

# El Gheko Neighborhood Association



**-- Semi-Annual Meeting --**

**Date:** Thursday, November 7, 2013

**Time:** 5:30 P.M.

**Location:** Eastside City Hall (Room C), 7575 East Speedway

## **MEETING AGENDA:**

- 1) Reading of minutes
- 2) Proposed By Laws Changes
- 3) Presentation/Program: *If you own real estate in El Gheko, you win! A real estate market update by El Gheko Resident, Dyann Miller*
- 4) Miscellaneous

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## President's Notes



**By Tom Wills**

After a number of planning meetings in late April and early May, the El Gheko Neighborhood Association was ready to become an active Association once again. On May 28<sup>th</sup> the first official meeting of the new El Gheko Neighborhood Association was called order by Ward 2 Councilman Paul Cunningham.

As there were no current officers, Councilman Cunningham called for nominations for President. There being no other candidates for President nominated, I was elected by unanimous voice vote. At that point I took over the meeting and proceeded to continue on with the election of officers: Norma Wall was elected Vice President and Carla Casler was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

After the election Councilman Cunningham gave a brief overview of the earlier El Gheko N.A. and a review of recent Ward 2 activities. Then we directed efforts to the adaption of the revised By-Laws. The City requires that all neighborhood associations have an up-to-date set of By-Laws which are filed with the city.

The first item to be changed in the By-Laws was the boundaries. As Harold Bell Wright established its own Neighborhood Association, it was removed from the El Gheko boundaries. The Rosehill Wash was considered as the western boundary, until we were informed that would eliminate residents on Mann Avenue which is west of the Rosehill Wash and has only one entrance to their subdivision, which is Edgemont in El Gheko, so it was agreed that the Western boundary be adjusted to include those residents of Mann Avenue.

Other changes were: ***proposed changes are strikeouts and in [brackets in italic bold]***

- ARTICLE SIX - B: Election of officers shall be held during the annual meeting. ~~Term of office shall be one year.~~ ***[No Officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms.]***
- ARTICLE EIGHT - B: Special meetings called by the President or by another officer ~~with the endorsement of at least 20 members~~ to deal with emergencies must be publicized to all member households at least 48 hours in advance to maximize

participation. *[Communication will mostly be through the El Gheko Yahoo Group.]*

- ARTICLE EIGHT - D: At any regular or special meeting, the simple majority shall rule when a vote is taken. A simple majority shall be defined as at least ~~51%~~ ***[50% + 1]*** of the members in attendance.
- ARTICLE SIX - A: Nominations of officers may be made prior to or at the annual meeting which shall be held in ~~January~~ ***[June]*** each calendar year.

In hindsight I believe the date in ARTICLE 6 - A should be changed to May of each calendar. I will give my reasoning why at the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting to be held at the Eastside City Hall (7575 Speedway).

As you can see, the ARTICLE EIGHT - D was modified to allow for 50%+1 to rule on a vote. Thus if only six people show up and four vote for or against motion, it will carry or fail on those four votes. If you want to have your voice heard, it is essential that you attend meetings.

After the By-Laws were adopted, volunteers were asked to be Neighborhood Liaisons. Those who volunteered were Virginia Salzman (El Dorado), Robin Parker (Green Hills) and Teresa Ugarte and Karla Orozco (Kingston Knolls). I would like to thank these ladies for being involved in helping the El Gheko N.A. be a successful and friendlier Neighborhood Association!

In closing, I would like to give full credit and thanks to Ellie Leacock for her designing the logo for El Gheko!

## Vice President News



El Gheko Neighbors;

Our next meeting will be held at the Ward office on Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013. It is always important to stay in touch with neighbors and our community, especially now with such a sluggish economy. We hope to bring new info and discuss topics you are interested in.

Recently, we had an incident with a herd of javelina that roam along the Rose Hill Wash from the Dorado Golf Community to our neighborhoods south of Speedway. This

particular herd was reliant on our flower gardens, people feeding them and tipping over garbage cans to live off our trash. They caused havoc with folks walking their dogs, provoked a few attacks and even put a woman in the hospital. Fish and Game had to eliminate many of the herd, after determining that they most likely wouldn't survive if relocated to a more natural habitat. So we need to get the word out to everyone **Not to Feed the Javelina**. We will also have more info on **Javelina Resistant Native Plants** that are appropriate for our Arizona Lowlands area.

Also, there will be info available for anyone who would like to start a **Neighborhood Watch Program** for your street. These have been very successful in helping the police with Targeted Burglaries, Speeding and Graffiti in and around our Ally ways.

Looking forward to meeting with you and your neighbors,

Norma Wall  
Vice President,  
El Gheko Neighborhood Association



## Neighborhood Update

Update from our neighborhood: Edgemont and Mann, there were 4 car break- ins August 8 around 2 to 2:30 AM. The cars were hit, rifled through and property taken. One car had a 40 pound rock thrown through the driver's window while others it appears were left unlocked. Police were called and stayed in the area until about 5 am.



## Internet Links

Below are some Internet links that El Gheko residents may be interested in:

- To subscribe to the El Gheko email list server, send a message to [elgheko-subscribe@yahogroups.com](mailto:elgheko-subscribe@yahogroups.com) with the subject and body of the message being blank. The moderator may get back to you to verify you are a resident if he is not familiar with your name.
- The Neighborhood Support Network (NSN) at <http://neighsupport.net/> which contains a number of links of interest to El Gheko residents such as Police Incidents and Code Enforcement listings which can be viewed by neighborhood associations.
- To view current weather information for El Gheko, go to <http://www.elgheko.us>.

More links will be added as they become available. Check the Neighborhood Support Network site as El Gheko will add meeting dates to the calendar on NSN.

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### **EL GHEKO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

- November 7, 2013 at 5:30 in Room C of the Eastside City Hall (Ward 2 Office)
- The **first** Wednesday of May and November of 2014 and 2015 at 5:30 P.M. in Room C of the East Side City Hall (Ward 2 Office)

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**El Gheko Neighborhood Association Survey, October 2013**

What do you consider a high priority for the Neighborhood Association?

Security/Crime \_\_\_ Social events \_\_\_ Traffic \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

What would you like to be involved in?

Neighborhood Spirit Committee \_\_\_\_\_ Communications Committee \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Tree \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Bring this to Nov. 7 meeting

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