

## MEETING MINUTES

### BROADMOOR / BROADWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

September 9, 2009

7:05 p.m. Karen Martin, President called the meeting to order and introduced the guest speaker, Officer Becky Noel. Officer Noel specializes in crime prevention and the establishment of Neighborhood Watch Programs. She has more than 15 years experience with TPD and is currently assigned to the mid-town sub station on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Alvernon.

#### **CRIME PREVENTION With Officer Noel**

Officer Noel indicated that burglaries have tripled in the past three years in the mid-town area. Most burglaries happen during the day time. And the number of burglaries using bicycles has increased in the past few years.

#### **What you can do to reduce crime:**

Officer Noel encourages each of you to do the following:

1. **Call 911 if you see or sense any suspicious activity.** Go with your instincts. If something seems suspicious or weird, it probably is! When calling, provide as many details as possible such as suspect's appearance, race, sex, approximate weight and height, whether the suspect is on foot or on a bicycle, what direction the suspect was headed when last seen.
2. **“Harden the Target”.** In other words, don't make it easy for a burglar to break into your home. Officer Noel offered some suggestions for “Hardening the Target”, some of which are as follows:
  - Don't let people that you don't know inside your house for any reason and don't give money to strangers. And avoid using glass in an entrance/exit door that provide burglars with the ability to look inside your house.
  - Keep gates, windows and doors locked (even if you have the swamp cooler running). Use a deadbolt locks that have at least 3” screws securing them.
  - Lock bicycles, tools and other possessions
  - Keep landscaping trimmed so people cannot hide in bushes, etc.

- Use outdoor lighting. Subtle lighting helps to reduce crime.

3. **Form a neighborhood watch on your street.** A watch will introduce you to your neighbors and provide meaningful ways for you to reduce crime. A “street” consists of approximately 20 houses maximum (so some streets may require two Neighborhood Watch organizers). Establishing a Neighborhood Watch for your street is easy. Collect a minimum of 50 percent participation on your street and set-up an initial meeting.

4. **Eliminate corridors for crime:** Our alleys, Treat Walkway and the Arroyo Chico are used as corridors for crime. To reduce their use by vandals and criminals:

- Remove graffiti immediately. If graffiti is not cleaned up promptly, it indicates to the criminal that that neighborhood doesn’t care. If you think the graffiti is gang-related, take pictures and show to the police.
- Keep alleys and walkway cleared of brush and debris and cut up the Oleanders along Arroyo Chico a couple feet above the ground for improved visibility. Criminals love overgrown landscaping in the alleyways and washes. In addition to providing a place for burglars to hide, brush and debris are a fire hazard.
- Provide lighting along with Walkway (that complies with Dark Skies guidelines)

**For additional information:**

- See inserts (or attachments) including “Neighborhood Watch a  
  1. Leader’s Guide to Getting Starting”  
([http://tpdinternet.tucsonaz.gov/PDFs/nhw\\_getting\\_started.pdf](http://tpdinternet.tucsonaz.gov/PDFs/nhw_getting_started.pdf))
  2. “What’s Suspicious? Tips for Calling 911” (see attached)
  3. “Things Your Burglar Won’t Tell You” a brief compilation of information gathered from interviews with 105 convicted burglars (see attached)
- Attend a Pro Neighborhoods workshop on crime prevention during the months of September and October. Visit [www.proneighborhoods.org](http://www.proneighborhoods.org) for more.

**Get involved:**

In our recent neighborhood survey, many of you indicated willingness to participant in neighborhood activities. We will be calling on you to help clear the alleys and establish a neighborhood watch.

John Swiss has volunteered to head up the effort on his part of the street. If you want to follow John's example, contact Officer Becky Noel at 837-7428 or give a board member a call. Each street will need at least two volunteers.

### Results of Neighborhood Survey

Since the last BBVNA meeting, surveys were hand delivered and mailed to all of the residences in the neighborhood. Additionally they were distributed by email. The purpose of the survey is to determine how the neighborhood would like to prioritize spending the money that is available.

From those who responded to the survey, 57 percent were in favor of using our money for historic designation for the neighborhood, and 7 people volunteered to work on this project. Of those who responded, 17 percent stated crime prevention as their choice, while 10 percent wanted the money used for weed and mosquito abatement and 10 percent wanted to focus on Treat Walkway improvements.

Karen Martin moved to accept the results of the survey and release the funds for purposes of historic designation. Her motion was seconded, and the motions passed with a unanimous vote of those in attendance.

There was a call for additional volunteers for the historic designation project and a sign-up sheet was passed around for that purpose. Anyone who wishes to participate can email or call one of the board members and your name will be added to the list.

### Good of the Order

Connie Anzelone, a long-time resident, encouraged residents to participate in maintaining the quality of life that we all enjoy. Volunteerism in our neighborhood has decreased over the years, and we need people to help with the various projects that will maintain and improve the neighborhood. We need some people who have expertise in researching available grants for funding and we need some people who have a legal background.

### Fun Stuff

The Annual Oktoberfest is scheduled on October 24, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. The Oktoberfest will either be held at Broadway Village. The owners of Broadway Village have offered to let us have our gathering there. More information will be forthcoming as to the location.

Please support the Friday morning Farmer's Market at Broadway Village!!

Respectfully submitted by:

Mary Mieler, Secretary BBVNA