

Report on Last Meeting!

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
Mar 16th, 2006 at the Ward 3 Office
13 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1

- Ron let us know the **status of the sidewalks** to be put in near Mitchell Park. The current estimate is for our sidewalk construction to occur this summer.
- Next, Reid gave an **update on the Judi Stern memorial**. He is ordering a plaque at a cost of \$166 to be paid for by the Neighborhood Association. Ward III representative, Katie Bolger will follow up with Park & Rec regarding the installation of the bench. Reid confirmed that he will continue leading this project until it is complete.
- Next, Elva gave a **Treasurer's Report**. The Neighborhood Association recently moved its bank account from Pima Federal Credit Union to Compass Bank. There is a total of \$2,051.32 in our account.
- Ron went over the **proposed changes to the Neighborhood Association bylaws**. We will vote on the following proposed changes at our May meeting:
 - Limiting to 1 Sergeant-at-Arms on the board
 - Updating text from "Citizen and Neighborhood Services Department" to "Department of Neighborhood Resources"
 - Deleting references to block captains
 - Adding that committees can be established by a majority vote at any association meeting
 - Specifying that Robert's Rules of Order will govern the meetings only "if need be."
- Next, we discussed some of the **neighborhood initiatives** proposed at last month's meeting.
- The **Alley Cleanup initiative** received a kick start on Saturday, March 18 as part of the Project Lend A Hand rally. 10 Arizona teenagers and 3 Mountain/1st neighbors spent 3 hours cleaning up the alley between 1st Ave. and Euclid near Copper St., as well doing some yard work for a couple of seniors in our neighborhood. Special thanks to Elva and her pick-up truck. We would like to establish a committee to do an alley cleanup several times a year. The city will provide a roll-off dumpster. **If you are interested in volunteering for this or another committee, please contact a board member** (phone numbers listed on the front of this newsletter), or attend a Neighborhood Association meeting. Also, neighbors, please remember that you are responsible for keeping the alleys behind your residences clean. Please do your part to keep the alleys free of trash and weeds. Your neighbors appreciate it!
- Next, we discussed an **initiative to improve lighting** in certain quadrants of the neighborhood. Katie advised us that we should get the majority of the affected neighbors on board for these types of improvements. Ward III has \$500,000 for 31 neighborhoods, and distributes that money based upon the level of "stress" in a neighborhood. The County Department of Reinvestment has about 5 times that amount of money to distribute and might be a better source of funds.

Agenda For Next Meeting!

Thursday, April 20th, 2006
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

<i>Announcements</i>	7:00-7:05
<i>Introduction to RTA ballot initiatives</i>	7:05-7:10
<i>Guest speakers - pro and con RTA</i>	7:10-7:40
<i>Question and answer period</i>	7:40-8:30

- Finally, we talked about an idea to **plant trees in city rights-of-way** in front of people's homes on Copper St., as Copper goes through the heart of our neighborhood. The Trees for Tucson program will pay for half the cost of 5 or 15 gallon trees. In addition to providing shade and improved aesthetics, this plan would also help with traffic calming, as cars would need to park in the streets instead of on the rights-of-way, thereby "narrowing" the road and reducing speed. Residents will need to agree to water the trees for 2 years until they are established. We can hire a backhoe with a special "caliche basher" to dig holes for planting at a cost of \$85/hour. We still need to determine who will pay for the trees and backhoe – homeowners, the Neighborhood Association, or the Ward? Although we had hoped for a planting in late April around Arbor Day, we are now focusing on an autumn tree planting to allow time to resolve this question. If you are interested in spearheading this project, please contact a board member!

REMINDER! RTA Forum

April 20, 7:00 p.m., Ward III Office
 Our next meeting is our special forum on the RTA plan. This plan is on the Pima County ballot for the May 16 election and includes plans to widen Grant Road. Our forum will include a debate and Q&A session. Invite your neighbors! If you are not already registered to vote, register by April 17. Check <http://www.recorder.pima.gov/regvote.html> for registration information or call 740-4330. You may be able to register online.

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