

GLP Meeting Minutes May 14, 2025

Guest speaker was Sgt. Jeremy Williams, Administrative Sergeant at the Eastside Division of the Tucson Police Department. He also works with Community Outreach and Neighborhood Watch. The crime statistics for the past 3 months included 425 calls to the Division. 195 were “advise” calls that did not require services. The rest included welfare checks, collisions, loud parties, neighbor disputes/arguments, burglary, stolen vehicles and suspicious activity. He encouraged residents to call 911 with reports of “suspicious activity” in their neighborhood. Even if an officer is not dispatched on the call, there is a record of the complaint. This helps them allocate resources in the future. There is a police crew actively combating drag racing on the streets. In these cases, they need a deployment of officers to respond rather than a single officer. There was a discussion from the audience about the problems with homeless people and speeding vehicles on our neighborhood streets.

Steps to be safe: Lock your car. Don’t leave valuables or guns in your car. Check the security of your home. Check that exterior lights and motion sensors are working. Cut away brush around your home. Lock doors and windows. Pay attention to your surroundings. Check around your car before getting inside.

George Orozco, president, opened the business part of the meeting. He commented that we had a great turn-out. Several people stated that they came because they saw the signs that George put up in the neighborhood. Joanna also put announcements on Facebook and Nextdoor. George introduced the board members, Jessica Riesgo/vice-president, Joanna Gradillas/secretary and Robert Neely/treasurer. He announced that we are planning a “Meet and Greet” event at either Clements Center or one of the big ramadas in the park on Saturday, June 21 from 11am-1pm. We will have ice cream, balloon animals and raffle prizes. We are hoping to provide a fun opportunity for neighbors to meet and get to know one another without hearing all the complaints that come up in our regular monthly meetings. Anyone wishing to help can contact George at dodram11@gmail.com or 520-286-7978.

The board stated that they all attended a Neighborhood Resources workshop and met representatives from neighborhood associations all across the city. There were many discussions and ideas presented on ways to engage more neighbors in activities. There was discussion about our optional dues and our wish to become a non-profit 501c3. The board will discuss and research these topics further, along with possible changes to our by-laws and report back to members.

There will not be a meeting in June because we are having the meet and greet. If there is a July meeting Joanna will send out an email and announcements on social media.