

December 2003

Mountain/1st

Happy Holidays

Neighborhood Association

Report on Last Meeting!

Ten members attended our November 20th meeting and potluck. We did elect new officers for 2004. Co-chairs are **Judi Stern** and **Reid Bailey**. Secretary, **Elva Davis**. Treasurer, **Susie Diaz**. Our Sergeant at Arms, **RoseMarie Shelley**. We did discuss the possibility of changing our name, but passed a motion 6-3 to retain our current name. We may discuss this again later after working on our comprehensive neighborhood plan with **Corky Poster** and his students.

Paul Swift, DNR, spoke to us about how we may and may not spend our **CDBG** grant funds. We are not permitted to fund a dusk to dawn light for neighbors living in the cul de sac on Mitchell and North Tyndall. The neighbors will pursue this project themselves. The estimated cost per month for this rental from Tucson Electric Power is \$15.19 plus tax.

Zelin Canchola, our project manager from **City of Tucson Department of Transportation**, gave us some estimates on the costs for traffic mitigation devices and sidewalk improvements. Hopefully, Corky and his students will help us develop a main corridor, which will help us to "get more bang for our buck." Also, their work for us will assist us in applying for other grants. Some of the estimates are \$15 per running foot for sidewalks, plus \$800 per handicap ramp at corners, \$1,600 per driveway apron, \$1,300-\$1,700 per speed hump, \$2,300 per speed table, \$5,000 per street light or \$250,000 per mile. Traffic circles will cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 each including landscaping. No irrigation will be provided and neighbors will be responsible for watering with buckets. Desert plants are recommended and require permits. Three bump outs cost \$10,000.

As you can see, we need to decide a plan to implement in stages because our funds are limited. We will be obligated to pay approximately 25% of our grants to Department of Transportation for Design, permits, and construction costs.

Jerry Partin has agreed to help us write new grant proposals for additional funding.

Upcoming Events!

December 17th, Woods Public Library, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Ward III Neighbors hosts their annual Holiday Potluck. Contact **John Sawyer, 795-9713**, to let him know what dish you will bring. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet some of our neighbors from other associations.

Agenda for Next Meeting!

Thursday, December 18, 2003
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Review Surveys	20 min
Discussion on prioritizing our needs for using our grants	45 min.
Questions & Answers	10 min.
Old Business	5 min.
New Business, Announcements	10 min.

If you haven't been attending meetings because you haven't had time to have dinner or bring something to share, please come at 7 p.m. Our meetings will begin at this time and end by 8:30 p.m. We appreciate your participation as we move ahead in making improvements to our area.

We are committed to putting in sidewalks with our CDBG funds because this grant was given for a Pedestrian Benefit Project. Sidewalks as access to Mitchell Park and other traffic mitigation devices to provide pedestrians safe passage.

Everyone enjoyed our joint Halloween party & parade. **H.A.N.A.** and **Samos** expressed an interest in making this an annual event.

Happy Birthdays to Marion Russell, Elva Davis and RoseMarie Shelley

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Susie Diaz, 2704 North Tyndall, Tucson, AZ. 85719

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