

February 2004

Happy Valentine's Day

Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

Report on Last Meeting!

Seven members attended our January 15th, 2004 meeting. Most of the meeting involved final plans for our neighborhood alley cleanup on January 17th. **Bennett Bernal**, our Ward 3 liaison aide, explained how the cleanup would work and where to meet to begin the work of cleaning up the alley parallel to North 1st Avenue from Glenn south .

Jerry Partin discussed our applying for more Community Development Block Grant funds. He and **Judi Stern** will attend the application meeting on February 3rd.

Discussions began on possible locations for spending our grant funds. **Reid Bailey** brought a large map of our neighborhood to help us visualize the areas of greatest need. Access to Mitchell Park is one of the greatest traffic patterns. We agreed to ask for traffic studies for the east-west streets from Park to Mountain on Alta Vista, Mitchell, Copper, and Water Streets. These studies should help us determine which traffic paths are the most in need of traffic mitigation and/ or sidewalks.

Several of our members attended **Ward III Neighbors** meeting on January 21st to hear our **Council Member Kathleen Dunbar** give her second annual State of our Ward speech.

Comprehensive Neighborhood Plan in the works.... Representatives of the Mountain/1st neighborhood association had a first meeting with **Corky Poster** at the Drachman Institute on January 6th, 2004. Judi Stern and **Ron Proctor** met with Dr Poster for about an hour to discuss the work Corky will be doing with University of Arizona, College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture students to produce a comprehensive plan for our neighborhood. This work is expected to be completed during the Spring 2004 semester. This document is meant to provide short and long term guidance as our neighborhood revitalizes. A summary of the ideas generated during the Visioning Sessions of March and April 2003 was submitted for their use. The main ideas from this process included: Building Community, Safety, Alternative Transportation, Traffic Solutions, and Aesthetics. It is anticipated that Corky's group will be presenting information and seeking feedback at our upcoming monthly meetings. With only a few months in the semester, opportunities for input into the plan will happen in February and March. Please be ready to participate in these critical meetings... **Ron Proctor**

Successful Alley Cleanup....

Seven neighbors met with a dozen people from **Adult Probation** on Saturday morning, January 17th, to cleanup the north-south alley parallel to North 1st Avenue. Some of the area had dangerously high dried grass, a definite fire hazard. Unfortunately, the worst trash and

Agenda for Next Meeting!

Thursday, February 19, 2004
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan, Dr. Corky Poster & team	
Discussion on prioritizing our needs for using our grants	60 min.
Questions & Answers	10 min.
Old Business	10 min.
New Business, Announcements	10 min.

neglected areas were on the neighborhood side of this alley. Several of the businesses were very cooperative in our endeavor. The city provided three huge dumpsters. Thanks to **Elva Davis** and her Toyota truck, we filled up the dumpster on Copper. Many thanks to **Bennett Bernal** for coordinating this project and for providing refreshments. Also, huge thanks for all the help of neighbors, **Rex, Jamie, Judi, Reid, and Elaine**. This is the second time we've cleaned this alley. Since none of the neighbors abutting this alley helped us, we do expect you to maintain keeping this area clean and free of debris. We will not have another Brush and Bulky pickup until next August. Everyone should be aware that the owner or tenants are responsible for keeping up to the middle of the alley clean. Some people have used that area as a dumpsite.

Upcoming Events!

February 18, 2004, Woods Public Library, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Ward III Neighbors hosts their annual meeting with **City Manager, James Keene**. Please attend.

February 21st, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., Mitchell Park cleanup.

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