

Report on Last Meeting!

**Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
 Jan 19th, 2005 at the Ward 3 Office
 12 Neighbors present**

1. Reid reported on the **Judi Stern memorial effort**. A group of neighbors met at the park to choose a location for the bench with bronze plaque. They chose a shady spot under some trees in the middle of the park. Tucson Parks and Recreation Department will need to approve the bench location. The Ward Office will pay for the \$150 cost of the bench and installation. A motion passed unanimously to use Mountain/1st treasury funds to pay for the approximately \$200 cost of a bronze plaque with the following inscription: "In memory of Judi Stern and her contributions to the neighborhood."
2. The next topic of discussion was the sidewalks. Celine said that there was no real update, but assured us that the sidewalks are coming soon.
3. There was an announcement that our **new City Council representative, Karin Uhlich**, held a Ward III "State of the Ward" meeting on January 19, which coincided with our Neighborhood Association meeting. Since we could not attend the Ward meeting, we will plan to invite Karin to a future Mountain/1st meeting. She will also be having an **open house at the Ward office on January 29** from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. All are encouraged to stop by and meet her.
4. Celine shared a recent story from the *Tucson Weekly* featuring our former Ward Office representative, Bennett Bernal as a "Local Hero."
5. City Council member Steve Leal sent out a letter stating that in the past, Neighborhood Association newsletters have been censored. In December, the City Council voted to change the policy, and we are now **free to discuss propositions and hold candidate forums** in our Association meetings. A motion passed unanimously to send the City Council a letter of thanks on behalf of our Neighborhood Association.
6. Neighbors voted unanimously to **expand the Mountain/1st Neighborhood boundaries to incorporate the homes and businesses on Grant Rd. between Mountain and 1st**. Welcome to our Neighborhood Association, Grant Rd. neighbors!
7. A committee has been formed to revise the Association bylaws. Bylaws will be amended to include the change in boundaries, as well as other updates. The committee will bring a report of recommended changes to the next meeting.
8. Ron and Ali reported on **project Lend A Hand**, which launched in January. Please see the enclosed brochure for details and spread the word among our neighbors that this service is available. Our grant to pay for the volunteer coordinator lasts one year, so we will be conducting fundraising to support the program after that. Neighbors are encouraged to save yard sale items for a possible future fundraising yard sale!
9. In conjunction with the Lend A Hand program, Ali is being trained in the Ambassador program, which is an informational resource for the neighborhood. The Ambassador can make referrals to Meals on Wheels, VanTran, and similar programs.

Agenda For Next Meeting!

**Thursday, February 16th, 2006
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

<i>Bylaw committee report</i>	7:00-7:15
<i>Review Master Plan</i>	7:15-7:45
<i>Review survey results</i>	7:45-8:00
<i>Initial ideas to pursue</i>	8:00-8:30

10. A note was made that having a partnership with non-profit organization Lend A Hand may give our Neighborhood Association some advantages in our ability to receive grants.
11. Next we had a discussion of Mitchell Park cleanup. Celine will check with Phil to see if a regular time should be established for a monthly cleanup in the park.
12. Celine reported that the planting had been done in the new traffic circle adjacent to the park and proposed starting a committee to discuss including artwork in the circle. Ali suggested that the committee may want to enlarge its scope to address adding distinctive artwork throughout the neighborhood, including at the 4 corners.
13. All neighbors are **invited to the next Neighborhood Meeting to come and express interest** in different areas of possible improvements in the neighborhood, such as artwork, lighting, traffic mitigation, etc.
14. The meeting ended with a lively round-table discussion of what brought each neighbor to the night's meeting. Reasons included: desire for improved lighting, trees, walking paths, traffic calming, and sidewalks. Some wanted to encourage a sense of pride of ownership in the neighborhood, as well as good behavior by renters. Others were concerned with security and encouraged us to be observant of who is around and what is going on in our neighborhood. Others would like help neighbors find programs to spay or neuter pets, including feral cats.

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