

**EL GHEKO Neighborhood Association
September 15, 2003
Meeting Minutes**

President Don Roh called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

After opening remarks, Don asked the Secretary, Ward Wallingford, to read the minutes of the last El Gheko Neighborhood Association meeting held on April 22, 2003, which he did. Those minutes were approved without change.

There being no representative from the Tucson Police Department, the meeting moved to the agenda items.

Various neighbors talked about the parking situation at the pool. President Roh commented that there was very little we could do about this private pool. One neighbor gave a historical perspective on the pool since its inception in the 1960's. The parking problem has been made worse by the city enforcing new parking regulations that prevent parking on curbs. Cars that park on each side of Caribe by the pool narrow the street to one lane. It is hoped that public parking will be available at the new Hudlow Park which will alleviate the situation now existing at the pool. This is subject to confirmation from Hudlow school principal that the gates will be left unlocked.

President Roh then discussed the latest news on Hudlow Park. He passed out a construction schedule which is a part of these minutes. The total amount promised of \$200,000 has been committed. October 13, 2003 is the scheduled completion date.

President Roh discussed the El Gheko web page. He stated it is going through a transition right now and that it should be ready in a week.

Robert Casler, Newsletter Editor discussed the newsletter now under construction. He said that neighbors could see the letter on the El Gheko web page or receive the letter by mail, (by listing their names with the Secretary). Don Roh suggested that neighbors also have access to the web by using computers at public libraries.

The discussion then moved to the expanded number of residents in the association. Don Roh indicated we are trying to get the number reduced. Some members thought we had already voted to reduce our boundaries. Jeff Steinkamp said it was in the bylaws on our web page. Ward and Jeff will look into this.

Ward then discussed the Renaissance festival which will be held September 20, 2003 at HBW park. Carla Casler asked if neighbors have problems with this event (litter, noise, parking, etc.) to let us know.

The development plans for Dorado Country Club were withdrawn earlier this summer, but it is expected the issue will come up again.

A neighbor asked about the construction at 6700 E. Speedway. The building is a 10K sq ft office with separate ingress and egress off Speedway Blvd. The past history of the project was discussed. Jeff Steinkamp commented about the erosion taking place around the drainage pipe emptying into the wash at the hole in the drainage ditch where the project culvert enters the wash. He says it has not been filled with new concrete to prevent erosion as of the last time he (Jeff) walked the wash. Ward promised to check into this.

Comments were made about the activities of the book club thanks in large part to Pat Tolley's efforts.

The neighborhood Sharing Project was discussed. Carla Casler pointed out that a survey will be in the newsletter for neighbors to sign up. Currently, there are not enough people involved for it to continue. She said she would be willing to work with the Sharing Project database, but we will need someone else to be the phone contact for it. The purpose of the Sharing Project is to help neighbors find nearby people who would share a hobby, pet sit, baby sit, teach piano, etc. People providing services may charge for their work. We don't monitor fees or guarantee the quality of work. Those who ask for names and numbers of people providing a service would still need to interview the person. The Sharing Project is just to help people find someone in the neighborhood for the convenience of proximity.

Ward discussed upcoming Tucson meetings about Tucson International Airport EPA Superfund site and Davis Monthan/Neighborhood issues.

The floor was then opened for comments and issues.

Jeff Steinkamp indicated he thought another traffic survey should be conducted in the neighborhood. The last one was done in the Fall of 2001. He doesn't think including Saturday and Sunday as done in the last study constituted a good sample. Ward will contact Zelen Canchola at Dept. of Transportation about doing another survey.

There were various comments from the floor about overgrown bushes and vegetation which impede the vision of drivers at critical points. Residents thought when the traffic survey is done, this could also be dealt with. We were also encouraged to call Ward 2 office.

Jeff Steinkamp discussed the need for a future Rosehill Wash cleanup. Ward 2 office has inquired if any was planned. He volunteered to head another cleanup for sometime in the December - February time frame.

A comment was made about illegal dumping on Carondolet property at Jessica and Carondolet.

There was further discussion about speeding in the neighborhood. It is a serious concern of the neighbors attending the meeting.

Don Roh discussed that neighbors could reach Association officers through addresses shown in the upcoming newsletter.

Discussion followed as to next meeting date. January 2004 was selected and third Monday was chosen, depending on availability of Hudlow meeting room. There was some interest in holding a potluck at that meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Wallingford,
Secretary