



**Woodlea Melrose
Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes**

WMNA February 2018 General Meeting	
Tuesday, February 6 th , 7pm – 777 Montecito Avenue, Community Room	
Attendees: 31	
Introduction	
<i>General Discussion</i>	
<p>Jennifer Alexander, new WMNA Chair, opened the meeting and announced 2018 board members and volunteers. Chair - Jennifer Alexander / Vice Chair - Patti Karnes / Treasurer - Kathy O'Donnell / Secretary- Lauren Makoviecki / Newsletter Publisher - Jacqueline Freeman / Communication Officer - Rene Amdahl / FYF Chairs - John Woodward and Charlie Steak / Neighborhood Ambassador - Rebecca Wagner / N.O.W. Coordinator - Lorna Spencer</p>	
Block Watch	
<i>General Discussion</i>	
<p>Community Action Officer Aaron Stevens pulled a 2018 report for Woodlea Melrose. There were 3 vehicle break ins, two stolen cars and one robbery. Our neighborhood made 36 calls about suspicious behavior and it lead to 8 arrests. Aaron suggests we call in suspicious behavior. The non- emergency Crime Stop phone number is – 602-262-6151.</p> <p>The last 30 days have had a higher police presence in WM, one goal was to decrease accidents on 7th Avenue.</p> <p>Homeless camps were discussed, particularly behind Kelly Paper and on the canal. Aaron encouraged us to call this in when we see it.</p> <p>There will be a family spring event at the police precinct. More information to follow.</p> <p>Neighbors discussed cut through traffic and speeding concerns. Officer Stevens suggest reaching out to him to set up speed assessment equipment in WM so we can get a better idea of how traffic and speeding affects our neighborhood</p> <p>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</p>	
Action Items	By Whom
Report suspicious activity. The non-emergency Crime Stop phone number is 602-262-6151.	All neighbors



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Rainbow Crosswalk

General Discussion

Carlos Castaneda, Vice President of Phoenix Pride, spoke about the planned rainbow crosswalk for Glenrosa and 7th Avenue. Phoenix Pride planned to present to the Phoenix City Council on 2/7/18 but the item has been postponed. The hope is to have a painted crosswalk by the 7th Avenue Street Fair on 3/3/18, however a long lasting option is the ultimate goal. Phoenix Pride will draft a letter of support and is asking for WMNA to sign.

Lyceum

General Discussion

Community Alliance of Seventh Avenue (CASA) Board Member Pam Pawlowski gave an update on the Lyceum project. Lyceum is a passive city park with shade, seating, low-water trees and plants, lighting, a stage, bike racks and space to gather. Engravable brick sales went well and there is funding to maintain the space for five years. Two shade structures are currently under city review. The goal is to have the park open in time for the street fair on 3/3/18. More information can be found at <https://casaon7thave.org/the-lyceum/>

Pam gave general updates on other neighborhood news –

The planned storage facility on Turney Avenue is set for city council review on 2/7/18.

This Melrose Life is a new website and magazine focused on our area. Brian Mori, publisher, was in attendance and passed around print copies. <https://thismelroselife.com/>

The 7th Avenue Street Fair is 3/3/18.

Paris Laundry, now owned by Modern Manor, is set to open the furniture store portion of the building in April 2018 with coffee and bar space to open summer 2018.

The Googie, formerly the pink liquor store, is planning to keep the drive through and will offer breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktails. It is currently seeking a variance and if you want to support this effort, you can write to the city referencing ZA518. <https://www.facebook.com/TheGoogieonMelrose/>



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Woodlea Melrose Tool Shed

General Discussion

John Woodland discussed the Woodlea Melrose Tool Shed. The WMNA has purchased the PHX Tool Shed located on 11th Avenue between Roma and Turney. Neighbors who pay \$10 yearly dues can borrow tools. A Love Your Block Grant through the city has been secured and we will revitalize this location. Volunteer work will begin 2/10/18 and continue on weekends in February 2018 to clean up the shed and its surroundings. Volunteers are also needed to check tools out to neighbors on assigned dates once the shed opens. The shed will be open Mondays and Thursdays 6:30 pm – 7:30pm.

For information on the tool shed and volunteer days visit <http://woodleamelrose.org/wm-tool-lending-library> or email info@woodleamelrose.org

Dirty Money

General Discussion

Lucia Kisiel spoke about a petition for the Stop Political Dirty Money Amendment, which would eliminate large unknown donations in Arizona elections. Signatures are needed to get this on the ballot in November 2018.

Wrap up