

## Oracle Foothills Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting  
November 8, 2010  
5431 N. Agave Dr.

### Minutes

Call to Order – the meeting was called to order at 7:04pm by president Carolyn Redmore

Board Members present: Carolyn Redmore, Angelo Dellacona, George Grimm, Mark Andersen, Kitty Schwartz, Karl Oxnam, Jay DeAngeli, Leo Roop, Susan Berger

Board Members absent: Marianne Richardson, Tom Scarborough, Camille Zachmeier

Also present: Carole DeAngeli, recording secretary

**Agenda:** Jay asked to add an item to New Business – Snake Tong. The agenda was approved as amended.

**Minutes:** The minutes having been distributed by e-mail, it was moved and seconded, and approved by all present that the reading of the minutes be dispensed with and the minutes of the two prior meetings, August 23 and September 18, be approved as published.

### Standing Committee and Officer Reports

**Treasurer:** Jay distributed copies of the current financial report. Cash on hand as of this date is \$11,027. Jay noted that this period is our time of largest expenditures due to the picnic and the annual meeting. A large number of dues payments were received in the prior financial year. Leo moved and George seconded the motion that the financial report be accepted as presented. All voted in favor.

**Budget:** Jay presented the recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2010, along with a comparison of the 2010 budget and actual figures. Each line item was discussed and Jay offered his rationale for the budget numbers. Karl made a motion to accept the budget. Mark seconded, all approved.

**Membership:** Jay said we now have 101 members, about 10 fewer than our goal for this year.

**Picnic:** Mark reported that the picnic was a success, thanks to so many that helped. He shared the budget vs. actual expenses for this year's picnic prepared by Jay. The total costs came in \$600 under budget. There was a general discussion about the picnic. Carole and Jay reported that they had both received very good feedback from neighbors. Jay has scheduled the tent, chairs, tables and grill for next year's event. Members agreed that it might be good to move the picnic to one week earlier in October to avoid conflict with many other activities taking place Halloween weekend. Carole will check on the U of A football schedule. Mark agreed to chair the picnic for one more year.

**Hospitality:** Carole met the new neighbors now living in Whiting's former home on Canyon View. They attended the picnic. There are also new people living in the former Chastain home on Agave Dr. They joined OFNA and attended the Annual Meeting. Carole made copies of the large neighborhood map and is including it in the Welcome package to new neighbors.

**Website and Newsletter:** Carole has added a PHOTOS page to the website, which is still under construction. The next edition of the Desert Dwellers will be out in December. Carole asked for ideas or articles. Kitty suggested an article on the neighborhood's authors and the books they currently have out.

**Neighborhood Watch:** Jacki Elder and Bente Jensen are organizing the Block Leaders. They had a table at the picnic and signed up a few more Block Leaders. Carolyn said she is considering hosting a get-together for the Area Leaders and all the Block Leaders. Board members agreed it would be a nice gesture. Carolyn will pursue with Jacki and Bente.

### **Old Business**

**Annual Meeting:** Carolyn noted that the Annual Meeting was excellent, due in great measure to the guest speakers. She asked Board members to think about speakers for next year's annual meeting. Possible ideas included composting, gardens, real estate.

**Tucson Clean and Beautiful – YARDS Program:** Carolyn received a Certificate of Appreciation from TCB for our contribution to the YARDS program, which she shared with the board.

### **New Business**

**Condition of Roads:** Susan stated that our roads are in deplorable condition, and she particularly remarked on Genematas between Oracle and Yvon, and Yvon from Genematas east. She asked about our relationship with Pima County and the possibility of getting them to resurface our streets, or at least to properly repair the large number of potholes. Jay said that he is on good terms with the Streets Supervisor for our area, but that Pima County is in dire straits financially and not likely in a position to completely repave the neighborhood streets. Susan offered to write a letter to the department head and to Ann Day, to be signed by Carolyn. Carole will forward contact information and the OFNA letterhead to Susan.

**Meeting Frequency:** Angelo said he feels that the number of OFNA Board meetings is too high and asked how members felt about amending the by-laws to reduce the required number. Currently the by-laws require a minimum of four meetings per year. Jay reminded the group that the board meeting which follows the annual meeting counts as a full meeting, and that we could reduce the remaining meetings during the year to three. Angelo agreed that this would be a simple solution. There was a discussion about the meeting interval and it was generally agreed that meetings should be September, February, May and August. The date for the next meeting was set for Monday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at the DeAngeli home, 5459 N. Agave Drive.

**Snake Tong:** Jay related a recent incident in which a neighbor called, frantic to have a rattlesnake removed from her yard. The fire department no longer performs this service. He suggested that OFNA may want to purchase a quality snake tong, costing about \$100, for use by neighbors. This might prevent people from just killing the snakes. After a discussion, Carolyn said she would table this item until the next meeting. She would like to speak to Dr. Leslie Boyer about the wisdom of using snake tongs by untrained people to remove snakes.

**Items from the Floor**

**Dumpster Day:** Karl said he is planning to have the dumpster in the neighborhood in late January. He will notify Carole of the date so she can publicize the event.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm

*Submitted by Carole DeAngeli, Recording Secretary  
November 10, 2010*