



# Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association

## Meeting Minutes

<b>WMNA General Meeting</b>	
August 6, 2014, 7:00 pm, Seventh Day Adventist Church, 777 W Montecito Ave	
Attendees: 31	
<b>Introductions</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>Pam introduced our invited guest: Katie Paetz, candidate for the Osborn School District Board. All attendees identified themselves and the street on which they live. Our CAO with Phoenix PD, Aaron Stevens, was unable to attend.</p>	
<b>Guest Speaker – Katie Paetz</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>Katie, a music teacher in the Roosevelt School District, spoke about herself, her credentials and why she is running for this school district seat. You can find out more about Katie and her campaign at: <a href="http://www.katiepaetz.com/">http://www.katiepaetz.com/</a> and <a href="https://www.facebook.com/katiepaetzforosborn">https://www.facebook.com/katiepaetzforosborn</a>.</p>	
<b>Open Forum on Crime Issues</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>In the absence of CAO Aaron Stevens, the floor was opened to all to discuss recent crime in the neighborhood. Several neighbors shared their experiences. One involved a single mom with daughter on Roma who was burglarized on Monday. They were devastated by their losses. Mary O'Dowd, a friend of the family, will send an email to Pam documenting their needs. This will be shared with the neighborhood so that those interested in helping can do so. Mary will coordinate all donations.</p> <p>There are ways for neighbors to get involved, besides reporting all suspicious activity to either Crime Stop or 9-1-1. The neighborhood has an active Facebook presence, and individuals can be trained to participate in the City's Phoenix Neighborhood Patrol program. There is a new social platform called NextDoor, advocated by the City for neighborhoods to communicate issues. Some have reservations about the application's effectiveness; Woodlea Melrose is waiting further to decide whether to adopt.</p> <p>There was some discussion about the usefulness to police of adding street addresses to the rear of homes that back onto alleys and the canal. Beth will report on whether there is funding available to cover that in the future.</p>	
<b>Invoices for Dues Collection</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>Invoices were recently emailed to those who have not yet paid their 2014 dues. You are now able to pay your dues online! The website will also feature a map of the neighborhood that will show, by green dot, those homes that have paid.</p>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
Pay 2014 dues	All neighbors



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<b>Upcoming Neighborhood Events</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>Pam reminded all of our upcoming annual events: the Garage Sale on the first Saturday in October (10/4/14); the Cook-Out/GAIN event on November 8 and luminaria lighting on December 20. Kathy described the new process that we'd like to follow for luminaria this year. Rather than have the Street Reps deliver the bags and candles to each home on their street for individual home owners to place, we're asking the Street Reps to assemble a team of volunteers to assist them in assembling and placing all luminaria on the identified night. This will ensure that the entire neighborhood will be lit on that night. To help make it more of an event, we plan to publicize the lighting by issuing a press release to the media and Laura Pastor's office; ask for volunteers to dress as Santa and Mrs Claus to travel around the neighborhood that night by golf cart; provide treats to the assembly teams; and ask a resident videographer to document the event.</p>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
Volunteer to help with a luminaria assembly team – contact your Street Rep!	All neighbors
<b>Elections</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>Pam spoke of the upcoming elections for positions on the WMNA Board. Several will be vacant after this year - Pam (Chair), Brady (Vice Chair), Beth (Treas) and Diane (Neighborhood Ambassador) are all stepping down. Nominations begin the night of the annual Cook-Out.</p> <p>Frances also spoke of upcoming vacancies on the Woodlea Irrigation Board. One page of the most recent neighborhood newsletter is dedicated to this upcoming election and nomination process. Those interested in running for a Board position have until September 21, 2014 to submit their nomination.</p>	
<b>Action Items</b>	<b>By Whom</b>
Consider running for Neighborhood or Irrigation Board office! Please contact any of the current Board members about the duties of their positions.	All neighbors
<b>Questions</b>	
<b>General Discussion</b>	
<p>Pam shared an update on the Phoenix Tool Shed. All tools have been inventoried and memberships are now being sold. Brady is planning a "soft" opening on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. An announcement of this opening will go out to our neighborhood, and a few surrounding neighborhoods, via US mail.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion about "Treasures for Teachers," a program that accepts donations of time, money and various items needed and used by teachers in their classrooms. The program is housed in a Tempe warehouse. Cheryl Szczepkowski currently collects items for the program and is willing to serve as a collection point for our neighborhood. For more information, including a list of needed items, please see their website at: <a href="http://www.treasures4teachers.org/">http://www.treasures4teachers.org/</a>.</p>	