

Meeting Minutes El Gheko Neighborhood Association November 1, 2023

The meeting started at 6pm with the board introductions by Rachel.

Following intros, Rachel provided updates on speed humps.

Two speed humps installed and four speed humps to be funded and installed by the City of Tucson. Dates for installation are TBD.

There was a request to post a map of the location of all speed humps on the website.

Little Library - Lucien provided an update on the Little Library.

The scout working on the little library acquired the materials and was going to start building the library during the weekend of November 4th and installation is expected to take place on Friday November 10th or Saturday November 11th.

Website - Jerry and Dyann provided an update on the website opportunities for advertisement in order to cover the cost of running the website.

There were questions about things the website should include like recommendations for home services recommendations.

Also, there was a question if the website included information about crime for the neighborhood and it was answered by Jerry that it did.

A question came up about the two neighborhood Facebook pages, and it was explained that one was private and was managed by Hannah Castro and the new page was the association's and it was going to be managed by the association.

There was a question about adding more "slow-down" signs in the neighborhood. Rachel to ask the city.

Neighborhood Yard Sale - Dyann shared the tentative date of March 2024 and the opportunity for co-sponsoring the event. Volunteers are also required to help making and posting signs and delivering goodie bags to the sale participants. Eva Almonte, Hudlow Elementary Principal, offered the use of the cafeteria prior to the yard sale for sign-making, as well as the use of the parking lot for yard sales for families that cannot use their driveway.

Roll-Off - Lucien provided the dates for the spring (Apr 20th-21st) and that the fall dates are still pending. Three containers will be placed along Hudlow's Elementary backyard fence on Green Hills Rd.

Several concerns were brought up regarding the roll-offs. Concerns about overnight dumping and overflowing the containers. Also, there was a request to see if one additional roll-off could be requested.

Volunteers are needed for Saturday 20th and Sunday 21st of April to help keep an eye on the containers for a 2 hr shift.

Paul Cunningham - Ward 2 Councilman

Mr. Cunningham provide many updates on several topics, some of them are as follows:

- Ward 2 is funding one more annual mailing for neighborhood business
- Two speed humps to be funded and installed on Green Hills
- Desert Christian School is taking over the previous Ward's building on Speedway.
- New Ward 2 building is on Broadway, next to Easter Seals
- Palo Verde Park to get a lot of renovations to include new irrigation, grass, baseball fields improvement, covered basketball courts and pickle ball court.
- The homeless coordination for the ward has assisted 81 people get off the street.
- There's a consideration to remove the alley trash cans in favor of individual front of home trash cans.

Terry Haywood - Eastside Crime Free Coordinator Update

For the past three months there had been 133 calls for service.

There were questions about the police department's response times and Terry's response is that it depends on the type of call and the availability of officers in the area.

There's a shortage of commissioned officers (gun-carrying) in Tucson. Mainly due candidates not passing background checks. The department is actively hiring.

At the end we conducted the Door Prize raffles.

Thanks to Gusto's Restaurant, Culver's, Sunshine Sundries Art, Kat's Kreations, and Wasted Welds for their door prize donations.