

**LONGVIEW WEST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
[LWNA]**

July 28, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Introductions made

President Chuck Paradzick thanked Phoenix Solid Waste representatives (Mike Lopher, Dep. Dir., Shelia Bandele, Supervisor of Educ., Monica Lewis, Environmental Specialist ), Squaw Peak Precinct representatives and Tom Simplot for coming to the meeting.

Review of minutes from May 26, 2005: Approved with the following corrections:

Speed humps: reverse the 100% and 75%  
7717 E. Weldon should be 917 E. Weldon

Treasurer's Report by Yamel Salazar: See attached

Police Activity update by Community Action Officer David Chambers:

The squad is at NARL training. A heroin dealer was arrested at 9<sup>th</sup> St. Another heroin arrest warrant was executed north of Devonshire. The squad reorganization was completed this week.

One of the members provided information that the odor emanating from a property at 9<sup>th</sup> and Fairmount suggests that there may be a meth lab there. Officer Chambers will pass the information to the appropriate shift officers.

Chuck Paradzick inquired about a program he learned about from Nancy Shiller apparently overseen by Rusty Stewart at the Squaw Peak Precinct regarding transients. Officer Chambers reported that the program is being reviewed for approval. Chuck will contact Rusty about Speaking at the September meeting.

A resident of Osborn Terrace informed Officer Chambers that the complex has been experiencing car break-ins and thefts. Chuck indicated that a Watch Your Car program representative will be at our September meeting and that he will send Officer Chambers an e-mail about this.

Tom Simplot

Our City Councilmember, Tom Simplot, reported that he and his staff are working with business owners on the perimeter of Longview West with particular focus on the businesses along Indian School from 7<sup>th</sup> St. to 12<sup>th</sup> St. with an eye to seeing some of the good things beginning to happen along 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. after 8 years' work. They are organizing the business owners into a neighborhood group not unlike LWNA and are doing the same thing along 3<sup>rd</sup> St. from Earl to Indian School where there has been an initial meeting.

He reported that 7<sup>th</sup> St. is the site of the new Fiesta Bowl Parade because of Light Rail construction along Central and because Light Rail forgot to consult with Fiesta Bowl officials about the work on Central. He hopes and thinks this will be a permanent move in part because it will be our opportunity to get publicity for 7<sup>th</sup> St. and start sprucing it up.

He and the City are also working on car dealer issues along Camelback with the goal of preventing further encroachment into neighborhoods or expansion of body shops. One of the members asked whether any efforts were being made to keep dealerships from moving out of central Phoenix. Councilmember Simplot replied that the legislature has voted against providing things like tax incentives, but Lisa Hubbard reported that the Camelback dealerships are invested in and committed to the area.

He also indicated that the Parks and Recreation Dept. has authorized a new dog park at Steele Park on Indian School but that they need \$20,000 in addition to the \$7,000 already raised for Phase 1 which will open after the remaining money is raised. A fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. at the Ramada Inn off 7<sup>th</sup> St.. Any money raised will be used to fence the large and small dog areas. In Phase 2 \$60,000 will be needed for grass, trees and water stations. One of the members asked if there were any plans for a skating park for children, and Mr. Simplot replied that Steele Park is not yet complete and that many projects are being planned including the possibility of a skate park.

Chuck Paradzick observed that Arizona had just been designated a top crime state and inquired whether there is anything we can do about that and where Phoenix falls in the numbers. Mr. Simplot replied that Phoenix overall has a downward crime trend notwithstanding pockets of higher crime and that Phoenix is doing things other Valley cities are not doing. For example, he chairs a committee on the problem of crystal methamphetamine and that the City will soon adopt an Oklahoma model for regulating the sale of pseudoephedra since the legislature would not. Phoenix will shop the plan to other Valley cities with a goal of making it a statewide program. Sen. Chevraunt and central Phoenix representatives are helping with the plan.

He concluded by inviting us to contact his office if we want more information about anything.

### Phoenix Solid Waste

The representatives reported that the trucks have been changed from green to tan, that each truck empties about 1200 containers/day and that the present company will be doing collection for 6 years. One of the members reported that the drivers are not doing a good job: not clean, containers are tipped over, trash is scattered. The representatives committed to correcting the problem and meeting our standards.

Bulk trash:

We are in area 12 and that trash should be put out on August 20 for collection the following week. Placement time for pick-up is only for one week. Early placement is a violation. One of the members raised the problem of where to put bulk trash for her property because an unused irrigation ditch runs along the alley behind the house, and the representatives said they would research that issue. Another member reported that someone had set on fire bulk trash that had been put out on 9<sup>th</sup> Pl.

Bulk trash items have to be of a certain size to qualify. Tree/bush limbs must be 4 ft. or less in length. Each resident is limited to 20 cubic yards (the approximate size of a Suburban) per quarterly pick-up. Appliance pick-up requires that we call and pay \$20, but they will not haul anything with refrigerant. Water heaters and dryers are alright, but refrigerators must be called in. A member observed that there is someone in the area who will haul refrigerators.

Computers and other electronics must be taken to specific pick-up locations where car batteries, motor oil and paint is handled.

Calls should be directed to the call center at 262-7251, Monday through Friday, 7 am to 5 pm. There is an answering machine for messages. Give your name, a valid telephone number for them to return your call. Information is treated as confidential particularly if a complaint is being called in about another property.

#### Recycling:

A member inquired how to encourage people to use the recycling bins. The representatives said they do contamination checks and will be doing one in our area in August. They also have an education program and a 3 strikes program.

Lisa Hubbard said that if recycling containers are damaged, we can call for replacements and that we should call the Solid Waste department about multi-family dwellings.

Chuck suggested that we circulate a flyer to alert the neighborhood, but the membership felt we should not notify people about a contamination audit. The representatives said they have flyers which we could obtain.

#### Grants Updates

##### Block Watch:

Chuck reported that Joanne Bloomquist, the current grants treasurer, will be submitting the final paperwork for the 2004-2005 grant that has just ended. We did a Crime and Safety Fair to finish off the grant attended by about 65 people and passed out a significant amount of related information. We have also just signed off on the 2005-2006 grant.

##### Fight Back:

Lisa Hubbard reported that all signatures required have been obtained for speed hump installation, and 3 humps will be installed on Fairmount and 4 on Whitton. It was clarified that we needed one round of signatures of 70% of owners in affected areas to say we wanted speed humps and a second round of 100% of the people whose houses fall within a certain distance from the proposed location of each hump. One location on both Whitton and Fairmount will be moved because signatures could not be obtained. Lisa is hoping that installation will begin in August. One of the residents on Whitton complained about the humps feeling there is no need for them and they are an inconvenience. Another member indicated that there has been a report of a child having been injured on Whitton because of a speeding car, and Lisa reported that pets have been killed and the backs of parked cars hit. She also indicated that with Light Rail pushing traffic to 7<sup>th</sup> St., having speed humps in the neighborhood will be even more important because people will look down the streets, see the humps and go elsewhere and explained further that the speed limit for residential streets with or without speed humps is 25 mph. She suggested that we have an education component after installation.

A question was raised about street light installation, when & where it would occur. Lisa said she only vaguely remembered the locations, discussed the process, and suggested that LWNA could help residents with the process. We have plenty of dusk-to-dawn lights which face private property but not the streets. For these we have a 4-year lease which costs \$40/month from the grant.

Lisa reported she will be doing an assessment in relation to crime prevention through environmental design, a program primarily geared to businesses.

Regarding the Fiesta Bowl and Electric Light parades, Lisa clarified that 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Sts. Will be the routes beginning at North Phoenix Baptist Church and ending at Indian School Rd. Third St. alone will be the route for the St. Patrick's Day, Native American, and Gay Pride parades from Hance Park to Indian School. She said information is available at the Parks and Recreation Dept. link on Phoenix.gov.

Lisa also reported that she has picked up several multi-family properties with code violations, is opening up 5 or 6 cases on Whitton and Fairmount, and that she has people out looking for violations. She said that the tire shop at 12<sup>th</sup> St. and Indian School has been noticed for illegal use.

### Newsletter matters

Vice President and Newsletter Editor Thom Kasch announced that he is resigning from the Newsletter. Chuck Paradzick thanked two people who are distributors whose names he forgot to include in the thank you appearing in the latest edition of the Newsletter.

### G.A.I.N. Event

Celia Heywood who will be the coordinator solicited volunteers and indicated she wants to include the entire neighborhood, not just the people who attend our meetings. The event will be held on Fairmount in order to make a presence on a problem street and will likely start in the late morning. Activities being considered include a town meeting in Spanish; school cooperation with kids in the painting of a mural with possible tax-deductible contributions to the school from residents; an afternoon clean-up of a targeted area; an early evening celebration with food, DJ, notable guests, and a raffle; and people bringing food to distribute to the neighborhood. Chuck will determine the location for the mural and is thinking about Amelia or Fairmount. A resident offered help finding the DJ and sound and lighting., and several other people volunteered.

### Blight issues proposed policy statement

Chuck circulated and discussed his proposal for an approach to dealing with blight reporting asking whether we should have a committee. He wants to emphasize proactively helping our neighbors who have blight problems rather than being police but the membership should decide if the Board should be in the position of making complaints. Several people indicated that the problem is that people complain about LWNA and that we should therefore not put the burden on the Association. It was suggested and agreed by the members that the policy statement end at the offer of help to keep it positive and leave it to individuals to make complaints rather than having the Association do it. Chuck will revise the policy statement for further discussion and possible adoption at the next meeting.

### Bylaws

Chuck asked the membership to review the draft circulated at the meeting and send comments to the P.O. Box or call the Association number. Minor issues will be handled by the Board. Major issues will be brought to the membership at the next meeting for discussion.

### Documents request

Chuck reported that we had received a request, circulated to the membership, by some residents to review any documents in our possession relating to and grant monies we handle and the reasons for our response, also circulated to the membership.

### Open to members

A resident of Osborn Terrace raised the issue of crime in the complex. He will talk to Officer Chambers about it.

Chuck reported that the buildings on Mitchell which have been boarded up will be demolished soon. Lisa indicated that the property had been added to the Police Log for high activity.

The question of whether we should reactivate a Block Watch was raised. Sandy indicated that we would need to get people certified. Chuck said there is a training scheduled for the fall and that we may want to target certain areas. A member explained that the major hindrance is the reluctance people have to identify themselves, and another member suggested we do it in groups rather than individually. Chuck explained that we would need to record hours to put on the next Block Watch grant application. Another member suggested that people should just drive around the neighborhood more. No resolution was reached.

Adjourned at approximately 8:30.