

Meeting Minutes El Gheko Neighborhood Association November 6, 2024

The meeting started at 6 pm.

Attendance: 44 neighbors including the neighborhood association board.

The following topics were discussed:

- **Association website:** options were presented on the future financing of the site and possible transition to free pages or social media. One neighbor offered to cover the cost of the site for the next year and another neighbor offered to host the page on his business account. In addition to the cost, there was a discussion regarding the maintenance and future Webmaster or Social Media specialist.
- **Speed humps:** Let the neighborhood know, the application for the speed hump packet was submitted to the city and we're awaiting its arrival. The Ward stated funds are available to fund the project. The board waited to submit the packet request because it had submitted an application for a grant but we were not selected.
- **Roll Offs:** Roll offs were available from 11/9 - 11/10 and during the meeting, 7 volunteers signed up to provide assistance and guidance to neighbors.
- **Neighborhood Yard Sale:** Looking to hold a yard sale between February and March 2025. Also looking for volunteers that would like to head this effort. No volunteers came up.
- We had several guests:
 - Rebecca Ruopp from the City of Tucson spoke about the benefits of volunteering for board members of the neighborhood association as elections near for the next term.
 - Eva Almonte, Hudlow's Elementary Principal, talked about the new rating for Hudlow as an "A" school and how hard the school worked for that rating. Additionally, she asked the neighborhood to consider donating books, slippers and fuzzy socks for their end of semester activity were every child gets a book and slippers or socks.
 - Paul Cunningham Ward 2 Councilman: Provided many updates of interest to the neighborhood.
 - Terry Hayward, TPD Eastside Crime Free Coordinator, provided statistics from TPD on service calls and crime in general. The neighborhood is doing well, the number of calls were around 600 for the last 6 months but many of those didn't require officers to be dispatched.
 - Eryck Garcia *Community Engagement Advisor* Office of the Mayor: Talked about his role in providing an avenue for neighborhoods to pass on concerns directly to the Mayor.
- Mentioned the upcoming elections during the March 2025 meeting.
- Q&A
- Raffle

The meeting concluded at around 7:20 pm.