

## **Singing Arrow Neighborhood Association, Minutes of June 8, 2017 Meeting**

Board members present were Mark Burton, Sharon Wolfe, Diane Davidson, Gina Bryant, Tommy Jaramillo, Robert Salazar, Martina Mesmer, and Sandy Hays.

Meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance, 6:47 pm. Wanda UMBER and Sandy Hays both would like to speak under public comments.

Minutes of 4-13-17 meeting were read by Sandy Hays and approved.

### **Guests:**

**APD Officer Tomas Urioste** has worked this area for 2 ½ years, 12-hour shifts 8-8.

There are many residential burglaries during the day. They ring door bell, no one answers, break in. Yes, leave porch light on in the night. There are not as many patrols as in previous years due to decrease in number of officers in the city. There are only about 20 officers covering the whole substation area at any given time. Do neighborhood patrols help - yes a good idea, extra sets of eyes, but don't try to confront a person. If someone bangs on the door, just don't answer the door they will go away. Police officers have no more briefings between shifts. Average patrol time he spends in Singing Arrow – 80%. What can we do about the people in the park – can be given a ticket for a misdemeanors but do not show up for court. Open Space does not patrol city parks, APD does. Contact the Substation to request periodic watch, request extra patrol (for 7 days).

**State Representative Jim Dines** – District 20. Ethics Committee will be on the ballot 11-2018 as a constitutional amendment. Both Democrats and Republicans support this. This has been on the agenda for 20 years. The Sandia Science and Technology Park at Eubank and Southern is a master planned technology community. It generates a great deal of money for the economy. Affiliated with KAFB and Sandia National Laboratories, companies have access to world-class facilities, technologies, scientists, and engineers. EMT sub station will be on Voltera, south Juan Tabo. During the special session, education funding restored and budget was balanced. Representative Dines takes no PAC money, political action money, or gifts. He sees that interest groups are impacting our laws and support because they have no compromises. Study to look at gross receipts tax to try to figure it out, currently it's awful for businesses and individuals. Down the road, gas & oil taxes will be put aside for rainy day funds.

**Rey Gallegos-Juvenile Justice Services** (arrest, incarceration, and rehab programs in Albuquerque) They see more violence and increasing crime rate in much younger students. Programs offered for rehab include art, boxing, rapping.

What can communities do to support them?

- 1) He said we need to help them at an early age; by the time they are 13-14 “the tree is crooked” and chances are slim they will straighten up.
- 2) Provide a area with mentors.
- 3) They have weeded out low level kids out of system. (shoplifting, graffiti, school fights - earn student a citation) Now 11-12-13 year old students much more violent, lots of drug usage, many repeat offenders. Very dangerous – steal cars and all your personal information, garage door opener and break in to steal what they can to sell for drugs. No bond for juveniles. If serious, shooting, drugs, house break-ins, student goes before a judge and usually gets probation or family therapy. Incarceration: Juvenile Detention Center-student cannot be in for more than a year. Approximately 3 /10 kids will be successful in programs. GPS ankle monitor tracking is in place but many just cut them off.
- 4) Cameras and dogs are good deterrents for home owners.

### **Committee Reports:**

Diane Davidson – Treasurer's report – \$2,280.47. Just purchased magnetic signs for volunteer patrols for \$115.53. Singing Arrow membership money will be kept separate from voluntary patrols. Membership dues are \$10 per year per person or \$20 per family.

Diane Davidson - Membership - 45 memberships, 22 of these are lifetime memberships.

**Lawrence Segura, Singing Arrow Community Center.** Monday June 12 summer program begins for 70 students. They have different activities depending on ages, have field trips which change weekly. Mark agreed to do the rocket workshop this summer. BBQ at end of summer program, donation from SANA is requested. Yellow construction paper needed. Motion to spend \$5 for each child's rocket kit, total \$100. Gina seconded it. All approved.

**Issues** – Neighborhood patrol triad (volunteer, hired, APD). Residents can call APD for more patrols. Precision security, \$500 per month – one to two patrols a night. Currently there is \$285 pledged for patrols. Need money in advance; Diane requested a volunteer to help her set up spreadsheet; Tommy Jaramillo volunteered. Volunteer patrols take 30 minutes; the more patrols, less crime. Precision Security will not patrol at the same time every night, random times.

Major drug activity at 12934 Marva and possibly 500 Dorado. Cameras from neighbors across the street on Marva have recorded it. Neighbors have turned in all code violations and the residents know the whole street is watching them. Drug activity has lessened. People coming from west to house, leaving on Patty. 12943 Marva was declared substandard and was vacant 4 ½ years. The bank bought it back and are in the process of bringing it back to code.

### **Events**

August 10, next SANA meeting, 6:45 pm at Singing Arrow Community Center

September 1 - SANA newsletter ready to distribute

September 4 – Labor Day

September 16 – Annual SANA picnic, Singing Arrow Park – South side, shelter reserved

**Public Comments** - Wanda Umber – community wellness and safety; important to have neighborhoods who are close and get together socially occasionally. Will post times of social gatherings (at community center) on Nextdoor, evenings in the fall. May help youth – ideas include board games, free library, speaker to learn more about the archeological park, video cameras (how to set them up in your home). Jill Garcia, APD, will walk a neighborhood and give residents ideas of how to help your communities fight against crime. She is also willing to come in and check out your home and give you ideas to make your home less attractive to crime.

Sandy Hays shared Zoning Hearing Examiner's action sheet; the meeting will be Tuesday, June 20 at 9:00 for those wanting to attend. This is a hearing to request a special exception; a conditional use to allow a community center in an R-1 zone for all or a portion of Lot A, Singing Arrow Park.

Penny Simpson requested at the beginning of each meeting each person introduces self and says what street he/she lives on. Ryan McCormick wondered if the gate (south side) from the park could maybe be locked so individuals don't just walk up from the arroyo into our neighborhoods; due to poor lighting you can't see the gate from the homes in the area (and or add a street light).

Jan Bond made a motion to adjourn, Gina Bryant seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Hays, Secretary