

MINUTES OF EL MONTEVIDEO NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

March 18, 2008

Ward 6 Offices

Attended by:

Jane and Randy Van Nostrand

Charity Everitt

Ira Larsen

Janet Parkhurst

Dick Lanning

Mike Amundson

Uwe Fink

Laura Burge

Emely McConkey

Nina Trasoff

Neighborhood Security

Van Nostrands spoke of their recent break-in and car arson at their home at 3737 E Calle Cortez.

Top five tips for security offered by the police:

1. Outdoor lights on motion detectors.
2. Iron bars better than electronic house alarm.
3. Two dogs per house.
4. Park car in driveway so they think you're home.
5. Club and alarm system in car and house.

Eighty percent of burglaries are occurring during the day.

We will have the TPD present and answer questions at a future meeting. Diane Beaubien will make a special page on website for safety/security info.

Some people don't have email suggested minutes be mailed-out as part of newsletter to homeowners.

Minutes Accepted Uwe made motion to approve last meeting's minutes and were unanimously accepted.

Treasurer's Report Wayne Sune couldn't make the meeting so Mike Amundson presented treasurer's report. Neighborhood Association bank account is with Commerce Bank where there is a checking and certificate of deposit.

Historic Neighborhood Update Janet Parkhurst spoke of 16 houses that qualify for historic status. Notice was sent out to those properties as to what steps they need to take to file for historic tax status. A big thank you goes to Janet Parkhurst for her diligent effort in getting this done for the neighborhood.

Nina Trasoff. We were very fortunate to be joined by Nina Trasoff, who we thanked again for having been so efficient at getting our streets repaved. She brought up the drag-racing that has been disturbing area neighborhoods of San Clemente, Colonia Solana, El Encanto and El Montevideo. If you see please CALL 911.

Also report any thefts no matter how small so police is aware that more patrolling is necessary. Suggestion was made that emails be sent to neighbors when something happens to stay aware of what's happening in neighborhood.
Light rail from University to downtown area plans city is applying for federal funding. Nina and Gabrielle Giffords have been lobbying DC heavily for this.
Nina reported it will be a tough budget year.

Red Tag Ordinance. Disturbances called in to 911 you do not have to identify yourself. Can be anonymous.

El Con Tripartite Uwe Fink reported Macy's is no longer at El Con and plans for future occupant is not known. Dr Ronald Spark of El Encanto has hired a lawyer to serve as a watchdog and would like our endorsement . Dick Lanning supported El Encanto's request pointing out we need to maintain our strength as neighborhoods in monitoring what takes place in El Con. We should send a letter with our support.

Drachman Overlay Dick Lanning had nothing new to report.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM