

BROADMOOR-BROADWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

General Meeting – Wednesday, September 21, 2011 7 p.m.

At Robison Magnet Elementary School

Mary Terry Schiltz, BBVNA President, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Officer Becky Noel from the Tucson Police Department addressed concerns of the neighborhood relative to the large number of reported property thefts in the past three months. She said that both thefts and shoplifting have experienced a substantial increase, almost exclusively related to drugs. She outlined various methods used by criminals, and gave us tips in regard to securing our premises and guarding the serial numbers of possible targeted equipment, mentioning the site leadsonline.com. She also addressed the advantages and disadvantages of the home alarm business. Her direct number is 837-7428. The non-emergency number for the Police Department is 791-4444. There was discussion about suspicious activities noted by neighbors and about the Police Department's unmarked cars in the neighborhood. A resident of Malvern Street distributed photos of a thief captured on his home surveillance system.

The following speaker was Dr. Robert Pitts, Principal of Robison Magnet Elementary School. He gave a brief overview of our neighborhood school and the recent change in curriculum to the baccalaureate format.

Mary Terry introduced the Board Members in attendance.

The reading of the minutes from the previous meeting and the Treasurer's report were not read as they are online.

Richard Roati spoke about the watering problems of the oleanders along the arroyo, and the efforts to engage the Department of Transportation in fixing the irrigation system. He also spoke about the Treat Walkway and the meeting was presented with a video developed by Oscar Blazquez that illustrated recommended plantings along the walkway. The Urban Forestry and Wildlife Committee will meet October 25th.

Connie Anzalone brought some manuals to our attention—Urban Forestry Manual and the Urban Wildlife Handbook. These items are now online.

Ann Pattison was unavailable for the meeting, so there was no Historical Designation report.

Dick Basye, the neighborhood representative to the MCRC, was at that meeting and could not give a report at the designated time on the agenda, Jean de Jong, our alternate representative to the MCRC, announced the upcoming scoping meeting as part of the Environmental Assessment for Davis-Monthan. It will take place at the Sheraton Four

Points Hotel, Speedway and Campbell, on Tuesday, September 27th, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Dick came in and spoke further on the MCRC.

There was discussion about the Board's June support of the statement opposing the opening of the Walmart Store at El Con Mall. Anita Scales read the statement that has the support of the neighborhoods of Sam Hughes, El Encanto, El Montevideo and San Clemente. Mary Terry explained the importance of neighborhoods supporting each other. A few people felt this BBVNA Board support might not have been appropriate. However, as the Board was aware of the situation relating to Walmart from the news and neighbors, the Board agreed that the statement (see below) echoed their sentiments. To include the BBVNA in a vote on the matter, a motion was made from the floor to support the statement concerning Walmart and it was passed.

The Board meetings are open to anyone who wishes to attend. They take place the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at El Parador.

There was discussion about having an Oktoberfest again this year. Further details on this topic will be online.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Anita Scales

STATEMENT IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED WALMART AT EL CON

Approved by BBVNA Board at the Board Meeting held June 21, 2011

Approved at the BBVNA General Meeting, September 21, 2011

We oppose the opening of a Walmart store at El Con Mall. It is an inappropriate and overly intense use for the old Levy's/Macy's site and would have significant negative impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods.

Problems common to Walmart locations include increases in crime, traffic, noise, higher home and auto insurance rates, and a decrease in property values.