

Greater Coronado Neighborhood Association  
General Meeting  
April 7, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

Omar Rodriguez from the Adult Probation department delivered his report. Jo Lee is a new officer in our neighborhood, joining Omar and Kim. Planned community service 4/23 is cleaning out the storage shed behind the office and making it more secure. Also some vegetables will be planted for spring in the Montoya Garden. Anyone wanting to join in the planting can stop by anytime after 7:00 AM until noon. Anyone with ideas for community service projects should call Omar at 619-1772 to discuss. Projects are done the fourth Saturday of every month. Donations of tools for the community shed will be accepted. The Board is working on consolidating the two neighborhood tool sheds.

Community Action Officer's report was delivered by Eric Miner, standing in for Officers Abril and Rice. Traffic complaints around North High are being addressed by additional officers with radar guns. Early indications are that most of the people stopped for speeding are neighborhood residents. Be aware of increased observations in the area and drive safely. A resident expressed the wish that Officer Abril be available to attend neighborhood meetings as we value his presence. Anyone observing people using alleys as thoroughfares who are not residents of the alley should report the use to police. Residents expressed additional concerns of morning traffic around North High. Andrea reminded the association of the grant GCNA applied for, about which we will know in June, awarding GCNA two radar guns for our use. A resident of Country Club Park expressed concern about the Tuesday night soccer players who have been drinking beer in the Park.

Alma Garcia from the SW Fair Housing Council delivered a report on community resources available for individuals who may have experienced discrimination with regard to renting, buying, purchasing home insurance, etc. Landlords are advised to be consistent in their interaction with renters. Anyone who expects they might have been a victim of discrimination should contact the Council to discuss potential investigation. Ms. Garcia also spoke about the dangers of lead poisoning and advised the association of dangerous sources of lead, such as Mexican pottery, certain foods imported from Mexico and lead paint.

Representatives from the City of Phoenix Public Works department gave a presentation on trash collections in the neighborhood, specifically garbage collection in alleys. They offered to discuss options available to residents who wish to have trash pickup in front of their house rather than in the alley. Residents who observe illegal dumping in their alleys should contact Public Works so they can investigate. Anytime someone calls the customer service line, the Works department makes an electronic record so there is a record that can identify repeat offenders. Residents are responsible for maintaining the upkeep of the alley directly behind their property. Anyone interested in moving trash collection from their alley to the front of their home should call to discuss the options. Large trash bins in alleys were originally meant to be used by three or four homes. If the container closest to a resident's home is filled, residents are permitted to use containers further down the alley.

Wayne Murray reminded residents to provide feedback about the temporary traffic devices in place on Virginia. Steve McKenzie from the City of Phoenix was available to answer questions from residents regarding traffic issues. Residents in the area around North High who have experienced traffic changes in response to the Virginia traffic devices are encouraged to contact the community police officers at North High, who patrol the area intensively during the school day. Both positive and negative feedback has been given regarding the changes.

G.G. George started the first neighborhood association in the City of Phoenix and came to talk to GCNA about spot zoning. Wayne Murray moved that GCNA adopt the proposal Ms. George presented to the association. Sue Myers seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. The proposal states: "The Coronado Neighborhood Association supports the efforts of the Encanto-Palmcroft Historic District, and every neighborhood so threatened, to maintain its borders free of spot zoning, to preserve the heritage that Phoenix as a whole has worked so hard to cultivate, and to maintain our neighborhoods downtown as a good, secure places to live. [sic]"

Glenn Hammond from the City Attorney's office delivered a presentation on liquor licensing in the City of Phoenix. Kenny's General Market at 7th and Monte Vista recently applied for a liquor license that GCNA is opposing. The liquor license process is a State process and the City is only one step within the process. 542-5141 is the Liquor Board's number; 534-9801 is Mr. Hammond's number. Mr. Hammond's presentation discussed the

different types of liquor licenses and other information.

There is a possibility that GCNA can draft a contract imposing fines for Gourmet House of Hong Kong's proposed license, prohibiting them from conducting off sales. The Board will check the agreement drafted by the Granada Neighborhood Association that is on file at the Recorder's Office. Ellen Edwards moved that GCNA draft an agreement similar to this one; Cris Cringle seconded and the motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Hammond also reminded all residents to invoke victim's rights if you are a victim of a crime.

Reuben Valencia addressed the association with a plea to authorize the Board to purchase chairs for GCNA, spending approximately \$1050.00. Wayne Murray moved that the chairs be purchased; Richard Freshley seconded and the motion passed.

In the interest of time, since the meeting was running long, Ellen Edwards made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 PM; the motion was seconded by Donna.

Several items on the agenda were not covered due to time constraints, including the Home Tour recap, an upcoming 2005 budget meeting and Board elections (which are coming up on May 5, 2005 at the next General Meeting).