

Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association
Monthly Meeting
December 7, 2005

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

Members present: 21

I. Call to Order

- Randall Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m.
- Secretary David Jones conducted a roll call. Five members were present with Treasurer, Nick Wilson, 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 Bill Hughes to approve the November 2, 2005 meeting minutes. The minutes were unanimously approved.

III. Call to Audience

- Many parking concerns were brought up and responses were delayed in order for the guest speakers to respond.
- Several issues were brought forward that fall within the purview of the Mesquite Ranch Homeowners' Association (HOA). Residents were encouraged to attend the HOA meeting and to contact Lewis Management about their concerns.

IV. Introduction of the Guest Speakers

- President Randall Pierce introduced Tucson Police Department Officer Marty Walker to the residents. Officer Walker provided the rationale behind the parking code in our neighborhood. He spoke to the Tucson Fire Department and confirmed that emergency vehicles have trouble answering calls if people are parked in the street. He also said that he is trying to educate the violators rather than punish them. He has issued many warnings and only one citation, and that was a three-time offender. Officer Walker indicated that the warning period is quickly coming to an end and more citations will now be issued.
- Randall Pierce then introduced Officer Spike Walker from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Department to talk about the commercial traffic on Poorman Road. He informed the association that he spoke during a commercial vehicle conference where many of the operators of the vehicles driving on Poorman were in attendance. He spoke to them about the useful and smart use of compression or "Jake Brakes," speeding on Poorman, and left hand turns from Poorman onto Houghton Road. He feels that his speech has made an impact because trucks are slowing down. In the near future, Level 1 inspections and weight checks will be performed. Officer Walker encouraged residents to stop by and observe these inspections and checks.

V. New Business

- President Randall Pierce informed the association that there would be discussion and debate regarding the placement of stop signs in Mesquite Ranch
 - A resident gave her concerns that motorists at the Bach and Malta intersections were not yielding the right-of-way and cutting corners when making their turns.
 - Several residents mentioned that motorists do not stop at the two existing stop signs at the entrance to Mesquite Ranch.
 - Stop signs were also discussed on exits onto Poorman Road.
 - Yield signs were discussed as an alternative to stop signs.
 - Bill Hughes informed the association that the city would like to survey the traffic situation when we are in “full bloom” with plant and tree foliage to determine the amount of impairment of visibility at the intersections. It is more likely to get a stop or yield sign installed where visibility impairment exists.
 - A vote was held to find out which avenue the residents wanted the association to take in pressing for traffic control in Mesquite Ranch.
 - A vote was held to find out how many people wanted the association to push for stop signs. A “yes” vote was to push for the signs.
 - Yes – 3
 - No – 14
 - A vote was held to find out how many wanted the association to push for yield signs. A “yes” vote was to push for the signs.
 - Yes – 18
 - No – 0
 - Those who wanted no action to be taken – 1
- The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Tom Rosenow as Board Member. President Randall Pierce commended Tom on his active participation and hard work on many neighborhood issues. Sam Hagadorn made a motion to accept the resignation and was seconded by Cheryl Hunziker. The board unanimously approved the resignation.

VI. President’s Report

- President Randall Pierce reported on the Poorman Road committee activities. The committee met with Ward IV officials about the following items:
 - Serviceability of the cattleguard
 - Land Issues
 - Legal access to Poorman by the trucks. State will investigate.
 - Abandonment of a portion of Poorman by the city is being investigated.
 - Minutes of this meeting are on the association website.

VII. Officer or Committee Reports

- Newsletter: There is not enough information to warrant a newsletter at this time. Any resident can send articles to for publication in the newsletter by sending articles to mrna@mesquiteranch.org.
- Security Report – Sam Hagadorn gave a brief report on Neighborhood Watch and provided a handout to residents showing where specific police responses were made in Mesquite Ranch so far this year. One handout was a map of the community which contained a dot where crimes had been committed. This is an excellent resource for residents to consider whether or not to establish a neighborhood watch program. A copy of this community map is available on the MRNA website under “community activities”. A total of 197 calls were made with 44 of them being criminal and 153 non-criminal calls. He stated that Tucson Police Department gives our neighborhood a “very low” relative crime rate. He also distributed a Neighborhood Watch information sheet and a Home Security Checklist.

VIII. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting of the Mesquite Ranch Neighborhood Association will be held on Jan. 4, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at Desert Sky Middle School, 9850 E. Rankin Loop, Tucson, Arizona

XIV. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David B. Jones
MRNA Secretary