

Meeting Minutes

**CITY OF GLENDALE
CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMISSION ON NEIGHBORHOODS
Glendale City Hall
5850 W. Glendale Avenue – B3
Wednesday, April 3, 2013
6:00 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Barbara Cole, Chair - Cactus District
John Geurs, Vice Chair – Ocotillo District
Alfred Dixon – Barrel District
Manuel Cruz – Yucca District
Cathy Corella – Barrel District
Rebecca Ontiveros – Ocotillo District
Carl Dietzman – Ocotillo District
Davita Solter – Sahuaro District
Josh Marshall - Cactus District
Melissa Neighbors – Cholla District

MEMBERS ABSENT: Leslie Sheeler– Ocotillo District

STAFF PRESENT: Sam McAllen, Code Compliance Director

VISITORS PRESENT: Josiah Vasquez, Pastor of Pureheart Church

I. Call to Order

Chair Cole called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Chair Cole conducted roll call.

III. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2013

Commissioner Geurs motioned to approve the March 6, 2013 meeting minutes as written. Commissioner Cruz made the second. The motion passed 9 - 0. [Commissioner Ontiveros was not yet present.]

IV. Business From the Floor

None.

V. Pureheart Sponsored Neighborhood Activities

Pastor Vasquez thanked the Commission for allowing him to provide a report on Pureheart Church Neighborhood Outreach activities. Pastor Vasquez stated that he had approached Ms. Wilkie in March of 2012 in an effort to assist in Glendale's neighborhood services and to perform church outreach. He listed the Pureheart Church activities since then as follows:

- Two times per year Community Outreach performed at Washington School District, to include Phoenix areas, with a Community Day, to include Glendale schools also
- Past three outreach days involved yard clean up for Glendale citizens who had code violations but could not perform the work themselves due to illness or lack of funds
- Thunderbird Paseo Park clean up

Pastor Vasquez also provided a slide show of the recent neighborhood clean up and citizen's assistance projects:

- Group Home Painting
- Washington School District clean up
- Yard cleaning/workdays
- Helping neighbors put up fencing – a resident's property had been broken into due to lack of fencing

[Commissioner Ontiveros entered the meeting at 6:11 p.m.]

Pastor Vasquez stated that Pureheart provides a one-time food box for needy families, and then refers the recipient to other local food banks. Commissioner Dietzman offered frozen game to the food bank and Pastor Vasquez stated will coordinate with the City of Glendale staff regarding this suggestion.

Chair Cole thanked Pastor Vasquez for his service and the presentation. Pastor Vasquez thanked the City of Glendale and the Commission for their partnership.

VI. Glendale Neighborhood/Community Programs and Activities

Mr. McAllen provided an update on recent activities, which included the following information:

- Slogan for Glendale "You don't have to move to be in a better neighborhood".
- Ms. Wilkie gained sponsors for Pastor Vasquez's neighborhood clean up for items such as trash bags and other cleaning supplies.
- 900 volunteers and 35 projects had been completed. A slide show was presented.
- Mayor and City Council will be recognizing volunteers at an event on April 17th.
- Community Education:
 - Outreach/Coordination with Neighborhoods
 - Communication
- Approximately twenty individuals participated in the Glendale 101 Project. Cox Communication was the sole funding source for the project.
- HOA Training:
 - 65 Residents participated in the four-week program.
 - The ABCs of CC&Rs was one of the classes offered.
- 193 Registered Partnership Neighborhoods
- Martin Luther King Day of Service at Saguaro Ranch Park: Neighbors picked fruit for St. Mary's Food Bank.
- Serve Day at Thunderbird Paseo Park
- Granada Estates: This is an adopted neighborhood which has at least two clean-ups per year.
- Pureheart Spring Outreach Event: The new fence project was previously discussed by Pastor Vasquez.

- Adopt-a-Street Clean-Ups performed and a slide show was given on the projects.
- Clean-Ups of neighborhood yards, painting graffiti and other projects.
- HOA Training Class pictures were presented

Mr. McAllen stated that if any neighborhood was interested in newsletters, the neighborhood representatives should contact Ms. Wilkie. Mr. McAllen added that city-provided post cards were a good method of communication also for simple announcements.

Mr. McAllen listed Upcoming Events as:

- April 7-14: Glendale Community College Adopt-A-Street Clean-Up with Northwest Christian School at Saguaro Ranch Park
- April 13: Thunderbird Care - Clean-Up Day with Thunderbird School of Management
- April 17: Mayor and City Council Volunteer Recognition Event to be held at 6:30 p.m. at the Glendale Adult Center. Volunteers with over 25 hours will be recognized.
- April 20: Earth Day Clean-Up at New River Trail
- April 27: Serve Day with Community Church of Joy in the Heart of Glendale neighborhood.

Mr. McAllen stated that Ms. Wilkie would send out further details on the upcoming events.

Commissioner Ontiveros inquired whether or not Teen Challenge had contacted Ms. Wilkie. Mr. McAllen will find out and if not, staff will reach out to Teen Challenge.

Mr. McAllen noted the following Outreach items:

- The City of Glendale working on sidewalks and alley clean up.
- Sign up for Legislative Link can be done on the City website.
- Commissioners should advise staff of any suspected gang activity in the neighborhoods.

Mr. McAllen noted that Commissioner Sheeler had called in her absence prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Dietzman motioned to acknowledge the excused absence of Commissioner Sheeler. Commissioner Cruz made the second. The motion passed 10 - 0.

Chair Cole asked for more information on the April 17th Volunteer Recognition event. Mr. McAllen stated that the City Council wanted to honor volunteers with more than 25 hours of service. Mr. McAllen added that the event did not replace the Commission's recognition of the volunteers/neighborhoods via the former SPARK awards. Mr. McAllen thanked Commissioner Geurs for hosting last year's Commission Awards event at his home and encouraged the Commission to continue such recognition activities. Mr. McAllen noted that of the two types of volunteers being recognized (STARS Program and general volunteers), there were 900 people who had contributed over 3,600 hours through March 2013 to Glendale neighborhood projects.

VII. Commissioner Comments

Chair Cole enjoyed meeting Pastor Vasquez and thought the meeting was great.

Mr. McAllen appreciated the videos provided by the Pastor.

Commissioner Solter thanked Ms. Denise Kazmierczak, the minute-taker, for outlining the districts in previous minutes. Commissioner Solter noted that the Melvin Sine School was having the Earth Day and Community Clean Up at 7:00 a.m. At the event, bushes will be planted on the east side of the school and basic clean up will be done. Commissioner Solter was aware of an Ocotillo District resident in need of trees gleaning and will send details soon. Commissioner Solter mentioned that the fruit gleaned would be donated to the St. Johns Church food bank. Mr. McAllen stated the City would provide weed whackers and gleaning tools for the project.

Commissioner Geurs noted that on Saturdays, Breakthrough Life Church distributes clothing to the needy.

Mr. McAllen commented that the Community Action Office (CAP) would soon move back to the Glendale City Hall Complex.

Commissioner Geurs will speak with Ms. Wilkie regarding curb painting to be completed.

VIII. Adjournment

Commissioner Cruz motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 p.m. Commissioner Geurs made the second. The motion passed 10 - 0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn Guevara