



**PIMA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND
NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT**

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**PIMA COUNTY
NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, June 27, 2008, 8:30am
The Dr. Herbert K. Abrams Public Health Center
3950 S. Country Club
Room 1108
Tucson, Arizona**

MINUTES

**NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (NROC)
MEMBERS**

Present	Mr. Al Skorupski-District 1 Appointee, Chair
	Mr. Shel Coudray-District 3 Appointee
	Mr. Felipe Lundin-District 2 Appointee
Absent	Ms. Corey Knox-District 4 Appointee, Vice Chair
	Ms. Elvia Lopez-District 5 Appointee

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSERVATION
DEPARTMENT STAFF**

Margaret Kish-Director of CDNC
Leslie Nixon-Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Manager
Bennett Bernal-NRP Program Coordinator
Lori Aldecoa-Program Coordinator
Tony Reis-Program Coordinator
Camiliano Juarez-Program Coordinator
Ana Durazo- Administrative Specialist

OTHERS PRESENT

Jessie Baxter, Special Assistant to Supervisor Sharon Bronson
Karen Zopt, Citizens for Picture Rocks
John Dale, Red Endo BMX
Jason Bahe, Pima County Parks and Recreation Department

CALL TO ORDER by NROC Chair Al Skorupski at 8:30am.

ROLL CALL

Quorum present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR May 30, 2008, MEETING

Mr. Lundin moved to approve the minutes from May 30, 2008. Mr. Coudray seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

PROGRAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Nixon advised the Committee of the following:

- Review of Agenda
- Review of Project Status Report
Ms. Nixon announced that El Cortez project was approved.
- Announcements:
 - Ms. Aldecoa announced that the A Mountain project was almost completed.
 - Mr. Bernal announced that the Flowing Wells District Park was completed. He also announced that the Ajo Skate Park was having the bleachers and lighting installed.

ROUND XX NEIGHBORHOOD REINVESTMENT PROPOSALS (Site Visit Subcommittee Report, Discussion, Action)

- **CITIZENS FOR PICTURE ROCKS**
Mr. Bernal reviewed the proposal, which requests \$383,000 for a BMX Skate Park and safety cameras. Mr. Bernal thanked Mr. Coudray for the site visit. Mr. Coudray reported on the site visit stating that the project was a worthwhile project even though it was not in a stressed area. Mr. Coudray addressed Ms. Nixon and asked for clarification on the County Administrator's memo regarding soft costs. Ms. Nixon clarified that due to the county budget cuts, the County Administrator has approved that NROC absorb the soft costs. Mr. Coudray also added that he was concerned with the contingency costs for the cement slab; he stated that the cost was unreasonable. Jason Bahe, from Pima County Parks and Recreation Department addressed the Committee and explained the contingency costs on this proposal and informed the Committee that the cost estimates for this proposal were taken from another similar project and that contingency costs for this project could be less than what they requested once they hire a consultant to design the slab and the bids for constructing the slab are completed. Ms. Nixon stated that many jurisdictions don't have funding to get specific cost estimates and they may use a similar project to come up with their cost estimates. Ms. Nixon explained that with her experience, it costs more to construct things in Ajo and that is why the cost estimate was high.

Mr. Coudray moved to postpone the project vote and have the cost estimate revised. No second. **Motion died.**

Mr. Lundin moved to approve the project to the Board of Supervisors with the understanding that the we will monitoring the design cost and the understanding with the wording in the minutes that cost estimate came in higher because it came in based on Ajo, where historically it cost more and it is reasonable to expect that the costs will be coming in lower and I don't know how significant, I'm not an engineer, but we expect the costs construction plans will come in lower than Ajo. Mr. Skorupski seconded.
Motion passed 2 to 1.

COMMON GROUND AWARD NOMINATION (DISCUSSION AND ACTION)

Ms. Nixon informed the Committee that Ms. Knox had brought this forward to Committee to consider nominating an NR neighborhood project for this award. Mr. Lundin asked that staff nominate a neighborhood, since he had not seen any completed projects. The Committee members agreed with Mr. Lundin and asked staff if they had any project in mind. Mr. Juarez addressed the Committee and asked if the Committee would consider nominating the 1997 Sunnyside Project that was recently completed and were the first neighborhood to go outside the realm in their project. Mr. Juarez explained that the project began with traffic mitigation in a high stress and high crime neighborhood. The neighborhood then conducted events and workshops and they resulted partnering with the University of Arizona and together they made a public space a "Peace Garden". Rebecca Quintero helped the kids create the "peace garden" - so named because of its safe-haven feel - in 2003 and liked it so much she wrote a book about it. The garden is replete with everything from vegetables, flowers and vegetation that attract many different species of butterflies and hummingbirds. Mr. Juarez stated that the garden and this project were well publicized and resulted in great partnering with the elected officials and the neighborhood. Ms. Aldecoa also added that the neighborhood participates in an annual national night out where the community comes together to the Peace Garden to celebrate.

Mr. Lundin made a motion to nominate the 1997 Sunnyside Project for the Common Ground Award and have NR staff process paperwork. Mr. Skorupski seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE FEEDBACK

No Committee feedback.

CALL TO AUDIENCE

No one addressed the Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Coudray moved to adjourn, and Mr. Lundin seconded. **Motion was approved unanimously.** Meeting adjourned by Chair Al Skorupski at 9:00 am.

Minutes submitted by Ana Durazo

Next meeting scheduled on Friday, September 26, 2008