

**WMNA Neighborhood Meeting
& Crime Summit**
Meeting Minutes

Present:
Pam Pawlowski, Brady Fulton, Beth Lazare, Jessica Amend, Mike Schneider, Dianne Kleber, Officer Aaron Stevens, Detective Chris Morris, surrounding neighborhood leaders, 45+ WMNA neighbors

Location: 777 W Montecito
Date: Wednesday, June 19, 2013
Time: 7:00pm

Volunteer Hours:
1.5 hrs x 6 attendees = 9 hrs

Neighborhood Meeting: 7:00 – 7:30 pm

Meeting called to order at 7pm.

I. Board Business (5 mins)..... Pam Pawlowski

Vice Chair nominee Brady Fulton was introduced. A motion was made to approve Brady Fulton as Vice Chair nominee; that motion was seconded. The neighbors voted to approve Brady Fulton as Vice Chair.

The newly formed adjunct Neighborhood Ambassador position was explained to the neighbors. Dianne Kleber was introduced as the volunteer filling this position, which will welcome new WMNA neighbors to the neighborhood, distribute WMNA neighborhood information, a cookie basket, and other local information. Fellow WMNA neighbor, Jennifer Page, owner of Too Cute Bakery, will be providing the cookie baskets.

II. Melrose Point (10 mins)..... Ben Patton

Ben Patton, City Planner and attorney with Tiffany and Bosco, discussed the proposed business development plans for 7th Avenue. The Fry Bread House is moving to another location, but their current facility will be available for lease. The 4-1/2 acre site that includes the pink liquor store and the bowling alley on the east side of 7th Avenue has been purchased and is in the design stages. The liquor store business will be moving, but the building will be salvaged and kept in character with the neighborhood. The redevelopment of the balance of the parcel will be urban residential. It will be four stories of wood frame construction and there will be 281 units. The business rentals will be from \$1.40 to \$1.55/sf. The project will be known as “The Curve at Melrose.” They are expecting to go before the City of Phoenix for approval some time between August and October.

III. Other WMNA Concerns (5 mins)..... Pam Pawlowski

Chair Pawlowski asked for a show of hands of those in attendance who thought we had a feral cat, loose dogs and uncollected feces problem in the neighborhood. Those in attendance were in agreement that this is an issue. WMNA Board will begin developing ideas for this concern.

IV. WMNA Branding & Traffic Circle (10 mins) Pam Pawlowski

WMNA logo designs were presented: a whimsical design and a symmetrical design. The chosen design will include a house, bicycle, dog, and a bird – all items that reflect the character of our neighborhood. The neighbors were asked their opinion and those in attendance preferred the whimsical design. The branding will be used for the neighborhood newsletter, business cards, banners, T-shirts, street toppers and entry markers into the neighborhood.

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Drawings for the new traffic circle design were presented with thanks to Lisa McCullum for all her efforts in getting this to come to fruition. The biggest stumbling point for this project is the funding, as it will cost about \$250,000. WMNA neighbors need to show support and enthusiasm as a neighborhood for this project to ensure the funding. The WMNA Board will send an email to all WMNA homeowners requesting each send an email or mail a letter to Tom Simplot to show support for this project prior to him leaving office.

Thanks to Lisa McCullum, fellow WMNA neighbor, for all her traffic circle efforts to date.

As a point of interest, there are 355 homes in the Woodlea Melrose neighborhood.

Crime Summit: 7:30 – 8:30 pm

I. Grant Update (10 mins)..... Mike Schneider

The WMNA grant has been funded to act on the items within the grant. These funded monies, totaling \$9,939.00, will be used for alley lighting, Block Watch signage, curb house number painting, house numbers painted on fences in the alleys, newsletter printing and mailing, the website, and the annual cookout. Anyone who would like to participate on a team to work on some of these projects can contact Mike at blockwatch@woodleamelrose.org or woodleamelrose.org/blockwatch.

Many thanks to Kathy O'Donnell & David Coon, fellow WMNA neighbors, for their assistance in writing the grant.

II. Crime Statistics (10 mins) Detective Morris

Detective Morris presented the following crime statistics for the WMNA neighborhood (7th Avenue to 15th Avenue from Indian School Rd to the Canal):

Description	2012	2013
Requests for services	Over 1600 calls	Over 1800 calls
Suspicious individuals	91 calls	150 calls
Check the welfare of individual	138 calls	196 calls
Misdemeanor warrants	4 issued	15 issued
Dangerous drugs	2 calls	9 calls
Residential burglary	43 calls	44 calls
Trespassing	57 calls	72 calls
Burglary (commercial)	17 calls	4 calls
Graffiti	9 calls	4 calls

All of these statistics indicate that people are becoming more aware within the neighborhood; i.e., watching for people who might not belong here and reporting suspicious activity. To help the police we can all have "more eyes on the street" during working hours, which is when the majority of the incidents occur.

These statistics will be used in determining the appropriate number of officers to allocate to a defined area; this effort is anticipated to occur next year and every three years thereafter.

III. Workshops (40 mins)..... Officer Stevens

Officer Stevens shared the phrase, “From 9 to 3, what do I see?” WMNA neighbors were encouraged to call 9-1-1 if there is a crime in progress or someone is hurt; and call Crime Stop at 602-262-6151 if there is an unknown individual in the neighborhood. The police will want a description of the suspect. To do this well, it is best to start at the top of the person’s head and work down the body. “Description of Suspect” forms and “Operation Identification” information sheets were distributed, and WMNA neighbors were encouraged to practice giving the descriptive information so we’re not flustered if and when we are asked to give it. Also, place the Crime Stop number in your cell phone so you can speed dial the number when necessary.

“Vacation Security” forms were distributed with ways to help keep your home secure while you’re away. The best method is to have someone watching your house. Officer Stevens recommended NOT to stop the paper or hold the mail, as these are sure tips that no one is home. Instead, call the Mountain View Police Precinct at 602-495-5007 or call Officer Stevens directly via email aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov or at 602-361-0043 to request a vacation watch on your property. Another element of security is to request an Authority to Arrest through the Mountain View Police Precinct or Officer Stevens. This gives the police the authority to arrest any unauthorized individual on your property. The form for the ATA is included in the “Vacation Security” brochure.

WMNA neighbors were encouraged to record the serial numbers for your valuables so if stolen, there is a way to prove it belongs to you. For objects without serial numbers, take pictures. You can put all this information in your computer and save a couple of copies on thumb drives. Give the thumb drive to a family member or put in a safety deposit box. A home safe is not a recommended location for this information – they might steal the safe!

For those who are interested, the website www.bolocop.com gives crime alerts and trend reports. It stands for “Be On The Look Out”. This website gives you the option here to register for alerts at no cost.

Officer Stevens again mentioned his willingness to come to neighbors’ homes and give them ideas of how to make their homes and yards more secure.

Please find the materials distributed at the workshop at the Mountain View Precinct website; link provided here: <http://phoenix.gov/police/precincts/mountainview/>

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.