

**Report on Last Meeting!**

**Minutes of Mountain/1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Meeting**  
**Dec 15<sup>th</sup> , 2005 at the Ward 3 Office**  
**11 Neighbors present**  
**Visitors: 2**  
**Ward Office Staff: 2**

1. The evening began with a potluck and lots of good food.
2. Bennett introduced **Katie Bolger as our new Ward 3 liaison**. She can be contacted at: 628-4312.
3. The first order of business was the introduction of the owners of a restaurant soon to be opened on 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Benjamin Galaz will be opening El Si Senor Steak House at 2680 N. 1<sup>st</sup> within the next few weeks. He and Bennett talked about a pending liquor license for the establishment.
4. Marion Russell mentioned that he had received the \$25 check given him by the Neighborhood Association for all the cookies he has made and brought to our meetings, and said that he had contributed it in Judi Stern's name to the Red Cross.
5. Reid reported on the **Judi Stern memorial effort**. He had been in contact with the Tucson Parks and Recreation Department. They have a concrete bench design, which can be installed for \$150. A 6x6" bronze plaque can be added for approximately \$200. All interested people met in the park on the Saturday following the neighborhood meeting to decide where the bench could be placed and make suggestions for how the plaque should read. Recommendations will be brought back to the next Neighborhood meeting for further discussion and vote. The Neighborhood will ask the Ward Office if any funds might be available for this project.
6. Celine and Elizabeth talked about the **Neighborhood survey results**. We got 169 responses out of about 650 addresses in our neighborhood by knocking on nearly everyone's door this past summer. The three top areas of concern were:
  - Lighting on Park Ave.
  - Cleaner Alleys, and
  - Park Ave. improvement.

Questions were raised regarding grant funding. Bennett mentioned that the City has a program for funding projects in "high stressed" areas and also suggested approaching the County(?) with proposals not exceeding \$150,000. Our Neighborhood Master Plan projected costs of over \$1 million for total improvement of Park Ave. from Grant to Glenn.

7. Other areas for improvement were discussed including traffic calming and lighting in the northwest quadrant as well as areas other than in the vicinity of Mitchell Park.
8. A vote will be taken at the January Neighborhood meeting about **whether to expand the Mountain/1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood boundary to include the residences and commercial strip just north of Grant Rd. from 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. to Mountain** (this area is not currently a part of any neighborhood association). This vote would be a by-law change as our boundaries are listed in the by-laws. **All interested parties – especially those who live or own businesses in the area of proposed expansion – are invited to discuss the boundary change.** This topic prompted discussion about the planned widening of Grant Rd. which could become an agenda item at an upcoming meeting.

**Agenda For Next Meeting!**

**Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> , 2006**  
**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

<i>Proposed expansion of Neighborhood boundaries</i>	<b>7:00-7:45</b>
<i>Report on bench location, obtain input on plaque wording for Judi Stern Memorial</i>	<b>7:45-8:00</b>
<i>New Business</i>	<b>8:00-8:30</b>

Note was made that in the past, guidelines have not allowed Neighborhood meetings or newsletters to address political topics. Our council representative noted that a recent motion has passed in City Council, which may allow greater freedom of expression in these venues.

9. Celine reported that she had attended a grant-writing workshop and had **submitted a preliminary proposal for artwork at the new southerly extension of Mitchell Park**. The grant could provide up to \$5000.

**LEND A HAND**

**Elder services are slated to begin in late January 2006.** The purpose of Lend A Hand is to help neighborhood seniors remain independent and safe in their homes by providing occasional help from neighborhood volunteers.

**We need clients! We need volunteers!**

Our neighborhood is made up of those who may need care, and those who may be able to volunteer their time and energy. **Lend A Hand is looking for BOTH.** Please contact Ali Recker – 623-9805 or Ron Proctor – 629-9788 for assistance or to assist. Thank you.

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**Elva Davis, 2714 North Tyndall, Tucson, AZ. 85719**

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Willing to volunteer for  
 Mitchell Park Cleanup \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Tree \_\_\_\_\_  
 Meeting Refreshments \_\_\_\_\_ Newsletters \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary \_\_\_\_\_