



Palo Verde Park

Neighborhood Association

<http://paloverdeparkneighborhood.com/>

Minutes, July 18, 2018 meeting

Present:

Norma Coffman, President

Jack Kulawik, Treasurer

Rhonda Bodfield, Secretary

Andy Weiss, zone delegate, Riviera Estates

Absent:

Mike Southworth, Vice President

Virginia Stanek, zone delegate Manana Vista

- **Roll Call**

The President called the meeting to order.

- **Code of conduct**

The President shared the general expectation that discourse will be respectful and shared a commitment to honor participants' time commitment and limit the meeting to one hour.

- **President's report**

Ms. Coffman shared with the group that the City of Tucson is working on the tree line at the park to address safety issues but also to address fire hazards and strengthen the remaining trees.

Ms. Coffman shared that the Ward 2 Council office has facilitated a meeting between the Neighborhood Council and the organizers of the methadone clinic that is going in on the southeast corner Jessica and Broadway. We hope for a respectful discussion that will allow both parties to have a good relationship moving forward and will provide updates on the discussion to the members.

The City has approved a free library exchange and will install it for us after completion. It has also agreed to install four dog waste stations on each corner of the park to encourage people to clean up after pets.

The City also will give us one more newsletter this year in September to share events in the park in the fall and over the holiday season.

- **Officers' report, as needed:** None this month

- **Approval of minutes**

Unanimous approval.

- **Presentation by John Eisele, contractor, Tucson Electric Power**

John shared that TEPs goal, in addition to being a strong community partner, is to help its clients save energy resources because it is expensive to add additional capacity and it's important to help manage peak demand to prevent brown-outs. Saving water helps save electricity because of pumping costs.

Eisele shared that the average usage during the day climbs throughout the day and typically on a summer day, between 4-5 p.m., we reach peak demand. Different pricing plans have been designed to help move usage to off-peak hours and can save consumers money on their bills.

Eisele shared that the large power draws in households are, in order of usage, heating and air conditioning systems (as much as 40 percent,) followed by large appliances such as refrigerators and dishwashers, then water heaters, lighting and small appliances. In all, appliances both big and small account for 35 percent of energy costs.

Among the recommendations:

- Look for Energy Star ratings when replacing appliances
- Keep your thermostat adjusted to 68 in the winter, 78 in the summer. TEP offers rebates for smart thermostats that allow you greater control in managing your heating and cooling, even away from home.
- Change your air filter every month
- Seal duct leaks with metallic tape (not duct tape, ironically)
- Apply weatherstripping to doors and caulk around windows
- Consider planting deciduous trees that will provide shade in the summer to your home but drop their leaves and allow heat in through the winter
- Adjust refrigerator temperatures to between 35-40 degrees
- Always wash full loads of dishes and clothes and consider letting them air dry
- Set water heater to 120 degrees and wrap pipes with foam insulation
- Consider upgrading light bulbs to LED for longer life span and lower energy usage.

Eisele provided kits to homeowners that included LED light bulbs and faucet/shower aerators.

- **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

- **Adjournment: 7:26 p.m.**

