

*EL GHEKO Neighborhood Association*

*February 9, 2004*

*Meeting Minutes*

*President Don Roh called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm. Twenty members were present.*

*The proposed boundary change was circulated and discussed briefly. Since leadership at the City neighborhood office has changed, the number of addresses in our mailing list has been increased from over 800 to over 1800, although there have been no corresponding boundary changes. DNR has promised to send the list to Ward Wallingford for review.*

*Kathy Dixon, Ward 2 Aide to Carol West, brought us up-to-date on Ward 2. This week there will be a Valentine day party for Seniors. A survey of residents has shown that potholes are a major issue. Tucson Fire Dept. will hold a first aid class. At a recent Town Hall, citizens expressed their concerns about traffic.*

*President Roh then turned the discussion to concerns from those present at the meeting. Speeders (including local residents) on Caribe was mentioned.*

*TPD*

*Officer, Berube, suggested installing flashing stop lights.*

*President Roh asked Kathy Dixon to supply a recap of the financial disbursements made in developing Hudlow Park.*

*Parking at the pool is an issue for neighbors living near the pool. The street is virtually reduced to one lane during the pool hours. Organization of the pool*

was discussed. Some history was provided. The refusal of TUSD to allow parking in the school lot was discussed. One neighbor mentioned the fact that pool management has identified her as a complainer to TPD about parking. It was felt that someone from the pool management should be invited to attend a future ElGheko neighborhood meeting.

TPD Officer Shawn Berube next discussed tips on protecting your property. There has been increased robbery activity in the area including businesses. He urged us to use 911 for all calls.

Tracy Williams, Community Action Team, (743-7566) discussed the proposed changes to the City of Tucson Land Use Code. The changes will move items from the LUC which is law to what is called Standards. Standards are administered by the Department of Development Services subject to Department interpretation. This moves a lot of responsibility from the Planning Commission to an understaffed Development Services department. Ms. Williams believes that in the process neighborhoods are being removed.

The WASH ordinance is also being amended the effect of which will be to reduce the chance of appeal.

She urged us to attend the next meeting of the Planning Commission to register our opinions on the changes. That meeting is scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 7pm in Mayor and Council Chambers. The next meeting is March 3. See the Planning Department web page at <http://www.cityoftucson.org/planning/luc/luc.htm> for the complete text of the proposed amendment.

President Roh then opened the discussion for 2004 items of concern. Traffic was the first item to be discussed. Trees on the boundary between St. Joseph

Hospital and homes on Shepherd Hills are falling down and are a problem. The neighborhood pool is a concern. The intersection of Barbara Worth and Marta Hillgrove needs better signage.

The neighborhood listserv was discussed. Sending email to that address sends it to all on the list. Neighbors were encouraged to join the list.

The proposed boundary change was passed by majority vote and the Secretary is changing the by-laws.

Jeff Steinkamp is heading the next cleanup of Rosehill Wash. He will set a date with the City for sometime in April. All agreed the wash was very dirty.

The following officers were elected for 2004: Carla Casler, President, Jeff Steinkamp, Vice President, Ana Payne, Secretary and Robert Casler, Newsletter.

The next meeting was set for April 19 at 7pm, Hudlow Cafeteria.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ward Wallingford,  
Secretary