

Report on Last Meeting!

At the Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting March 17, 2005, ten residents were present. Joining as guests were Ward III representatives, Council Aide Bennett Bernal, and Leslie Hunten from the Pima Council on Aging (PCOA).

Leslie Hunten talked to us about the **Neighbors Care Alliance** (NCA), whose purpose is to assist community groups in creating or strengthening volunteer caregiver programs. The goal is **to help seniors remain independent and in their homes** as long as possible. Leslie introduced Patricia Rojas who has been trained in the Ambassador Program and is our liaison to the Pima Council on Aging. She is a Mtn/1st resident and can be contacted at 882-6540 or mpr85@yahoo.com. She can help with finding resources to provide elder services such as: home visits, phone calls, transportation to medical appointments/shopping, errands, meal preparation, home/yard maintenance, respite for care-givers, etc. It was suggested that Mtn/1st look into establishing an NCA program – please contact Patricia if you have interest in getting involved.

The Ward III Office spoke about what it had been able to do within the City's Back to Basics program, including: 17 miles of sidewalks, street lights, traffic mitigation, planning, recreation facilities, etc. Close to us, she specifically cited the sidewalks in Jefferson Park between Mountain and Campbell on Hampton, Edison, and Seneca and the work to give Campbell Avenue more character and make it more pedestrian friendly.

Judi Stern emphasized the **opportunities for everyone to contribute to the neighborhood**. Among the opportunities is involvement on any one of several committees, including:

- Survey committee (to get input from neighbors)
- Membership committee
- Phone bank and "Rides to meetings" committee
- Zoning variances and Liquor Licenses committees
- Newsletter production committee
- Park and alley Clean-up committees
- Yard work committee (to help elderly and disabled residents at no charge) and Neighbors Care Alliance
- Fundraising and Local Business Liaison Committee
- Leadership committee (to gain leadership skills and make contacts in the city of Tucson)

Allie Recker volunteered to work on the Survey committee (she joins seven residents already on that committee).

Judi made a motion to make the Golden Rule the fundamental guiding principle of the Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association. Motion seconded and accepted unanimously.

Judi reported that the traffic circle south of Mitchell park has been marked on the street.

The sidewalk project aimed at facilitating pedestrian access to the Park (motion passed in Dec. 2004 meeting) is moving forward. Initial estimates and bids for grant work are not public yet, but all the specified work should come in within the budget. Eighty percent of directly affected properties must sign in support of the project – signatures will be collected door-to-door in the coming weeks.

It was noted that a liquor license has been requested for a new billiards hall at 1st and Alturas (where the KFC used to be). There will be a hearing on April 26th. Reid Bailey made a motion to draft a neighborhood letter in opposition to the granting of the license; it

Agenda For Next Meeting!

Thursday, April 21, 2005
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Consensus Building , led by Carlos Nagel	70 min.
Old Business	10 min.
New Business, Announcements	10 min.

passed unanimously. The Ward III Office noted that while the City Council decides whether to make a license recommendation or not, they do not directly control licensure (another board does that). They also noted that multiple personalized letters to the State Liquor Board have more impact than multiple signatures on a single letter.

Judi stated that henceforth Board Meetings will happen twice a month: once soon after the neighborhood meeting and once about a week before each neighborhood meeting..

Rose Marie read the Minutes of the February Mtn/1st meeting.

Reid passed out **draft copies of a neighborhood survey** seeking comments on the draft. The purpose of the survey will be to get input from neighbors about what to apply for in the next grant.

Upcoming Events!

APRIL 1-4: TUCSON CLEAN AIR FAIR, Go to <http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/cafi/> or call 740-3947 to get info on free bus passes, the Jamboree on April 3 in Reid Park, and more.

APRIL 16, EARTH DAY!, Tucson Earth Day Festival at the Tucson Children's Museum and Armory Park on 6th Avenue between 12th and 13th Street. for more information, go to <http://www.saems.org/Earthday/>, or call 398-4550

APRIL 20, WARD III NEIGHBORS, 6:30-8 p.m., Woods Public Library. Two topics: Recycling and Water. More information at <http://www.w3neighbors.us/>.

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