

General Meeting Notes

January 22, 2004

Civano Community School

Attendance: ~25 people

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Simmons Buntin, spokesperson.

INTRODUCTIONS

Buntin introduced members of the Leadership Team present.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Peggi Simmons announced that Neighborhood Clean-up Day is Saturday, Jan. 24, 2004. Meet at Sixto Molina Park, 8 a.m. [Editor's Note: 24 large bags of trash were collected, plus assorted other refuse.]
- T-Shirts and hats will be re-ordered. Paul Rollins had some samples to sell at a discount.
- Craig Altschul said a new Town Crier Working Group has been formed to work on advertising sales and management, editorial content, and distribution. Volunteers needed. Contact Craig at craig@mountainnews.com to participate.
- Simmons announced the 2nd Annual Civano Neighbors Picnic is set for Saturday, April 22 at 3 p.m. at a new location: Civano Community School. For further information, contact Sharlene Gillette, Craig Altschul, or Simmons Buntin.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Lisa Gavioli, a University of Arizona graduate student in anthropology, presented a report prepared by a group of five students called "**Rainwater Harvesting In Tucson, Arizona: A Pilot Study on Increasing Practice.**" Civano was used as a case study. The full report is available online at www.civanoneighbors.com.

WORKING GROUP UPDATES

Chairs of the Commercial Areas (Paul Rollins), Environment (Al Nichols), Houghton Corridor (Simmons Buntin), Newcomers (Sharlene Gillette), Parking (Rick Hanson), Responsible Pet Ownership (Peggi Simmons) and Pulte (Patrick Whelan) Working Groups gave one-minute presentations on their group plans. Information on joining all working groups is available online. Buntin noted that the Civano North Ridge Working group has been dissolved, and the Civano Merchant's Association Working Group has also been dissolved because that organization has been initiated under direction of Alan Boertjens. Buntin also provided a brief report for the Safety Working Group (chaired by Mary Morganti) and called for a volunteer to head up

the Youth Involvement/Activities Working Group, which would emphasize involvement by and activities for children and young adults in middle and high school ages. If interested in chairing that working group, please contact any member of the Leadership Team.

POSITION STATEMENT ON HOUGHTON ROAD CORRIDOR STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Buntin provided an update on the Houghton Road Corridor Study by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) since our November meeting where we heard the full presentation by ADOT. A unanimous consensus was reached on the position statement, which has as its crux:

“While Civano Neighbors understands and supports the need for regional transportation solutions in southeast Tucson, we are opposed to any limited-access freeway or any alternative that would require removal of Civano homes or businesses along Houghton Road.”

The full text of the Position Statement is available online. Buntin presented an overview of the options the Houghton Area Master Plan (HAMP) is now *considering*, which include efforts to off-load traffic on Houghton (over the next twenty years) by:

- Extending Harrison Road south of Irvington to Valencia
- Creating a Poorman Parkway that would begin one exit east of Houghton on I-10, run up to the current Poorman Road (south of Mesquite Ranch) along Pantano Wash, and then run west across Houghton and curve up to meet Harrison
- Creating an extension of that road that would connect Irvington with the Poorman Parkway, running between Civano Neighborhood 1 and Pantano Wash

[Editor’s Note]: We were notified on January 23 that construction of a traffic signal for the Houghton Road / Irvington Road intersection will take place from April 4 to June 2, 2004.

NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER PARKING LOT LETTER

Rick Hanson requested permission from the organization to send a letter to the HOA Board indicating our consensus support to allowing the “new” parking lot at the Neighborhood Center to be used for commercial and residential uses in addition to the currently zoned recreation-only use. Consensus was reached in support of sending a letter. The full text of that letter will be posted online.

PLANNING FOR 2004

Mike Eng facilitated a full group brainstorming session to determine Civano

Neighbors neighborhood association priorities for the next year. These ideas will be researched and prioritized by the Leadership Team, with results reviewed at the March 2004 general meeting:

- Internal communications/orientation/education for newcomers and neighbors about Civano's sustainability goals
- Traffic and light on Houghton (Seven Generations, Irvington, etc.) to ease getting into and out of Civano
- Firehouse entrance/exit across Seven Generations—use solar light for emergency light
- Internal traffic—speeders, running stop signs are concerns
- Builders/sellers education (and for perspective residents) about Civano's sustainability goals
 - Adopt-a-sales agent, provide *Town Criers* to builders/sellers, etc.
- Ultimate ownership of Neighborhood Center
- Pantano linear park proposal
- Monthly potlucks
 - Noted that HOA/Advisory Council is planning on restarting these
- Amenity use for Neighborhoods 1, 2, and 3
- Roadway landscaping/street trees within Neighborhood 1
 - When will street trees be planted on Sixto Molina across from the park, for example?
- HAMP roadway proposals—Poorman Parkway and extension from Irvington Road running between Civano and Pantano Wash
- Interconnection between neighborhoods as Neighborhoods 2 and 3 are built out by Pulte
- Pulte Homes
- CC&Rs as they relate to the Neighborhood Center and the Specific Plan for Neighborhood 1
- Neighborhood association e-mail list, as a way to get more information out to folks—through working groups?
 - There are (and will be more detailed) working group Web pages on CivanoNeighbors.com, as well
- Create list of tasks for neighbors to get more involved in the neighborhood association (and their community)—from five minutes to full participation, through working groups and other means
 - Make available on CivanoNeighbors.com and elsewhere

The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:
Craig Altschul
Simmons Buntin