

**Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association**

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**Neighborhood Watch #1300**

Annual Meeting  
Dove of Peace Lutheran Church  
665 W. Roller Coaster Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85704  
October 8, 2016

Minutes

**Registration and Coffee Hour** Neighbors met for registration, coffee, refreshments, conversation and informational material from 8 - 9am.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by president Robert Bolton. Robert introduced Carole DeAngeli who in turn introduced the guest speaker.

**Bonnie Swarbrick** Bonnie is a long-time resident of Oracle Foothills. She has a Master of Science in Wildlife Ecology from the University of Arizona. Presently she is working on a second Master's (in zoology) from Miami University, which is located in Ohio. The graduate program focuses on sustaining natural resources on a global basis and working with local communities in wildlife and resource conservation. This morning she shared with us some of the experiences and insights gained from projects here in our neighborhood and in southern Africa.

Bonnie spoke on 3 topics. Her first program reported the results of a survey she conducted comparing the attitudes toward wildlife of urban vs. rural residents. The residents of Oracle Foothills participated in this survey. She found that, in general, there was not a huge difference in attitudes, and most respondents viewed the presence of wildlife as a positive. Respondents viewed habitat loss and fragmentation as the biggest threat to wildlife, and most participated in some form of wildlife enjoyment, such as photography, birding, feeding.

As part of Bonnie's master's program, she participated in a wildlife conservation effort in Namibia, Africa, which targeted the conservation of cheetahs. The Cheetah Conservation Fund works to reduce friction between cheetahs and landowners and to teach people to co-exist with wildlife.

Lastly, Bonnie spoke about hummingbirds and the difficulty of studying the migration habits of these birds due to their size. Banding, PIT tags and isotope analysis of the feathers are all methods currently in use. We were treated to a beautiful video about Arizona's flying jewels.

Next, Robert introduced the Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos.

**Pima County Sheriff Chris Nanos** Sheriff Nanos spoke at length about the challenges that law enforcement faces today, and what his department is doing to meet those challenges. Keeping kids in school is one of the most important ways to keep people out of jails. The Sheriff hopes to expand the School Resource Officer program, which has helped greatly. Summer camp, and involvement with the community are other means to improve relations between the department and the community and reduce crime. Sheriff Nanos also spoke about his concern for judicial reform, to keep non-violent offenders out of jail so they can continue to support their families and to reduce county costs.

**Minutes** The minutes having been previously distributed by e-mail, being available on the website, and in hard copy at this meeting, it was moved, seconded and unanimously approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting.

**President's Report** Robert announced that this year's picnic will be held on October 30 at a new location, across the street and west of the former site. He said that there would be no jumping castle due to the limited space. Everyone is cordially invited! Also, Robert talked about the numerous events and projects in the neighborhood, including Household Hazardous Waste collection, Book Club, beautification of the street islands at Rudasill/Genematas and Canyon View/Genematas, and the Little Free Library, and the panhandling/homeless issues.

**Neighborhood Watch** – Sgt. Rockwell of the Foothills District is one of the officers responsible for our area. He said property crimes are the most prevalent and asked everyone to please call 911 for all incidents, no matter how small. He also spoke about the use of tasers vs. deadly force and when each is appropriate. Carole DeAngeli, Area Leader, gave the crime report. There was only 1 burglary, but several incidents of mail theft, larceny from motor vehicle, illegal dumping and scams. People from the neighborhood were involved with getting the county to pass an ordinance addressing panhandling in the street medians.

**Membership Report** - Jay DeAngeli, Membership Chairman, reported that we concluded the 2016 fiscal year with 123 members.

**Treasurer's Report** – The Treasurer reported income of \$5535, expenditures of \$4186 and cash on hand as of 8/31/16 is \$14,264.

**Website, Saturday Updates, Hospitality** Carole will be happy to consider any additions to the website, so please let her know what you'd like to see. As Hospitality Chair, she reports a lot of turnover this year, resulting in about 15 new residents. George and Sherry Grimm left the neighborhood this year. George was on the board and a very active member and supporter of OFNA. Passing away this year were former residents Carolyn Hoenig, Virginia Swanson, Jo Klein and former D1 Supervisor Ann Day.

**Streets** Jay said that he works with the PC Dept. of Transportation to get them to fill roadside edges, sweep dirt and gravel from the roads, and that this is a continuing effort. There is still a plan to improve the appearance of the neighborhood entrance at Canyon View. The trimming crew will be at work soon to trim the roadside edges.

**Development** Jay reported on development around the neighborhood. The Quail Canyon Golf Club is for sale, but is grandfathered in as a golf course. Since it runs through the wash, any houses would have to be built on the hillsides. There was a potential hotel development across Oracle just north of Genematas, but that appears to have fallen through. The Chantilly Tea Room building sold to Circa 79

Salon. They have now opened after extensive remodeling. There has been no action on the Catalina Foothills Lodge project since the Comprehensive Plan amendment.

**Election of the Board** - Joan introduced the current board members, all of whom are on the slate for reelection. The slate consists of 13 current members. There was one nomination from the floor – Scott Ruth of Canyon View Dr. Scott introduced himself to the group. It was moved and seconded that the slate be accepted as amended. The membership unanimously approved the new slate. The directors for the 2016-2017 fiscal year are: John Battaile, Susan Berger, Robert Bolton, Jay DeAngeli, Delann DeBenedetti, Bente Jensen, Roxie Lopez, Lisa Meder, Diana Ossana, Leo Roop, Scott Ruth, Tom Scarborough, Mary Jo Schwartz and Joan Scott.

**Raffle** – Lisa and Bente conducted the raffle. Gift certificates to local restaurants were awarded to Roxie Lopez, Nancy O’Brien, Bente Jensen, Barbara Peck, Collette Taylor, Marti Kuykendall, Scott Ruth and Carole DeAngeli.

**Adjournment** - The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.