

El Gheko Neighborhood Association
November 7, 2013
Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Tom Wills, President of El Gheko, at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes were read by Carla Casler, Secretary, and were approved.

Neighborhood Liaisons were introduced and applauded
El Dorado – Virginia Salzman
Green Hills – Robin Parker
Kingston Knolls – Karla Orozco

Norma Wall mentioned that El Gheko will have a future meeting about Neighborhood Watch and she pointed out a display she had posted in the back of the room with pamphlets about Neighborhood Watch and a display with handouts about how to manage problems with javelin in neighborhoods.

Tom proposed changes to the bylaws to change our meetings from June and December to May and November to avoid busy vacation and holiday times. It was suggested that we move our election of officers from spring to the November meeting, to include any “snowbirds” in El Gheko. Jeff Steinkamp made the motion that the current officers’ terms to be extended until the November, 2014 meeting. The change to the bylaws was seconded and approved with a unanimous voice vote.

Dyann Miller gave a presentation: *If you own real estate in El Gheko, you win! A real estate market update*. She indicated that the real estate market is improving with the “days on market” in El Gheko being very favorable. She predicts that 2014 will be even better for home sales. Talking about “curb appeal,” she urged home owners to maintain their property and landscape – those efforts help everyone’s home values. She also recommended that El Gheko consider having a Rosehill Wash Cleanup to improve that area of the neighborhood.

In the Miscellaneous part of the agenda, a number of topics were brought up and discussed:

- Problems with the digging of new gas lines in the alleys of El Gheko, cracked sidewalks, and blocked trash pickup. Discussions considered what agencies were responsible for fixing problems – the city government, Southwest Gas, or the pipeline company.
- Some residents have had problems with billing from Southwest Gas for “leaks” and there was also discussion about the short-term opportunity to have Southwest Gas move residents’ meters from the alley to their houses.
- Concern about drivers speeding through the neighborhood
- Further discussion of scheduling a Rosehill Wash Cleanup – Jeff Steinkamp volunteered to followup with the city after the holidays.
- Complaints were expressed about traffic jams around Hudlow Elementary School in the afternoon when parents pick up their children. We were advised to contact the Principal, Sherry LaRochelle, to share any concerns about this. Some school policies may complicate the transfer of students from school to parents.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

.Respectfully submitted,

Carla Long Casler,
Secretary