

Report on Last Meeting!

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
Nov 17, 2005 at the Ward 3 Office
12 Neighbors present, Visitor: Darla Wandell

1. After a round of introductions, Elections of Officers for 2006 were held. All positions were filled by unanimous votes and are as follows:
Co-chairs: Celine Hayden and Ron Proctor
Secretary: Elizabeth Lawrence
Treasurer: Elva Davis
Sergeant-at-arms: Rosemarie Shelley
2. Judi Stern memorial effort: Reid gave cost estimates for the options being considered. The ideas under consideration are: a bench with attached cast plaque, a tree with plaque (Celine suggested a fruit tree option) or a combined tree, bench and plaque. Phil suggested the budget for the memorial effort not exceed \$500. Reid commented that he would support the use of the Neighborhood Association treasury for this effort.
3. The Traffic Circle Committee has received an OK from the City to have native plantings and boulders installed in the traffic circle south of the Park. Additional artwork within the circle is still an option. Reid mentioned the possibility of writing a grant to cover costs associated with new vegetation or artwork on the extended southern tip of Mitchell Park.
4. Note was made that the incumbent Council member will be occupying the Ward Office beginning December 2nd. Several people expressed thanks to the outgoing Council member and staff for work on our Neighborhood's behalf.
5. Reid mentioned that the City's Adopt-a-Park program is requesting our Neighborhood re-establish ourselves as committing to its ongoing clean-up. Anyone interested in helping clean up the park should contact Reid (624-5409).
6. The idea of incorporating the properties fronting on Grant Rd into the Mtn/1st Neighborhood was brought up. Darla Wandell, whose home fronts on Grant Rd., brought the idea before the Neighborhood meeting. A motion was made to explore the incorporation of the area fronting Grant Rd from 1st Avenue to Mountain and initiate the process which would lead to a Neighborhood vote (final vote is likely to be at January meeting). Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda For Next Meeting!

Thursday, December 15th, 2005
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

It's a potluck. Bring a dish. Meet some neighbors. Hang out with nice folks.

We will address any necessary business – keeping such formal stuff to a minimum – and the potluck-ing to a maximum.

We plan to have the neighborhood survey results (we had a great response -- 100+ surveys).

7. Reid made note that our Neighborhood Website: <http://www.mtn1st.org> requires an annual \$15 fee to retain the domain name. A motion was made to sign up for another 2 years for a total of \$25. Motion passed unanimously. An Internet Service Provider has been donating 50 MB for our site.
8. Note was made that the December meeting will be a **POTLUCK** to be held at the Ward Office. Reid will invite our Tucson Police representative to join us.

JOB NOTICE:
Lend A Hand Volunteer Coordinator Position

The purpose of **Lend A Hand** is to help neighborhood seniors remain independent and safe in their homes by providing occasional help from neighborhood volunteers. The Steering Committee of **Lend A Hand** is seeking to fill a part-time position beginning January 23rd and running through December 31st 2006. The position pays \$500 per month. If you would like to help seniors in your area by serving in this position, send a letter of interest including background, education, and previous work (volunteer or paid) that would be appropriate to this position. Include your telephone number or best way to contact you for an interview. Mail or hand-deliver letters of interest to either: Michael Nowak, c/o Mountain Avenue Church of Christ, 2848 N. Mountain Ave. Tucson AZ 85719, (795-7578) or Ali Recker, Mountain 1st Neighborhood Association, (623-9805)