

**Current Officers:**

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**AL:** Andy Laurenzi, Treasurer, 2142 E. Water St, [alauren33@gmail.com](mailto:alauren33@gmail.com)

Others present:

AG: Alanna Gonzales, acting Webmaster

**Discussion:**

MG noted Head West Smoke Shop had flood lights that are pointed out at Spring St, light may disturb the neighbors and is in violation of the Dark Skies ordinance. AL to reach out

- Meeting called to order at 11:05AM by MG
  - Approval of previous meeting minutes. AL moved to approve as submitted, MG seconded motion. All present approved minutes
1. **Block Captains** We are currently maintaining a list of Block Captains Cullen Fisher is acting as our business liaison and we could look into talking to those businesses to extend a discount or coupon to CGNE neighbors. BE can follow up with CF about getting additional resources to area businesses like [free bike parking](#) and [Streeteries/Patio Expansions](#).
  2. **Apartment Owners/Renters** There is no apparent apartment owners or renters representation within CGNE, could we engage in follow up with Rayo del Sol Mobile Home Park (2323 E Water St), Water's Edge Apartments (2350 E Water St), El Dorado Apartments (2440 E Glenn St) and Palms Apartments (2221 E Grant Rd) within CGNE? BE noted that he can look into our last free mailing from PDSO and see if all apartment numbers within CGNE were notified. MG noted that we could plan to drop ¼ sheet fliers at apartments with a QR code informing them of the neighborhood association.
  3. **Traffic Mitigation/ Speed Bumps** BE still looking for two additional signatures to turn petition paperwork in for Wilson Av speed bumps. A Spring St/Norris Av roundabout was proposed at the last meeting. Plumer St/Copper Av traffic circle was plowed through by a brand new pickup truck on Christmas Day, 11am and knocked out a reflective post and mature creosote tree, adjacent neighbors (Tim/Aidan?) cleaned up the landscaping mess but requests were put into to replace the posts with bollards. We could also plan for a revegetation of this traffic circle and others existing in CGNE. BE can follow up. 1/13 UPDATE: petition signatures secured and submitted to DTM for speed bumps, next steps to follow.
  4. **Website** AG provided updates on website redesign. Newly designed site is not yet live but can be turned on as directed by leadership. We will be switching to Hoover and the site is designed by Wix. Pages include resources, groups, events. Any admin hosting a group (i.e. gardening group) will need to submit/sign a form to note that they are to act responsibly in their conduct posting. Potential organizing was discussed by AG and MG regarding a potential 501(c)(3) [non-profit, charitable cause] or 501(b)(3) [non-profit, money to go toward charitable cause only if/when disbanded] status for CGNE; one potential benefit is a free or reduced cost from Wix. Any change in status will need to be brought by leadership to the Annual Meeting for a vote. BE moved to have MG report out on potential pros and cons to new status and bring to next leadership meeting, AL seconded motion. All present passed motion.
  5. **Treasurer/Dues** AL provided 2022 excel of expenses and income prior to meeting. BE noted we will need to file IRS Form 990 for 2022 Tax Year, as usual. MG noted that our standard should be to provide a status of money in, money out, beginning and end of year account balance. AL requested format, MG to provide. Move agenda item forward to the next leadership meeting.
  6. **Adjacent Neighborhood Outreach** CS provided the update that 2 neighbors from the northern Shaheen Estates showed up to the Caroling event last year.

7. Programming MG suggested a Christmas decorating contest in the traffic circles in 2023, Porchfest is another idea supported by MG and he could pursue the planning effort to have the neighborhood host one in October 2023. BE could explore a neighborhood block party integrated with Porchfest and work with Living Streets Alliance for a mini Cyclovia event, if there is interest. Atmosphere could expand to include food trucks, biking, other activities. CS noted we can still plan to host the typical events like the annual picnic in September, Valentines Day Pancake Breakfast (need to set new location, arrange griddles), Holiday Caroling, Walkabout events in Spring prior to Summer heat (does CGNE have a running group?), Halloween Trick or Treating.
8. Grant Rd Project Plan to engage with neighbors along Spring St at next meeting next week, BE can provide roll plot (map) again. Any talk of ongoing Grant Rd Zoning Overlay involving our neighborhood should be routed through the Ward 3 office, BE can follow up?
9. Neighborhood Identification Signage: Cathy Rex noted that some of our neighborhood signs are looking worn and could be replaced. BE noted the process to order new signage if we care to use the same design that says "Campbell Grant Neighborhood" with the icon of an olive branch. The neighborhood will have to pay per replacement sign with the City installing the new signs, details [here](#). Labor is \$50/sign location with double sided signs and signs (cost unknown) need to be manufactured by a contractor then delivered to Traffic Engineering. MG suggested this is not a dire need, table item for future business. If we change status or incorporate a new name (such as Glen Campbell) then our signage could reflect that.
10. Stormwater Concerns Wilson Wash has uncompacted dirt at the southern mouth of the earthen wash at Copper, this could be a stormwater drainage concern. BE noted we could pursue compaction, weeding/seeding or a more in-depth project with Tucson Clean and Beautiful through the mini grant program. BE to reach out to TCB staff. MG's professional opinion is that there could be no in-channel intervention like planting of trees inside the wash because of the slope. Chicanes or bump outs with trees planted curbside could be an option. BE can also pass along information of landscape designer for stormwater basin planned along Grant Rd Project from Wheat Design Group. (Laura Mielcarek, PLA, Principal, [laura@wheatdesigngroup.com](mailto:laura@wheatdesigngroup.com))
11. Parks and Connections improvements In addition to the new play set at [Conner Park](#), there was a planned irrigation upgrade, future tree planting? BE never heard back from Parks and Rec Irrigation Supervisor. AL would like to be informed of what kind of trees would be planted at Conner Park. In addition, Prop 407 will fund the [Glenn St Pedestrian Safety & Walkability project](#) starting in 2023, funding for the Copper/Flower Bicycle Boulevard is funded with no date projected, and Prop 101 has a fog seal of Tucson Blvd planned for this year. AL would like to see Copper/Flower Bike Boulevard happen but noted enhancements like the painting of a marked crosswalk at Copper and Tucson could happen sooner. BE could follow up, perhaps it could warrant a marked crosswalk for install with Prop 101 fog seal.
12. Brush and Bulky Planned pickup dates begin the weeks of 1/23/23 and 7/24/22, leadership agreed on not pursuing the scheduling a roll-off bin if the neighbors wouldn't use it but to instead lean on the B&B dates bi-annually. BE noted that an annual tree planting could also be set on the opposite side of the year to balance out the planned clean up/green up efforts, Gaye Adams may be a neighbor to follow up with. BE remarked that neighborhoods like Armory Park have a "green team" and traffic circle stewards that sign up to foster the watering and growth of trees or large shrubs in traffic circles. We could implement something similar and pair it with a holiday decoration contest.
13. Community Gardens Explore potential locations such as Conner Park, vacant lot, etc. Could discuss with those with expertise from Tucson Water, Community Gardens of Tucson. CS and BE can research further and bring to future meetings.

Next neighborhood meeting planned for Saturday, January 14 at 10AM - Conner Park

Meeting adjourned 12:50PM