

Meeting Minutes-January 7, 2008  
Mt. Scott-Arleta NA

*Board Members Present:* Shawna Fuller, Walt Nichols, Phyllis Shelton , Bryan Agee, Scott Vala  
*Neighbors and Guests:* Officer Gandy, Mark LaGrasse, Claire Ture, Havilah Ferschweiler, Tim Hammock, Kevin Loder, Mariya Coughlin, Vicky Oglesbee

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm.

Minutes postponed until next week due to Alyssa's absence.

*Officer Gandy's crime report*

Low crime, 1 larceny (normally 10 or so) likely due to the snow  
3 car Thefts, Most notorious car thieves have recently finished sentences, so car thefts may spike.  
Action on Harold, some meth houses. Shawna commented on last month's unusually high crime (including a date rape) Tim mentioned car theft last night, Scott mentioned a pickup load of materials that was stolen. Gandy emphasized the value of recording lic. Plates. Phyllis asked if lower metal prices affect theft. Bryan mentioned activity at yellow triplex on Insley. Tim said homeless group is doing drugs near pool.

*Havilah (Crime Prevention) welcomed--*

She is now our SE Program coordinator. Crime prevention organizes block watches, foot patrol, bike patrol, specific problem mitigation, education and training. Eg- Child Safety training after incident. Passed out Neighborhood crime prevention flier and emergency contact magnets. She is normally easier to get in touch with than cops.  
Safe Properties program unites cops, landlords and tenants to try to safe up properties via behavior intervention etc. In North, dropped some call rates as much as 80%. She is working with several organizations to start this here, and is open to any more. They educate about rights/responsibilities of landlords, then do property assessment (lighting, barriers, etc.) then train residents. Provides good and accurate information to landlords which helps evictions of bad tenants. She we keep us updated. She noted these are not "bad" properties. The properties are involved due to proactive/involved landlords. Phyllis asked about child safety; Havilah doesn't do this, but her colleague does. Mostly parent training, also stranger danger and other abuse prevention (also focused on parents).  
Phyllis: PTAs could contact the colleague to set up training? H: yes, it is a 1-1.5 hour session.

Monthly Reports:

*Mt. Scott Community Center:* Parks has new commissioner: Nick Fishce. Winter break just finished, weather caused slow season (Christmas 24<sup>th</sup> brought in \$61). Parking lot had snow issues. Family Night is 16<sup>th</sup> . We will do concessions. NA will look into sponsoring Reptile guy for Feb 29<sup>th</sup>. Scott made motion to spend money on family night. Walt Seconded. Passed Unanimously, no abstentions. Community center prices had to go up to accommodate city requirement to increase rev 8%. Budget cuts could cause loss of 1 FTE (from 8 to 7).

*SEUL:* Grants have been approved. Budget cuts coming, Mt. Scott Teens got their grant.

*Triangle Project:* Still no further information on welding needs. \$250 from our communication funds towards the triangle project for public involvement. Shawna will suggest that Sarah send us specifics, perhaps short bio of what they're up to so we know what's going on.

*Library:* Library had closures due to snow, fines were dropped. Lunar celebration, Wed 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 Lion Dance, artist doing crafts, decorating with kites. Sandwiches from Vietnamese place. Stubborn Twig is everybody reads '09 first book. February 18<sup>th</sup> 6:45 discussion. Choose books for page turners the year in March. Paid by Friends of library.

*Treasurer:* \$1894 in the bank. No transactions in Dec. \$264 for Dec. Child care. Bryan moved to pay the child care. Walt Seconded . No nays, no abstentions. Should be getting big reimbursements from summer. We have out communication budget. Need to figure out how to spend. Foster Powell was paid for their half of cleanup.

*Land use:* Nothing new.

*Transportation:* Nothing new from Jim at this point.

*Website:* mtscottarleta.org or mtscottarleta.com marla is in the process of posting land use notices.

Shawna talked to Joann from Foster Powell about cleanup. Joann will only coordinate only this year, no more after. She is looking for an “apprentice,” maybe one from each neighborhood. Contact Shawna to be put in touch with Joann.

Branding discussion: Bryan asked for stories about the neighborhood.

Shawna- Heard about NA via the a Foster action of some kind. She was drug into it...

- Scott- Came when there was no NA; SEUL was issuing grants, but only to NA. Scott was VC until Chair was lost to Mon. Night Football.

Interested via low interest loans for insulation. Key factor was the voice to the city.

Addition to community center was big opportunity to experience. Neighborhood Plan was big.

- Shawna- Neighborhood seemed to be getting better. Hearing people talk about the roughness of area, and found out crime wasn't that bad. Wanted more info, and found meeting neighbors.
- Phyllis Mentioned commercial for old Pharmacy building.
- Bryan talked about the intentional geographic community.
- Brief description of the branding process. Associating an ethos/emotions with an org.

Alyssa should put together branding questions to email.

Scott- Popcorn popper story: Purchase issue dominated discussion for months. Hot dog roaster was a non-issue. People didn't want to spend any money. Others didn't want to hold it.

- Phyllis talked about the Ron and Leo coo. 60 people voted... group associated with Acorn. Chair had to be recounted.
- Harbor house meeting saw 30 people in craft room.
- Pleasure palace meeting filled auditorium.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:44.

Submitted by Bryan Agee