



Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association

Meeting Minutes

WMNA General Meeting	
Wednesday, February 4, 7:00 pm, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 777 W Montecito Ave	
Attendees: 43	
Introductions	
General Discussion	
<p>The board spoke of upcoming 7th Avenue Street Festival. This annual festival is being held March 7th from 11am to 6pm and once again our neighborhood has signed up for a booth. This is a big fundraiser for our association and this year it was announced that we would be raffling a bike from Landis. There was a call for volunteers for that day and sign up sheet was passed around. It was also announced that this year's neighborhood T-shirts would be available for sale beginning at the festival. A notice will be sent to neighbors letting them know about the festival and anyone wishing to purchase children's sizes will need to pre-order</p>	
Action Items	By Whom
Volunteer to help with neighborhood booth for festival	All neighbors
Canalscape	
General Discussion	
<p>Erich introduced our guest speaker Kerry Wilcoxon. Kerry is a Traffic Engineer for the City of Phoenix and is heading up the Grand Canalscape project. Kerry let us know that the Canalscape project will focus on turning the city canal into a pedestrian and bicycle path. There will be 3 Phases of this project. The plan for phase 1 includes the canal between 15th Avenue to 16th Street (our neighborhood) and also Garfield to Van Buren. The project is being funded by SRP and the city. These updates will include 10-foot wide paths, pedestrian lighting, integrated public art and signals at major intersections. The idea behind Canalscape is to drive pedestrian and bicycle traffic to the canal, which up until this time has been underutilized. For phase 1 the north side of the canal will be the side they are concentrating on. The south side (our side) will be updated as well, but the plan is to drive traffic (pedestrians/bikes) to the north. To integrate the 2 sides Canalscape will also be building bridges across the canal at various points. Kerry let us know that these locations have yet to be decided and that if as a neighborhood we were interested they can work to try to get us one. To ensure funding Phase 1 must be completed by Sept. 15th 2016. There will be scheduled individual neighborhood design input meetings held this Fall (TBD when/where) Kerry then fielded questions from those in attendance and stated that if anyone had any questions or would like to speak to him about this project he can be reached via email or phone Kerry Wilcoxon: kerrywilcoxon@phoenix.gov / 602-262-4613 For more info on Grand Canalscape Project: www.phoenix.gov/streetssite/Documents/Grand%20Canalscape%20Update.pdf</p>	
Action Items	By Whom
By fall 2015 - decide if neighborhood would like to try for a bridge crossing canal to Grandview neighborhood	All neighbors
Open forum on Crime Issues	
General Discussion	
<p>In the absence of COA Aaron Stevens, George Hutchins, our Block watch Coordinator spoke of crime issues in neighborhood. He let us know that there has been a couple roaming the neighborhood stealing bikes. His description: African American woman with Hispanic man. He asked for us all to be on the look out and to call the non-emergency number if spotted. Erich then spoke about calls to crime stop being way down in the last month or so and in correlation to that, the crime rate has risen. He urged all neighbors – if you see anything suspicious please call crime stop or 911.</p>	
Action Items	By Whom
Call Crime Stop 602-262-6151 or 911 for suspicious activity	All neighbors



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Irrigation Melrose	
General Discussion	
<p>Erich introduced neighbor, Brady Fulton, Brady has been working with city on trying to get irrigation for the Melrose side of our neighborhood. He let us know that the issue is complicated due to the fact that the Melrose is actually split into East and West and there are 2 separate gates for water. Brady let us know it is still a possibility and asked if anyone would like to volunteer to help him move this project forward. Brady can be contacted at: bradyfulton@gmail.com</p>	
Action Items	By Whom
Volunteers for Melrose irrigation project	All neighbors
Neighborhood Dues/Funds	
General Discussion	
<p>Woodlea- Melrose Treasurer Kathy O'Donnell gave us an update on current funds. To date we have @2,600.00 in our treasury that was collected thru dues and fundraisers. She also spoke of updating the dues map on our website and asked for neighbors to please indicate which year they are paying for when they send in dues so we can keep an updated map. Kathy also let us know that there will be a payment coupon in the upcoming newsletter, that dues can be paid online and that there will also be a dues collection at our neighborhood booth for 7th street festival in March</p>	
Action Items	By Whom
Pay 2015 dues	All neighbors