

# Woodlea Melrose Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

WMNA June 2018 General Meeting		
Tuesday, June 5, 7pm – 777 Montecito Avenue, Community Room		
Attendees: 14		

#### Introduction

Jennifer Alexander, WMNA Chair, opened the meeting

## **City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services**

#### **General Discussion**

Lisa Huggins-Hubbard, Neighborhood Specialist with City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services, spoke about the department and what it has to offer residents of Phoenix. The Neighborhood Services Department (NSD) focuses on preserving, enhancing and engaging Phoenix neighborhoods and helping residents to access city services and programs. Services include code compliance, graffiti removal, landlord/tenant counseling, shopping cart retrieval, addressing abandoned/neglected properties and neighborhood revitalization including offering financial assistance to eligible low to moderate income homeowners.

Phoenix adopted a Cooling Ordinance which included a minimum temperature for cooling and ventilation in rental units. Rental units need to safely cool all habitable rooms to a temperature of no greater than 86 degrees if cooled by evaporative cooling; and no greater than 82 degrees if cooled by air conditioning.

Lisa stated that the shuttered Hotel 502 at 502 W. Camelback Road is currently in escrow and the buyer plans to reopen it as a hotel.

Lisa can be reached at 602-266-7681 <u>lisa.huggins-hubbard@phoenix.gov</u> For a complete list of services - <u>https://www.phoenix.gov/nsd</u>

#### **Block Watch**

**General Discussion** 



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Community Action Officer Aaron Stevens gave some crime stats for Woodlea Melrose over the last 3 months. Stats include 109 calls from neighbors to the police which identified 15 people, 2 felony warrants served, 1 stolen car on 15<sup>th</sup> avenue, 5 burglaries of which 4 were at the same abandoned home, 7 car break ins, 7 yard thefts and 14 home alarms, though none were for burglaries.

Crime reports can be filled out online - <a href="https://www.phoenix.gov/police/policereport">https://www.phoenix.gov/police/policereport</a>

With many neighbors planning summer trips, Officer Stevens can set up a vacation watch of your home while you are out of town. Use the contact information below to reach out to him.

Officer Stevens will do a FREE home safety survey for anyone interested. He can also register bikes if you let him know in advance. To set up a survey appointment contact Officer Stevens directly – 602-361-0043 or aaron.stevens@phoenix.gov

The non-emergency Crime Stop phone number is – 602-262-6151.

### **CASA Update**

#### **General Discussion**

Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue (CASA) Board Member Pam Pawlowski presented some local updates.

Work is ongoing at the Lyceum park project and completion is expected within about 30 days. <a href="https://casaon7thave.org/the-lyceum/">https://casaon7thave.org/the-lyceum/</a>

Sprouts grocery store at 3320 N. 7th Ave. is under construction and slated to open on August 22.

The Googie, formerly the pink liquor store, will begin work this summer with opening expected in October. <a href="https://www.facebook.com/TheGoogieonMelrose/">https://www.facebook.com/TheGoogieonMelrose/</a>

Scooters Coffee, a drive through only location, is planned behind the McDonalds at 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Indian School.

Wrap up