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Next Meetings:

No July meeting

**August meeting:
 Thursday, Aug. 17th, 2006
 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
 Ward III Community Room
 1510 East Grant Road**

Following month: Sep. 21st, 2006

2006 Officers:

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Report on Last Meeting!

**Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
 Jun 15th, 2006 at the Ward 3 Office
 14 Neighbors present
 Visitors: 2**

- Our guests M.J. Dillard and Joe Chase from the City of Tucson's Department of Transportation gave us an **update on the sidewalks**. The funds for the sidewalks come from two Community Development Block Grants totaling \$50,000 and \$75,000 each, plus some leftover funds from neighborhood traffic mitigation projects. The City has combined our sidewalks with a bus pullout project on Ft. Lowell. They are estimating that construction will begin in September.
Announcements – Ron told us about a Design Development Option at 1040 E. West Circle Dr. Celine has agreed to be the City contact for the Park Cleanup adoption. There is a meeting regarding **planned improvements to Mountain Ave.** from Ft. Lowell to Roger on July 20 at Woods Memorial Library, 6:30-8:00, contact Evelin Urrea at 885-9009.
- Alley clean up report** – Ron filled us in on the alley walk on May 20 to address problems with trash and transients. Along with Mayor Walkup and City Council representative Karin Uhlich, 9 neighbors, 2 business representatives, 1 TPD officer, 1 representative from the Department of Neighborhood Resources, and Katie Bolger, our Ward III representative, attended. The group proceeded into the alley behind the 1st Avenue businesses just to the south of Copper, stopping behind Labor Ready. As barking dogs made conversation difficult, Labor Ready District Manager James McCandlish invited the group inside Labor Ready to continue the discussion. The Mayor and Karen Uhlich made suggestions to improve Labor Ready's business practices to lessen the negative impact on the neighborhood. Katie Bolger will handle a follow-up initiative. Labor Ready also agreed to donate 16 labor hours per quarter toward alley clean up.
- After the meeting, the group continued without Mayor Walkup through the alleys to the intersection of **Park and Copper**, where they discussed the design of an alternative **pedestrian/bike friendly crossing**, which is called for in our Master Plan. The event concluded with ice water, courtesy of the Ward Office. The meeting was instructive and productive. It was good to see such a strong turnout of neighbors as well as representatives from the City and businesses along 1st Ave.
- A follow-up meeting is being scheduled with TPD, representatives from Labor Ready, the Ward Office, the Mountain/1st board, and anyone else who is interested. We would like to tie this into an **ongoing quarterly event to address alley issues**. For **pickup of mattresses** left in alleys, call Environmental Services at 791-3171. To **report a homeless camp**, call the Community Services Department at 791-4636 and ask for Susanna Rodriguez or Lucinda Abril.
- Businesses and residents bordering the 1st and Grant alleys west of Park Ave. have received "**no trespassing**" letters to be returned to TPD to help in the effort to keep non-residents out of the alleys. TPD Officer Stobbs has been going door-to-door to try to get everyone to sign the letters.

Agenda For Next Meeting!

**No July meeting.
 See you in August!**

- Bylaws** – We voted on the changes to the bylaws as previously discussed in meetings and this newsletter. Ron made a motion, which Rose Marie seconded, to accept the bylaw change to allow all attending voting members to vote on bylaw changes. Next, Ron made a motion seconded by Rose Marie to accept all the other proposed bylaw changes. Both motions passed unanimously.
- The bench for **Judi Stern's memorial** in Mitchell Park has been installed. The plaque has arrived, and Reid is contacting the city to install it. The bench cost was \$150, paid for by the Ward Office, and the plaque cost was \$182, paid for by Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association treasury.
- Elizabeth mentioned the recent **Ward III RTA town hall**. Plans are still in the very early stages, with Grant Rd. design to start in 2009 and construction from 2013 - 2024. 1st Ave. design is to start in 2016 with construction from 2021 - 2023. The city's plan is to route traffic from "the foothills to the airport" along 1st, Grant, and Campbell. For questions about the plan, contact Jim Glock in the Transportation Department at 791-4371 or RTA Manager, Tim Aarons at 792-1093. You can also check www.rtamobility.com. The City Real Estate Division has a brochure entitled "Improving Our Public Places" that discusses the city's purchase of homes and businesses. Contact them at 791-4181.
- There was a question about whether there are any **planned improvements to Park Ave**. Ron mentioned the Pro Neighborhoods Service Award we received in conjunction with the Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association to receive pro bono planning and design work. We plan to apply next year for funding to make the improvements.
- There was also a question about whether some of the homes in our neighborhood could receive a historic designation. Perhaps this would help us when the decision is made about which side of Grant to widen. Lisa and Darla will ask their friend who is the president of the Armory Park Neighborhood Association about obtaining historic designation.

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