

Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

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Report on Last Meeting!

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting December 16, 2004 at the Ward 3 Office. Thirteen members were present. A guest was **Linda Leatherman**, Project manager for the Pima County Neighborhood Investment Fund.

Gary Wittwer, City of Tucson Transportation landscape specialist, spoke to us about landscaping allowed in our traffic circles. He recommended a ring curb for our traffic circle in the intersection of Fremont and Santa Rita. Gary also discussed the properties of stabilized decomposed granite (SDG) as sidewalks. This material is not as durable as concrete especially with cars driving over it on a regular basis. When wet, SDG gets soft. This surface is not conducive to handicap access and the many strollers coming to the park. Runoff is apparently no different than on concrete surfaces.

During our business meeting, many items were discussed and motions made addressing them as follows.

Committee to decide whether to have ringed curb on the second traffic circle or a slanted one with reflective paint like the one installed on Alta Vista at Via Encantadora.

Motion to elect Suzie Diaz as Sgt.-at-Arms passed unanimously.

Motion that if we do not complete a scope of work in this meeting tonight, the Board will decide failed. It was decided that the meeting would continue as long as it took to complete a scope of work.

Motion not to pay for removal of encroachments within the city easements was modified to read We will spend as little as possible for the removal of encroachments in the city easements. Motion passed 6-4.

Motion to combine Copper sidewalks with street lighting in El Cerrito neighborhood for our Pima County Reinvestment Funds grant proposal passed 6-4.

Motion for all sidewalks to be installed in 4 ft wide concrete passed.

Motion to install sidewalks on the east side of Via Encantadora from Glenn to Mitchell, on the north side of Mitchell from Mountain to Park Avenue, on the south side of Fremont from Mountain to the traffic circle, and the south side of Santa Rita from the traffic circle to Park Avenue. If there are sufficient funds, install sidewalk on the east side of Santa Rita from the traffic circle to Copper failed 6-5.

Motion to use all our grant funds for the numerical items as far as our funds allow for 4 ft wide concrete sidewalks that meander to preserve existing desirable vegetation.

1. Install sidewalk on the east side of Via Encantadora from Glenn to Mitchell, 2 blocks.
2. Install sidewalk on the north side of Mitchell from Mountain to Park Avenue. 2 blocks.
3. Install sidewalk on south side of Fremont adjacent to handicap access west to the traffic circle.
4. Install sidewalk on the east side of Santa Rita from the traffic circle south to Copper Street. 2 blocks.
5. Complete partial sidewalk in #3 from south side of Fremont to Mountain.
6. Install sidewalk on the north side of Copper from Santa Rita to Mountain.

Agenda for Next Meeting!

Thursday, December 16, 2004
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Vince Catalano, COT DOT	60 min.
Possible treatments for Park & Copper Intersection	
Sidewalk decisions	
Questions & Answers	10 min.
Old Business	10 min.
New Business, Announcements	10 min.

Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

Elva Davis

Signed petitions for a traffic circle south of the park have been approved. As soon as the environmental study and MOA are completed, we will begin circulating petitions for the new sidewalks.

Vince Catalano will discuss possible treatments for the intersection of Park Avenue and Copper Street. Before our meeting, please go over to Vine and Highland to see the giant Sahuaro sculpture and the small median island to the south of that intersection. Perhaps these small islands could become a good traffic deterrent on Copper Street. See what you think and let's ask Vince what is possible to make Copper safer for residents to cross the street to collect their mail.

Johanna Schmidt on Alta Vista said the traffic there has slowed down with new traffic mitigation.

Upcoming Events!

JANUARY 19, Ward III Neighbors, 6:30-8 p.m., Woods Public Library. **Council member Kathleen Dunbar** to speak on the State of Ward 3 followed by a presentation report on the three Infill forums by members of the Neighborhood Infill Coalition.

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