**GENERAL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 29, 2018 at 6:30PM**

**NORTH VILLAGE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**1010 E ALICE AVE**

**53 people in attendance.**

1. **Pledge of Allegiance and open the meeting {2min}**
2. **Introductions {5min}**
3. **Reflections: Vice-President Wallis Hardi; “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”**
4. **Police update and introduction Sgt. Calle {10min}
Office Matt Morgan: 20 recent arrests in our neighborhood, mostly drug violations.
Police were finally able to break up the drug house by Palma Park, many hours went into the investigation and as most were prior offenders, they will remain off the streets and will go back to DOC.
Welcome Sgt. Calle, newly appointed Sergeant for the Bike Squad. Sgt. Calle spent the last 15 years at South Mountain Precinct. In that time he frequently worked as a night Sergeant at Desert Horizon and so is very familiar with the area.**  **He is currently overseeing a crime suppression project in our area. An example would be keeping the Drainage in the retention basin closed. Remember, SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING. Reporting any suspicious activity helps the police to patrol the areas of high crime.

\*\*One Example of how our group is making a difference: At Slope Fest, one of our Captain’s, Leonor was working the welcome booth. She had a discussion with a Children’s Soccer Coach in the area who had complaints about a violent dog near the park; 2 of his players had been bit. Leonor was able to put the Coach in contact with Officer Matt Morgan, who was then able to investigate this dog and find other complaints had been made. The dog is now out of the community and not able to hurt anyone again. This is an important story because if our group didn’t exist, and Leonor wasn’t there to translate for the coach, this dog could still be near the park attacking innocent children. \*\***
5. **Hot Topics: {5min}**
* **Alley Access control / Gated Alley Program (GAP):** **If you have any questions about this program or about your alley, see Jeff. We will hold off on anymore debate until the pilot project takes place and we see how it works.**
* **Arts & Culture project 6th St & Butler: 6th Street and Butler. Andy- Can we reference the photos will be on the website? If Jeff has photos we can also put on FB. Basics are already there….https://www.eastsunnyslope.com/updates / Don’t have conceptual drawings up. Send me some and will put on web site**
* **Sunnyslope Manor Garden rehab partnership: Located at Ruth and Central, this facility needed help with repairing landscaping that the patients can enjoy. They were offered a grant and we teamed up with them to use our 501c3. A great example of Neighbors Helping Neighbors.**
* **Historical Society Museum mural project**: **Located on Hatcher between Cave Creek and 7th Street. ESSNABW is working with the Historical Society in getting a grant to have a mural painted on the side of the building.**
* **Slope Fest 2019**: **We are working with the Bike Squad and hoping for another Tour de Sunnyslope to accompany our festival. We are also joining forces with 3 other Block Watch groups that are in Sunnyslope to really boost our support. This year we have created a ‘Slope Fest committee to help run things smoother. This will be a 12 person committee and we still need 2 more volunteers. Contact Jeff if you want to help. (contact info below) First Committee meeting will be on June 19th, location TBD.**
1. **Award: {15min}** **ESSNABW, Deb Stark’s office, and Kate Brophy McGhee’s office present an award for Krista Roy from NSD. Her hard work and dedication to our group is much appreciated.
ESSNABW presents Officer Matt Morgan with a recognition award for his hard work in planning Tour de Sunnyslope. Thanks to Officer Morgan, we had 50 riders beaming with pride as they passed the finish line!**
2. **Speakers: State Senator McGee & Phoenix Councilwoman Stark. {15min}**
3. **Finally to the point where we are bringing in more Police than are retiring.**
4. **More staff for Crime Stop**
5. **Phoenix Cares & shelters getting funds from new budget**
6. **More clean ups in the future to address camps and transients**
7. **Sober house have new requirements passed**
8. **Suggest writing letters to City Council to create more beds for transients.**

**Business Updates**

* **C&S Sporting Goods**: Relocating from 7th St and Maryland to old True Value Hardware location.

 **- Little Miss BBQ:** Construction has started on corner of 7Th St and Townley. Walgreens Parking Lot.

* **Taco Mich:** Has opened at 13th St and Northern. (Old 13 North Building)
* Open discussion
* Business Give a Way {3min} Winner: Nancy Green
* 50/50 Drawing – Winner: Aaron Roy
* Adjourn

 Dates and Events….see below.

**Community Events & Block Watch Meetings**

 **12-June:** Captains meeting North Mountain Brewery

 **19-June:** Slope Fest 2019 committee meeting location TBD

 **26-June**: General Meeting North Village Baptist Church

 **10-July:** Captains Meeting Location TBD

 **21 -July; Coffee with a Cop – County Atty Locations TBD (Jeff was this to be at Christown?)**

 **31-July:** General Meeting North Village Baptist Church

 **August – Community Chat with District 3, Deb Stark to start again**

Visit our web site at: <http://www.eastsunnyslope.com>

Find us on Facebook: East Sunnyslope Neighborhood Association & Block Watch