

Medlock Place Historic Neighborhood Association
Neighborhood Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2015
Location: United Methodist Church

Roll call: Brian Worrall, Karen Stigers, Ellen Bilbrey, Barry Wong, Ernest Jaramillo, Tracy Tepper.
Excused: Jeff Mills 30 Guests

Speakers: US Marshall David Gonzales - May 3, 2002 sworn in as an office and worked with DPS for 25 years.

Began his career in Coconino County. Nominated to be a U.S. Marshall.

Gang Enforcement and SWAT Unit.. Experienced in Law Enforcement.

Getem... Gang Enforcement was what he started.

What do U.S. Marshalls do? 1789 U.S. Marshals were started and appointed to the U.S. Marshall's Service. We chase fugitives worldwide. There are 28,000 felons in Maricopa County. We oversee the Witness Protection Program.

Mario Lozoya - Community Action Officer - Was in the Marine Corps.

Parachute riggers on two tours in Afghanistan. Iraqi Freedom. Lived in Yuma, AZ

Applied LA and Phoenix PD. Loved PHX. 10 years in Maryville. Still a lot of dangerous elements in our profession here in Phoenix AZ. He sees drastic changes from Central Missouri over to

1-17. Why is there such a big divide? The big change is the neighborhoods. You have involvement and knowing who your neighbors are day to day. It is a great honor to jump in and guide you in what you are doing. I want to bring all the knowledge from the West side to Central and minimize the criminal element. Keeping crime down is constant evolution. There is not a specific thing in the neighborhood. We are looking for burglary activity. Neighbors should know your neighbors. Watch your neighbors' activities and call crimestop for suspicious behavior.

Rick Naimark - Deputy City Manager - worked for Phoenix for 28 years.

Harvard and Stanford degrees. Rick handles intergovernmental relations with all the people coming to the City. He is now planning the gigantic Super Bowl Central party. There will not be a bus strike during the Super Bowl. Unlike other Cities across the country, we have professionals that stay in administrative positions no matter who changes at the top positions in Phoenix. The City Council can only hire the City Manager. I have to work with the City Council and Mayor but they are not the bosses. I oversaw the bond money with the parks department and the ASU downtown campus. Your neighborhood benefits from the work of the city and the light rail that is being built. Light rail has far exceeded expectations for the system. If we do not renew the new tax, we would have to go backwards in the transportation system. See: Talktransportation.org for information on light rail. Street improvements are needed needed in areas that are not just for cars. The city wants to triple the miles for the light rail in the new transportation system in the future.

Treasurer's Report - Total in the account: \$4492. Karen makes motion to approve. Second by Brian. Motion carried. Brian - We are suggesting a donation of \$25 for the year. As much or as little for the year as you want to give.

Committee Reports:

- Aesthetics - We need email blasts to sign up for alleys. Alley on the southside of Colter is what we will clean. The alley between Pasadena and Medlock was the last alley. We will meet from 9-11. 23 West Pasadena. We need about 7 or 8 for a couple of hours. Keep an eye out for the email coming from the meetings.
- Crimestop - Condos on Missouri still have graffiti "REBORN" still up there.
- Special Event - March 28 2015 Hamburgers and hotdogs are being provided. 29 West Medlock Barbecue
- Bylaws: Alan and Barry Wong are working on the bylaws. Elections are coming up. We will comply with the bylaws for the elections in April.
- President's Report: We have met every month since May to reestablish continuity of the neighborhood communications. We have had interesting speakers and regular communication with our officers. Neighbors should keep calling in suspicious people! We will continue to work regularly this week, next etc. If you have a speaker idea keep us in mind.
- Historic Committee: House was purchased last Sept. at 310 West Colter. They wanted to demolish the house and build a 3,000 square foot home on that property. Have been staying in contact with Michelle Dodds. We found out the afternoon before the hearing about the sign that was in the yard to demolish it. The owners are claiming economic hardship. The Preservation Dept. said they would withhold the decision until Jan. 22. We have been passing around petitions. Please sign the petition. Send an email to Erika Finbratten, Historic Preservation Office. Primary reasons was that this house was built in the 1955 and it is part of the historic neighborhood. They don't want to live in the house. This is an investment home. We don't want the integrity of our neighborhood compromised. We believe the house can be rehabbed. 13 people came to the hearing at the City of Phoenix. We very strongly oppose the demolition of this house. Tracy...many of us receive tax reductions for our historic properties so there is a huge financial impact that could affect our homes.
- Karen is asking to sign the petition and send an email. Attend the hearing at 9 am Thursday January 22, 200 West Washington, 10th floor, room 10 West. The footprint is 1300 square feet. The actual space of the lot They didn't present plans at the hearing. Owner brought a contractor who explained his position so the historic preservation officer asked twice for this information. There is no insurance on that home right now. There was no termite inspection or mold inspection.
- Carol: They talked to them and encouraged them to do an addition. They can't make enough profit. Sara lives across the street from the property. The buyers did speak to the neighbors. Ryan said they might not be able to tear it down. Michelle Dodds and Eric Vondy were at the September meeting and said that you can't bulldoze a house. That denial extends for a year. They filed a petition for an economic hardship.

- New neighbors at 305 West Georgia - Just moved into the neighborhood. The Ryans
- Karen: I make a motion to formalize a motion to oppose the demolition of 310 West Colter. Tracy seconded. Motion carried

Raffle is for The Refuge on 7th Avenue. \$25 gift certificate. They have a room for 2 hours are freeing the back for meeting. Becky Worrall won the Refuge coupon.

8:25 Barry Wong closed the meeting.

Submitted: Ellen Bilbrey