

BROADMOOR-BROADWAY VILLAGE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING  
General Meeting – Tuesday, November 13, 2012 7 p.m.  
At Robison Magnet Elementary School

Richard Roati called the meeting order at 7:05 p.m., as Mary Terry Schiltz was delayed arriving.

Steve Kozachik had been invited to address the General Meeting and outline issues that affect our neighborhood. He began with remarks about the problems facing the Election Commission, which are ongoing, days after the election.

He proceeded to address the graffiti problems and gave us the number 792 CITY to call. There are efforts to elevate the current charges to become felony charges.

There is a study session the next evening on metal theft—and not just concerning copper. Targets include parks and construction sites, A/C units, back-flow preventers, as well as other residential and commercial items. There are efforts at the state legislative level to raise the criminal charges. He said many scrap metal dealers are not complying with the law insofar as appropriate procedures and paperwork is concerned. Law enforcement has a task force investigating the situation. As our police are undermanned they depend on the public to report suspicious activities, and he touched on several recent arrests that were prompted by citizens calling and reporting.

Steve followed with the topic of road repair, reconstruction and the RTA fund allocations that need to be reconsidered. His problem is that voter approved funds for the Broadway project are directed at a project that is no longer necessary as originally conceived. Moving the bureaucratic thinking to reconsider the project is difficult. There are also thirty-five road projects under the RTA. The RTA Task Force needs to be empowered to consider other options in the design phase, especially since the matching dollars for some of the projects are not available.

He continued, stating that the City started buying up properties in advance of road expansion projects. Some of those properties are appearing blighted and they need attention.

The topic moved to ParkWise. They are staying away from our neighborhood at present. There is a recommendation due in December. The discussion continued about the use of right of ways, safety and walking on the streets.

There followed comments by Steve about the Environmental Impact Statement from the Air Force. Steve said that the data used in prior studies were faulty and then mentioned the upcoming planned trip by Mayor Rothchild to Ft. Worth to hear an F-35. Steve preferred to invite two to three F-35s to be based at T.I.A. for two to three weeks. The brief exposure to an F-35 at Ft. Worth appears more like a marketing attempt aimed at a few people, while an extended stay at T.I.A. by a few of these aircraft would expose thousands of people over a period of time to the experience of living with an F-35.

Dick Basye spoke about the expansion of Base hours. He said they can land long as he has suggested for years. However, it is imperative that foreign operations abide by our rules. Dick has been working with Base officials for years to land 1 ¼ miles further down the runway, and go over the railway tracks.

Steve discussed the suggestion, which was short-lived, to close Congress Street. He also talked about the Maingate, Fourth Avenue and downtown merchants and the ongoing construction situation.

Moving on to the topic of Historic Designation, Richard Roati and Linda Abrams plan to canvass the neighborhood soon to enlist more participation in the surveys for Historic Designation .

We returned to the MCRC topic and Dick reiterated what he had said before and that for Base supporters, a safer base is less likely to close.

Urban Forestry and Wildlife—A request will be made to the Transportation Department to trim the south side oleanders to clear a pathway for walkers or runners. Another request was made for neighborhood roll-ons to collect large trash items.

A complaint was made about the large weeds and small trees near Tucson Blvd. at Arroyo Chico. Some of them extend far enough into the street that they can scratch passing vehicles.

Richard said that the Treat Walkway has more plantings for Devon and Exeter and the project will continue South to Malvern and Stratford. Following the recent automobile/bicycle accident, an inquiry to the bike coordinator for the City of Tucson reveals that our walkway is not a bike path. We need a sign to indicate that bicycles should not be using the pathway. There was a discussion about cleaning up after pets.

Several people commented favorably about the special Halloween party combined with Oktoberfest.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Anita Scales