



**Report on Last Meeting!**

Fourteen members attended our February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting. **Henry Jacobson**, president of Samos Neighborhood, visited to promote interactions between our neighborhoods including a spring yard sale.

**MOUNTAIN/GLENN SEAT WALLS:**

**Michael Graham** and **Fred Felix** of the City of Tucson DOT showed artist's renderings and concrete color samples of the seat walls at Mountain Ave. and Glenn Street. Everyone was satisfied with the font and wording "Mountain/1st Neighborhood." Several people voiced concerns over the proposed concrete color ("terra cotta"). A motion was passed that, as a neighborhood, we prefer the concrete to match the color of the landscaping gravel on Mountain Ave. ("Aztec red"), with terra cotta as our second choice. Michael and Fred are going to propose this change of color to the other involved neighborhoods (Samos and Hedrick Acres). New renderings with both Aztec red and terra cotta are to be made and put on display soon at the Ward III office: an email will be sent to the listserv when they are available for viewing.

**TREES FOR MITCHELL PARK:**

**Scott Brill, Judi Stern, and Ron Proctor** of Mountain/1st recently met with **Cecily Gill** from the Tucson Botanical Gardens and her invited consultant, **Greg Corman**, of "Gardening Insights" to discuss the current state of and future directions for trees in Mitchell Park. In addition to recommendations for types of trees to plant, they discussed creating labels for the different trees currently in the park and planting vines on the unsightly Tucson Water chain link cage. Aesthetically, Cecily and Greg recommended that we plant trees of the same species in clusters in the park. While we need to wait until spring to determine if the Ash trees currently in the park are dead, there was a sense among those at the meeting we should move forward with planting new trees during this planting cycle. Among the types of trees recommended by Greg and Cecily are Acacia Greggii, Nettle Hackberry, Vitex, Texas Ebony, Texas Honey Mesquite, Desert Willow, and Eucalyptus Coolibah. For more information, see [www.mtn1st.org](http://www.mtn1st.org).

**TRAFFIC CALMING/PEDESTRIAN MEASURES:**

**Reid Bailey** led a discussion of traffic problems and solutions in our neighborhood. Key traffic problem areas noted by meeting attendees included cut-through traffic at Alta Vista/Via Encantadora and on Mitchell/1<sup>st</sup> to Tyndall, speeds on Copper Street, and stop sign running/high speeds at the intersection of Santa Rita and Fremont. For more information on traffic calming (including the handouts from the meeting), see [www.mtn1st.org](http://www.mtn1st.org).

**Agenda for Next Meeting!**

Thursday, March 18, 2004  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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| Comprehensive Plan,<br><b>Dr. Corky Poster &amp; team</b> |         |
| Discussion on prioritizing our needs for using our grants | 60 min. |
| Questions & Answers                                       | 10 min. |
| Old Business  | 10 min. |
| New Business, Announcements                               | 10 min. |

After learning the pros and cons of speed humps, traffic circles, neckdowns, and chokers, all meeting attendees developed their own ideas about how to use these traffic calming tools to address our problems. The ideas collected at this meeting are going to provide the basis for traffic calming elements of our comprehensive plan, which we will begin developing with UofA A Prof. Corky Poster at our next meeting.

A motion was passed unanimously to accept the proposed neighborhood improvement plan submitted by **Zelin Canchola** (of Tucson DOT) at our request. This includes 7000 feet of sidewalks, 26 ramps, two speed humps and two large traffic mitigation devices (traffic circles or neckdowns). These will be submitted to DOT and for a new CDBG proposal (deadline 2/27/04).

**MOUNTAIN/1ST WEBSITE:**

Reid Bailey has launched a website for our neighborhood. Thanks to 50MB of webspace donated by Tucson Web Creation, we now have the following information online: upcoming events, newsletters, key City of Tucson links, and key information relating to current topics (e.g., traffic calming resources and information on trees of Mitchell Park). Sign up for the Mountain/1st email list by sending an email to [mtnadmin@mtn1st.org](mailto:mtnadmin@mtn1st.org).

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

- ❖ **March 13, 2004, Recycling/Landfill Tour, 8:00-Noon**, meet at the Ward III Office on Grant Road.
- ❖ **March 17, 2004, Woods Public Library, 6:30-8:00 p.m.**, Ward III Neighbors Supervisors **Sharon Bronson** and **Richard Elias** and County Manager **Chuck Huckleberry** for a panel discussion and question and answer session. Please attend.