

Report on Last Meeting!

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

- The meeting began with a report from Ron on the **suggested changes for the Neighborhood Association bylaws**. The Bylaw Committee is recommending several additions and deletions. We plan to have a full discussion of the proposed changes at the next meeting.
- Next we discussed pending liquor license applications. A motion passed unanimously to have Celine write a letter on behalf of Mountain/1st to oppose the license for C&T Oil Company in the 2700 block of 1st Ave. to sell packaged beer and wine.
- Tucson Clean & Beautiful wants us to confirm if we want to continue the official "adoption" of Mitchell Park, which requires filing regular paperwork. Celine will check to see what advantages the Adopt a Park program provides, since we can clean up the park without having to file paperwork.
- Celine reported that she sent a letter to Steve Leal thanking him for lifting the ban on Neighborhood Association discussions of political issues.
- The change in rules has opened the path for our planned April meeting, which will be a **forum on the RTA Regional Transportation Plan**, which includes the **plan to widen Grant Road** to 6 lanes. The county election on the RTA ballot initiatives will be May 16. We plan to invite other neighborhoods to join us to discuss this important issue. **Mark your calendars now for the April 20 forum!**
- Special guest Katie Gannon presented the **Master Plan for the Mountain/1st Neighborhood** that she and Jessie Maran developed for our neighborhood in 2004 as their Masters project at the UA. Katie went into detail about the assets and challenges faced by our neighborhood. To see the Master Plan online, go to <http://www.mtn1st.org/> and click on "Master Plan." Highlights included plans to increase vegetation and make more room for bicycles and pedestrians.
- Next we segued into Celine's **presentation of the survey results** from the door-to-door neighborhood survey conducted in 2005. In descending order, the top areas of concern were: 1) Cleaning up alleys; 2) Lighting on Park Ave.; 3) Traffic calming on Copper St.; 4) Park Ave. sidewalks; 5) Traffic calming on Park Ave.; 6) Landscaping; 7) Lighting on Copper St.; 8) Covered bus stops on Park Ave.; and 9) Traffic calming in the northeast quadrant of the neighborhood
- Finally, we held a brainstorming session to generate **ideas for projects to improve the neighborhood**. If you care about these issues or have another passion for a neighborhood improvement you'd love to see, **come to next month's meeting to vote** on which of these initiatives we want to work on, or contact the board:
 - More trees!
 - Copper Street traffic calming
 - Park Avenue improvements
 - Neighborhood integrity

Agenda For Next Meeting!

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

<i>Announcements</i>	7:00-7:15
<i>Bylaw revision discussion</i>	7:15-7:30
<i>Neighborhood initiatives</i>	7:30-8:00
<i>Trees for Mountain/1st</i>	8:00-8:30

- More lighting
- Connections with other neighborhoods
- Alley cleanups
- Animal issues

9. Given the enthusiasm for trees at the February meeting, the board decided to pursue a spring planting of trees in city rights-of-way in front of people's homes. Ron will be bringing more information on the Trees for Tucson program to the March meeting.

LEND A HAND

Lend A Hand needs help on our first BIG PROJECT – a work day to help out a selected senior in our neighborhood with yard work, light housework, and other neighborly assistance. **LEND A HAND DAY** will be **Saturday, March 18** and is part of the Youth Rally at the MACC. We are looking for neighborhood seniors who could use 3 hours of assistance. And we can use all the neighborly help we can get. If you would like assistance, know of someone in need or can volunteer time, please call Michelle Brubaker (our LEND A HAND Coordinator) at 248-6882.

LEND A HAND includes six neighborhoods (Mountain/1st is one of the six), the Campbell Avenue Business Partnership (CABP) and the Mountain Avenue Church of Christ (the MACC). We are a registered non-profit.

Clip this Coupon to pay your Annual Association dues.
 Make checks for \$12.00 per household payable to:
Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association. Bring to our next meeting or mail to our Treasurer:
Elva Davis, 2714 North Tyndall, Tucson, AZ. 85719
 NAME _____
 ADDRESS _____
 PHONE _____ E-Mail _____
 Willing to volunteer for
 Mitchell Park Cleanup _____ Phone Tree _____
 Meeting Refreshments _____ Newsletters _____
 Birthday _____ Anniversary _____