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Next Meetings:

Thursday, Sep 21st, 2006
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Ward III Community Room
1510 East Grant Road

Following month: Oct. 19th, 2006

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Report on Last Meeting!

**Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
 Aug 17th, 2006 at the Ward 3 Office
 12 Neighbors present
 Ward Office Staff: 1**

- Announcements.** New *Graffiti Removal Program* can be reached at 792-2489 or graffiti@tucsonaz.gov. Pro Neighborhoods is offering a 2006 *Community Organizer Course* to train neighborhood activists. There is an *Education for Economic Empowerment* course at Pima Community College (PCC) for single parents, see inside this newsletter for details. *Arizona Builders Alliance Outreach Program* is sponsoring a program for young Hispanic adults to gain construction skills at PCC. Finally, George Eddy is looking for someone to join the *Community Justice Board*. Their goal is to get non-professional people from neighborhoods involved in the justice system. Contact George at 740-5215.
- George Pettit from the Ward office talked about the **alley clean up program**. We will have another meeting soon about Labor Ready and cleanups. We need more connections between neighbors in the affected areas near 1st and Grant. See inside newsletter for details of Oct. 7 clean up!
- Celine asked George about **planned Mountain Ave. improvements from Ft. Lowell to Roger**. It sounds like there will be another meeting where people can more easily ask questions in a wider format. People weren't happy with the last meeting, which had only small focus groups.
- Mountain/1st sidewalks.** Ron spoke to MJ Dillard with the city, final bids will happen on 9/7. They'll make a decision within 30 days after that, so maybe October for construction. Via Encantadora from Glenn to Mitchell will be the top priority, but the rest is open to change.
- We have a **CDBG grant** for \$20,000 shared between Hedrick Acres (HANA), Samos and Mountain/1st Neighborhood Associations to conduct a **study of infill housing**, the number and impact of rentals, and different housing demographics in terms of what makes a healthy neighborhood. Ruth Jenkins volunteered to be our representative to be part of board to help pick a consultant to work on this. Thank you, Ruth!
- With a **PRO Neighborhoods Service Award**, we are conducting another study in conjunction with HANA to plan **improvements to Park Ave.** We have a team of professionals, including a planner, hydrologist, landscape planner, and civil engineer doing pro bono work for us. There was a field trip with professionals and neighbors on 8/25. We also plan to send neighbors out with cameras to document the good and bad aspects of Park Ave., as well as examples from other neighborhoods. In October and November we will have brainstorming workshops with the professional team. The more stakeholders and person hours we have, the better. **Spread the word!** These grant-funded projects will be a high priority for us. **Can people in the neighborhood think about contributing ONE hour per week toward the association and projects?** That small commitment would have a huge, positive impact.
- Lend a Hand needs your help!** Ron is co-chair of the **Lend a Hand** senior outreach program, which serves our senior population with voluntary assistance from local neighbors,

Agenda For Next Meeting!

**Thursday, September 21st, 2006
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

<i>City Announcements</i>	7:00-7:10
<i>Park Ave. improvements speaker</i>	7:10-7:30
<i>Graffiti Removal program speaker</i>	7:30-8:00
<i>Grants, Historic Registry, Alleys</i>	8:00-8:15
<i>Open discussion</i>	8:15-8:30

- with the goal of keeping seniors in their homes with a high quality of life. There are several **upcoming fundraising events**, and we need people from our neighborhoods to contribute. *Sept 21-24 Greek Festival* –parking cars. *Nov. 4 Arts & Crafts Fair* at Mountain Ave. Church of Christ (MACC). *Nov. 11 at MACC, neighborhood yard sale*. For \$10, your personal yard sale can be on a map they'll hand out. *First annual potluck meeting on Nov. 20 at MACC* – all are welcome.
- To become a **Lend a Hand volunteer**, you go through a 5 hour training program to work with seniors, and then volunteer **as little as 1 hour per month** to help seniors.
 - Tree planting!** The initial idea is to start on Copper St., but it could expand to be wider than that. The resident has to commit to water the tree for 2 years. One idea is to hire a backhoe and dig the holes quickly, which might cost \$800 for a day. Funding TBD.
 - Former co-chair Reid Bailey has moved to Virginia with Elaine and Julia. We'll sign a card at the next meeting thanking them from the neighborhood association.
 - Phil commented on **weeds – please clean them up**, especially those goat-head weeds! Those seeds spread to your neighbors' yards. Why not make an amaranth and perslane salad?
 - Possible **Historic Districting** of our neighborhood – anyone interested in providing information about their home or neighborhood relating to historical or architectural significance, please contact neighbor Cathy Tobin at TARCHP@aol.com or 572-4662. Historic designation may help provide funding from grants or low interest loans to restore private homes or other aspects of the community.

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