking situation. Homeowners Association Board Member Trisha Hughes stated that the Homeowners Association is in the process of trying to make changes to simplify the process of amending the rules.
 - President Randall Pierce received an e-mail from Heidi on Malta Street about the need for a stop sign at the intersections of Malta and Bach. This

was turned over to Bill Hughes, Traffic and Safety Committee Chairperson, for action and he will be checking with the city.

III. Guest Speakers

- Trisha Hughes briefed the members about the community clean-up drive. It will start on October 14 and end on October 24. There will be four roll-off containers for refuse between the washes on Oakbrook Street. She spoke about acceptable and unacceptable materials and these can be found on the association website at <http://www.mesquiteranch.org>
- Neighborhood Watch Committee Chairperson Sam Hagadorn addressed members about information he has received concerning the Neighborhood Watch organization. He contacted Tucson Police Department Officer Greenwood about starting a Neighborhood Watch in the community. Officer Greenwood told him that the optimum number for a single Neighborhood Watch area is 10-20 households. Sam Hagadorn also said that this is a program for increased alertness and not a vigilante organization. He stated that residents could e-mail him for the forms and information. His e-mail address is mrnadirector3@mrna.org. Residents can also contact Officer Greenwood, Sector 8 Neighborhood Watch Coordinator, at 791-5735. Please keep Mr. Hagadorn informed if you plan on starting a Neighborhood Watch program for your area.

IV. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Tom Rosenow made a motion to approve the September 7, 2005 Monthly Meeting minutes of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association. Bill Hughes seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

V. President's Report

- Poorman Road: The Poorman Road Subcommittee met and discussed the continuing problems residents on Rose Hill are having with truck and noise pollution. The committee approached Ward IV for guidance on how to proceed with escalating resident's concerns and made inquiry on legal support. The committee is researching Poorman Road to establish a baseline concerning commercial access. Once the baseline is established, the committee will brief Ward IV staff, local businesses and law enforcement on persistent issues which have plagued residents for over 3 years and offer acceptable solutions that would mitigate the issues .

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VI. Officer or Committee Reports

- Plans and Development: see New Business

VII. Old Business

- Newsletter: Randall Pierce reported that two computer crashes have caused delays in generating the newsletter.

VIII. New Business

- Nick Wilson (Plans and Development Chairperson) reported that a Regional Transportation Authority representative would address the next meeting on November 2 about the RTA Transportation Plan. The following items will be discussed:
 - Plans for widening Houghton Road
 - Future SunTran bus service
 - Park and Ride area in Rita Ranch
- It was noted that transportation issues will be a part of the May 2006 election.
- Bilby and Houghton intersections were discussed. The signal lights will be in soon.
- Pulte's expansion was discussed.

IX. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on November 2, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona.

X. Adjournment

- Tom Rosenow made a motion for adjournment and Nick Wilson seconded the motion. Adjournment was approved at 8:35 p.m.