



**Woodlea Melrose
Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes**

WMNA February 2018 General Meeting		
Tuesday, April 3, 7pm – 777 Montecito Avenue, Community Room		
Attendees: 19		
Introduction		
<i>General Discussion</i>		
Jennifer Alexander, WMNA Chair, opened the meeting and introduced Rhonda Beyreis of the Phoenix Central Seventh-day Adventist Church.		
Phoenix Central Seventh-day Adventist Church Classes		
<i>General Discussion</i>		
Rhonda Beyreis discussed classes that are held at the church - 777 Montecito Avenue. There have been cooking classes, depression recovery classes and diabetes education classes. Rhonda can be reached at 602-571-8600 for more information. http://phoenixcentralsdachurch.com		
Block Watch		
<i>General Discussion</i>		
Community Action Officer Aaron Stevens recently attended a mass shooting survivor seminar and shared information about what to do in we are in such an event.		
<p>Exit Seek cover Concealment Asses/assist Present a small target Engage</p> <p>Lock doors/barricade and play dead.</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> <p>The non-emergency Crime Stop phone number is – 602-262-6151.</p>		
Modern Manor/Paris Laundry		
<i>General Discussion</i>		
Ryan Durkin, owner of Modern Manor (currently at 716 W Hazelwood St.), spoke about how after eight years Modern Manor will move to the Paris Laundry building at 4130 N. 7th Ave. Renovation is underway and the furniture store will likely move into the building in a month or so. A café/bar will open in the space, run by another vendor, potentially in summer 2018. The back of the building can		



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be rented for events and the original vault will become a small speakeasy cocktail bar. A grand opening celebration will tentatively take place fall 2018.

There is parking but more may be needed. Reach out to Ryan at Modern Manor if you have questions or concerns. <http://modernmanorstore.com/>

Historic Neighborhoods

General Discussion

Michelle Dodds, a City of Phoenix Historic Preservation Officer, spoke about the city's 35 historic neighborhoods, particularly Woodlea. She explained that following 2006's Prop. 207 vote, it has become harder to designate historic neighborhoods. Melrose is not a historic neighborhood.

There are grants available for homes in historic neighborhood's that need exterior work. There are income requirements to be eligible for funds.

Homes that are considered contributing to a historic neighborhood, Woodlea in our case, can apply for a property tax reduction. Michelle said many owner occupants do not know this.

Reach out to Michelle Dodds with any questions. Her direct line is 602-262-7468 and she can be reached at michelle.dodds@phoenix.gov

<https://www.phoenix.gov/pdd/historic>

Neighborhood Updates

General Discussion

Jennifer Alexander and Kathy O'Donnell gave some neighborhood updates.

There are plenty of books for the children's little free library on 9th/Roma, however the other two libraries are in need of book donations. <https://woodleamelrose.org/wm-free-little-libraries>

The tool shed, 11th between Roma and Turney, is open for lending Mondays and Thursdays 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Neighbors who have paid their \$10/year dues as of November 2017 are welcome to check out tools. <https://woodleamelrose.org/wm-tool-lending-library>

Phoenix Neighborhood Arts Grant has a deadline of 5/31/18 for anyone interested. <https://www.phoenix.gov/arts/grants-program/neighborhood-arts-grant>

The Lyceum is currently behind schedule. <https://cason7thave.org/the-lyceum/>

Block watch grant has been fully approved. Items for the coming grant period include holding a CPR class, holding the front yard patio seating grant lottery again and offering paint and stencils for neighbors who want to touch up their curb numbers.



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Wrap up