

Dobson Estates II Neighborhood
Meeting Notes – Wednesday, June 12, 2013

- Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, introduced City of Chandler staff: Malcolm Hankins, Neighborhood Preservation Manager, Dan Cook, Transportation Manager, Officer Valenzuela, Crime Prevention (PD), Cristabel Dykstra, Neighborhood Programs Assistant. Ramos also introduced Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) Chair Bob Kampfe.
- Judy Ramos asked residents in attendance to introduce themselves and name street they live on (refer to sign-in sheet).
- Hankins gave overview of Code Enforcement process and answered Code-related questions from the residents. He provided his contact information and asked residents to call Code Enforcement to report any Code violations.
- Ramos provided a copy of the neighborhood survey that was conducted and went over the results.
- Cook gave an overview of Transportation and Development and addressed the street and streetlight issues from the survey. He stated he would have a street crew check the streets and take care of potholes and cracks. He said street resurfacing is budget driven and the streets in worst condition are repaved first based on the budget allotted for the fiscal year. He said he would also send a crew to do a night inspection of the streetlights and make sure they are up to standards. He also addressed the speeding at Comanche and Central. He said a petition was conducted 2 years ago to add speed bumps. There was not enough supporters and therefore speed humps were not placed.
- Office Valenzuela gave an overview of the Block Watch program. She said based on the survey, there little criminal activity in the neighborhood. She indicated that Officer Chavarria is the Block Watch program officer but was currently out of town. She encouraged the resident from Palo Verde Dr. to contact Officer Chavarria to start Block Watch on their street. Residents from Mission Dr. indicated they currently have an active Block Watch and hold meetings.
- Ramos gave an overview of the Traditional Neighborhood Academy and the Signage program. She thanked Michelle Mac Lennan for all her hard work in the neighborhood and for completing the Academy. She indicated the surveys for the signs will be mailed out to the residents so they can vote on their favorite design. The street design that wins will be the one that will be placed on the major entry points of the neighborhood.
- Ramos explained the Neighborhood Action Plan that will put together for the neighborhood from the four questions that were asked from each of the residents (refer to Action Plan).
- Dykstra provided contact information for Neighborhood Programs staff and encouraged residents to contact Ramos or herself on any questions of concerns.
- Resident Michelle Mac Lennan indicated that the next steps will be working on starting Block Watch on her street and participating in G.A.I.N. this year.
- Ramos thanked the residents for attending the meeting.



Dobson Estates II Neighborhood Survey



RESULTS

118 Surveys Mailed, 28 Received, 3 Returned Mail, 87 No Response

The Dobson Estates II Neighborhood is a Traditional Neighborhood located at Alma School Rd and Elliot Rd. The homes in the neighborhood were built in 1979. This is an opportunity to take an inventory of existing conditions and identify the neighborhood characteristics that make the neighborhood desirable and identify those issues that negatively impact the neighborhood.

The City of Chandler Neighborhood Resources Office is assisting neighborhood leaders to initiate this process. The first step in the process is a neighborhood survey. To help us understand *your* neighborhood and the issues *you* think are important, please take a moment to give us your thoughts and ideas. If you have any questions, please call Judy Ramos, Neighborhood Programs Coordinator, at (480) 782-4348. Your input is important. Thank you.

Please circle the answer that most accurately describes your neighborhood *right now*.

	1	2	3	4	5
	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know
A. Personal Safety					
1. I feel safe in my home and in my neighborhood.	14	10	2	1	1
2. I feel my neighborhood is safe for children to play outside.	14	12	1	1	0
3. Do you feel the entry/exit way at Comanche Dr and Elliot Rd is safe for vehicles?	19 Yes		9 No		
B. Neighborhood Vehicles					
4. Cars follow the speed limit in my neighborhood.	2	12	3	11	0
5. Vehicles, trailers and boats are improperly parked in front yards, off the driveway or on unimproved surfaces.	9	9	3	6	1
C. Police Interaction					
6. My neighborhood participates in the Block-Watch.	4	5	1	4	14
7. Would you be interested in participating in a neighborhood Block Watch Program to assist in protecting you and your neighbors from crime?	15 Yes		12 No		
D. Property Maintenance					
8. Alleys are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown weeds or dumping of trash)	2	12	2	12	0
9. Yards are well maintained. (Ex: no overgrown vegetation)	3	13	8	4	0
10. Homes are well maintained. (Ex: roofs, paint, fences, outside storage of junk or garbage)	3	16	6	3	0

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	Agree	Somewhat Agree	Somewhat Disagree	Disagree	Don't Know

E. Social

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| 11. I know my immediate neighbors. | 17 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| 12. My neighborhood is a great place to live. | 12 | 12 | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| 13. Do you know of or are you an elderly or disabled person in your neighborhood that needs assistance with yard work? | 3 Yes | | 25 No | | |

Other

14. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live?

See Comment Sheet

15. In a few words, please describe your neighborhood.

See Comment Sheet

16. We will be conducting a meeting in your neighborhood to review the survey results. Would you like to provide us with your contact information so we can notify you of the meeting date, location and time?

16 Yes 12 No

If "Yes" please provide us with your contact information below:

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ Email _____

17. Have you ever heard about the Mayor's Listening Tours? **5 Yes 23 No**

18. Have you heard about the Traditional Neighborhood Academy? **4 Yes 24 No**

(Optional) - See Comment Sheet

A. How many persons live in your household? _____

B. Do you own or rent your home? Rent _____ Own _____

C. How long have you lived in your current home? Years _____ Months _____

Please place your completed survey in the enclosed postage paid envelope and **return it to us by U.S. Mail by Monday, May 13, 2013.** If you have any questions please contact Judy Ramos at 480-782-4348 or email:

judy.ramos@chandleraz.gov .

Thank you for your participation!

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Comment Sheet

Other

14. Identify one improvement that would make your neighborhood a better place to live.

- Upkeep on neighbors' yards.
- Remove weeds at Central Dr. and Shawnee Dr. intersection.
- Impose stricter rules/penalties on rental properties – need to be maintained better. X2
- Code Enforcement
- Swimming pool at Shawnee Park.
- Remove basketball hoop and bricks at 1122 W. Mission Dr. It is blocking sidewalk.
- Maintain curb appeal.
- Improve roads – need resurfacing. X3
- Continue to keep it HOA free.
- Enforce on RVs and trailers parked on street.
- Alley maintenance.
- Street lights need to be repaired. They work intermittently.
- Gas line?
- Bring back Mervyn's or other department store.
- People trimming their palm trees and not allowing pigeons to nest on them.
- Pave corner of Central Dr and Loughlin St – it's uneven and causes car problems.
- Foreclosure properties need to be maintained. X2
- More street lights.
- Enforce traffic on Elliot Rd and Palo Verde.
- People don't seem to have pride of "ownership" anymore.
- Homes are not kept up, lots of weeds.

15. In a few words, please describe your neighborhood.

- Some neighbors take pride while others don't.
- Older homes with older families. X2
- Friendly, quiet and safe. X5
- Good neighborhood. X3
- Wonderful
- Convenient to shopping center and school.
- Nice and calm. X3
- Getting a little run-down.
- Lower-middle class neighborhood.

- Pleasant with nice people.
- 70's block construction well-made, beautiful homes.
- Old not well maintained.

Optional

A. How many persons live in your household?

1-2: 17 3-4: 4 5-6: 3 7 or more: 0

B. Do you rent or own your home?

Rent: 0 Own: 24

C. How long have you lived in your current home:

0-5 years: 4 5-10 years: 2 10-15 years: 8 15 years or more: 10

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Follow up to Neighborhood Concerns - Wednesday, June 12, 2013

Resident Street Light Concerns

1. "The streetlights in the entire neighborhood, and the adjacent neighborhood need to be repaired, they only work intermittently".
2. "A new streetlight was installed at Mission and Karen Streets; it only worked for about a week or so, and has not worked since."
3. "More streetlights are needed in the area." The issue may be linked to the lights working intermittently.

Streets Division Response to Resident Lighting Concerns

1. On (6/13/2013) lights were checked from Alma School to Pennington, Mesquite to Elliot and found one (1) – outage at (Karen/Mission) and seven (7) lights going on-off.
2. The lights were repaired on (6/14/2013) and a technician was sent out on Tuesday (6/18/2013) to re check the areas mentioned above. The pole spacing is adequate and no additional lights are needed.
3. Same area was checked Tuesday (6/18/2013) and only one light was found going on/off. It was repaired the same day.

Resident Street Condition Concerns

1. A general statement that was made is that the "roads need resurfacing." There are some areas where the latest slurry/micro seal is de-laminating. Central Drive looks the worst, especially around Loughlin Street.
2. When are these streets programmed/scheduled or either for another slurry or a mill and overlay?

Streets Division Response to Resident Street Condition Concerns

1. Central Drive from Elliot Road to Mesquite Street and Mesquite Street from Alma School Road to Shawnee Drive will receive a Mill & Inlay repaving process this fall.
2. The surrounding neighborhood is due for a mill & Inlay repaving process in a couple of years, but will strictly depend on budget and funding at that time.

3. The alleys in this area were last maintained by City crews in July of 2012; the crews are scheduled to return in late August 2013.
4. The alleys still look good with the exception of various weeds along the walls and a few over grown trees from the back yards; which is specifically the responsibility of the homeowner from property line to the centerline of their respective alleys.

Additional City Resources

- **Block Watch** - Contact Officer Dan Chavarria at Daniel.chavarria@chandleraz.gov or call 480-782-4967 to get Block Watch started in your area
- **To Report a Street Light Problem** – Call 480-782-3460, be sure to provide the street light # which is located on the light post
- **To Report a Code Violation** - Call 480-782-4320 or visit www.chandleraz.gov and click on the residents tab and scroll down to “Contact Us”. Make sure to leave your name telephone number if you want to be contacted on the status of your complaint
- **Neighborhood Programs** - Call 480-782-4354 to find out about Neighborhood Grants, the Neighborhood Academy and the Mayor’s Listening Tour. To subscribe the quarterly News for Neighbors Newsletter email: cristabel.dykstra@chandleraz.gov

DOBSON ESTATES II NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION PLAN

What makes Dobson Estates II Neighborhood a great place to live? It's an older but stylish neighborhood with no HOA and friendly neighbors. Many of the homes have beautiful green trees and landscape and neatly kept yards. It's situated near a Chandler school with a nearby park and its location makes it convenient to access great shopping and visit nearby surrounding cities.

Top Focus	Neighborhood Concerns	Ideas to Improve the Condition	Leads	Follow Up and Status
#1 Street Conditions & Parking	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improvement of streets (i.e. Resurface, Repair, etc.) RV/Trailer parking 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be proactive Contact neighbors directly 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Streets Division Residents should contact Police about vehicles parked on the Street that are obstructing visibility 	See Attached Notes regarding Streets Concerns
#2 Maintenance (Yards & homes)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enforcement on yards Rentals cleaned up 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Be proactive Donate time/make calls to inform neighbors of needs and certain changes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Residents should be proactive by contacting Code Enforcement when there are yards rentals or owner occupied that are in need of maintenance 	Code will be following up on specific properties identified by residents at the meeting
#3 Social	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Improve sense of community 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Host 1-2 parties a year such as G.A.I.N. Social events such as Block Watch, Pot lucks, Neighborhood Parties or Block Parties More people getting together/coming out Meeting neighbors Neighborhood Newsletter 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Resident leaders 	Resident Leader will initiate a Block Watch meeting Resident leader will initiate a neighborhood newsletter

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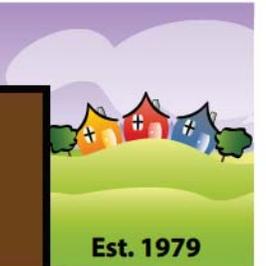


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