

# Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association

## November 2004 Annual Elections & Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds for future grants proposal

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### Report on Last Meeting!

Nine members attended our October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with our sponsors for Back to Basics (B2B) and Community Block Grant Development (CDBG) funds: **Paul Swift, DNR, MJ Dillard, City of Tucson Transportation (TDOT), and Suzanna Rodriguez, Tucson Community Services (TCS)**. A number of issues were discussed regarding our priorities for spending our grant funds. We are obligated to spend the B2B and first CDBG money, \$100,000 total on or before June 2005 or forfeit our grants. We have another year on the \$75,000 CDBG grant. Both CDBG grants were awarded for providing safe access to and from Mitchell Park.

Some controversy has arisen with some members wanting to change plans that were approved by 14 members unanimously at our February 19, 2004 meeting "to accept the proposed neighborhood improvement plan submitted by **Zelin Canchola, TDOT**, at our request. This includes 7000 feet of sidewalks, 26 ramps, two speed humps and two large traffic mitigation devices (traffic circles or neck downs)." These were submitted to TDOT and our most recent CDBG grant. At our October 21, 2004 meeting, members voted 5-2 against having a traffic circle south of the park where Santa Rita and Fremont intersect. This issue of whether motions may be overwritten without publishing notice to all neighbors will need to be clarified at a future meeting. Watch for notification in the newsletter.

Other motions that were voted on are these:

1. Reaffirming 2 speed humps and 1 traffic circle on Alta Vista between Park and Mountain. Cost @\$20,000 of our B2B funds. Petitions have been signed and approved. We hope to have these installed before New Year 2005. A committee viewed all 10 of Samos circles and chose the one at Water and Warren for our design with some modification. We asked for a 2-inch flat top and reflective paint on the curbing and an irrigation system like the one at Spring and Highland.
2. Rescind traffic circle south of the park, passed 5-2.
3. Spend up to \$80,000 for raised intersection at Park and Copper. City denied this due to serious drainage problems on Park. **Vince Catalano, TDOT**, will offer other possible treatments at our December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004 meeting.
4. Put in sidewalk on the North side of Copper between Mountain and Park, passed 6-1.
5. Put in sidewalk on North side of Copper west of Park to First Avenue, passed 6-1.
6. Put in sidewalk on the East side of Via Encantadora from Glenn to Mitchell, passed 6-1.
7. Put in sidewalk on North side of Mitchell from Mountain to Via Encantadora, passed 6-1.

MJ Dillard is figuring costs on the above plus adding sidewalk to the North side of Mitchell from Via Encantadora to Park for vote at future meeting. We need your participation and voice in all meetings to make the best decisions for efficient and wise use of our funds. We must keep the big picture in focus and not get sidetracked with piece meal projects that do not give us the most value for our funds nor enhance our credibility for seeking future grants.

### Agenda for Next Meeting!

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

<b>Elections</b>	20 min.
<b>Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment Funds Everyone Needs to Participate In planning for future grants &amp; Neighborhood improvements</b>	60 min.
New Business, Announcements	10 min.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, we celebrated our annual Parade and Halloween Party with **HANA, Salpointe Marching and Jazz Band**, and over 100 neighbors. After the parade from Salpointe to Mitchell Park, the band gave us a 30-minute concert. **Father Fred Tillotson** blessed all of us before our picnic of hot dogs, sodas and other goodies. The children had fun breaking two piñatas and gathering in all the candy. We had lots thanks to HANA and to **Bennett Bernal**, our Ward 3 aide. Many thanks, Bennett, for all the tables and chairs you schlepped over and back for us. There were many prizes for all the children and wonderful costumes from hockey players to a very real looking dog. Every year this party gets better and builds community.

Special thanks to **Linda Drew** and HANA neighbors vigilance, one attempted burglary was stopped. Elections slate has most of our officers willing to serve another term with one exception. **Elva Davis** wants to be our Treasurer and **RoseMarie Shelley** our secretary. **Reid Bailey** and **Judi Stern** agree to serve as co-chairs. Please remember that members must have paid up dues to vote and or to hold office. Dues are \$12.00 per year per household. Make checks payable to Mountain/1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Association. Either bring to the meeting or mail to our Treasurer.

### Upcoming Events!

**November 17, 2004, Ward III Neighbors** annual planning meeting and demonstration of new website, Woods Public Library, 6:30-8 p.m.

**Same date, Drachman Institute Forum on Infill Development**, Randolph Clubhouse, 600 S. Alvernon Way, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Two more forums to follow.

**Happy Thanksgiving!!!!**