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Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

Next Meetings:

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Thursday, Apr. 19th, 2007
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Ward III Community Room
1510 East Grant Road

Following month: May 17th, 2007

2007 Officers:

Co-Chairs

Celine Hayden 740-0426
Ron Proctor 629-9788

Secretary

Elizabeth Lawrence 903-0391

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Elva Davis 624-1126

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Elizabeth Lawrence 903-0391

Park Cleanup Phil Alderink 622-2767

Tucson Police Dept. Emergencies 911

Non-emergencies 791-4444

Beat Cop 791-4253

Ward 3 Council Office 791-4711

Citizen Comment Line 791-4700

Independent Police Auditor 791-5176

Department of Neighborhood Resources 792-2489

Graffiti Removal Hotline 792-2489

Lend A Hand senior assistance 248-6882

Ambassador Program service referrals 623-9805

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Report on Last Meeting

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
Mar 15th, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office
16 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1
Visitors: 1

Introductions

The meeting started with a round of introductions by those in attendance. Everyone shared why we come to the neighborhood meetings.

Sidewalks

The sidewalks are in! Thanks to Judi Stern for getting the ball rolling and to Reid Bailey, Ron Proctor and others for keeping it up in the air until the project was finally completed.

Announcements

Use the contact information provided below or call Celine for more information on any of these items:

- **Pima Council on Aging Home Repair Applications** are for low-income elderly; up to \$4,000 will be granted
- **Northwest Center** (2160 N. 6th Ave.)
 - Pre-Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday April 7th from 9:30 - 1:30 p.m. for children ages 3-12. Contact Mike K. for more information at 791-3247. It's free!
 - Senior Nutrition Program – call Andi to find out more at 791-3247.
 - Recreation Programs for Children – play groups, after school programs, teen clubs, and sport leagues. Call 791-3247 for more info.
 - Dog owners: check out the dogpark, open sunrise-sunset (just west of the Center)
- **Graffiti reminder**: if you see someone "tagging," call 911. For all other graffiti, call 792-CITY.
- **Wellness and Water Safety Fair** – Sat., Apr 14, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Terra Del Sol Aquatic Club and Park at 6718 Calle Marte. There will be pool and water safety demonstrations, a Tucson Fire Department presentation, and more.
- **Food Stamps Info**: The first step is to check your eligibility and submit an application. Go to www.arizonaselfhelp.org for more information.
- **Drachman Institute Request for Proposals** for Planning, Landscape, and Architectural Design Assistance. Proposals are due April 3, 2007. Go to www.drachmaninstitute.org for more details or call 626-1792.

Agenda For Next Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2007
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

<i>Announcements</i>	7:00-7:15
<i>Identity Theft</i>	7:15-7:45
<i>Neighborhood Priorities</i>	7:45-8:15
<i>Open discussion</i>	8:15-8:30

Liquor Licenses

Joan Brewer has volunteered to be our main contact for liquor licenses. Thank you, Joan! Someone from the Ward office should be able to send the notices directly to Joan.

From the Department of Neighborhood Resources

The board received notification that we are no longer allowed to discuss details of ballot issues in our newsletter. Celine will follow up with the Department of Neighborhood Resources and the Ward office for clarification.

SNIP – Spay/Neuter Intervention Program

We discussed having a speaker come talk to us about SNIP, a county program of free and low cost spaying and neutering. By a straw poll, neighbors decided we would rather have brochures instead of a speaker.

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 _____

Alley Clean Ups

No one contacted Elizabeth about the Filthiest Alley contest. Please remember that **property owners are responsible for cleaning their half of the alley** behind their homes. George Pettit told us about a group from the Old Pueblo Community Foundation who might be willing to come out on a Sunday afternoon and help us with an alley clean-up. Our goal is to hold 2 alley clean-ups per year, staggered with the Brush and Bulky pick-ups that occur in January and July. We are planning the **next alley clean-up for Saturday, April 14** from 8:00 a.m. - noon. A sign-up sheet passed around at the meeting resulted in 9 neighbors volunteering for a future alley clean-up, plus help from the County Supervisor and Ward offices. Great job, everybody – way to be active!

The alley behind 1st Ave. is full of liquor bottles. Ron will contact Labor Ready and ask them to use their donated labor hours to clean that alley, which runs behind Labor Ready. George Pettit suggested asking Adult Probation to help with alley clean-ups – they have weed eaters! In another neighborhood, the Ward office provided some money for food and the neighbors fed the workers, which worked out nicely for both neighbors and workers. George Hubbard has volunteered to be our neighborhood alley clean up coordinator. Thank you, George!

Straw Polls and Future Speakers

By a straw poll, neighbors would like to hear **David Goodman present information on his Neighborhood History project** and tell us about how we can look at the history of our own homes. David will give a presentation at a future meeting.

Another straw poll found that neighbors are interested in having **guest speakers on Water Harvesting and Sustainability**. We would love to have Brad Lancaster talk about water harvesting, but as he is very busy, Rod Frable suggested Kevin Koch instead.

Joan would like to have a **police officer attend the meetings** again. George Pettit said he can send us a protocol the Tucson Police Department recently defined for having an officer at one of our meetings. We need to schedule the officer 2 weeks prior to the meeting.

The Tucson Fire Department would like to put a 1 paragraph message in our newsletter every month for the next 12 months. By straw poll, neighbors would like to see this. See page 3 of this newsletter for the first monthly message.

Park Avenue Project

The history of this project goes back to the **Master Plan** graduate students from the Drachman Institute created for us in 2004. Next, in 2005 we conducted **neighborhood surveys** and the results showed that 4 out of the top 8 issues were on Park Ave. Then at our February 2006 meeting, we made a **list of priorities**

for the neighborhood, which included Park Avenue improvements. In March of 2006 we sent in a pre-proposal for a federal transportation enhancement grant. We were turned down and told we need more planning and specifics. In April, along with the Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association (HANA), we applied for and received a **PRO Neighborhoods Service Award**. The service award of a pro bono professional planning team enabled us to hold a public meeting in October 2006, where the professional team gathered input from neighbors. In **March 2007, the professional team presented their recommendations** to our neighborhood, HANA, and Jefferson Park. Elizabeth made a **motion that we pursue funding as a neighborhood to make improvements on Park Ave. following the recommendations presented by the professional team who worked on the PRO Neighborhoods Service Award**, which Joan seconded. **The motion passed** with 13 voting yes and 1 abstention.

The *Arizona Daily Star* ran a story on the Park Avenue project on March 21! You may be able to access the archived article here:

<http://www.azstarnet.com/neighbors/174544>.

Other Discussion

RoseMarie Shelley made a **motion that Mountain/1st Neighborhood Association treasury funds be used mainly for periodic neighborhood picnics, parties, etc., to which all members are invited for sharing and socializing**. Joan seconded. Ali Recker asked what types of things the money has been spent on in the past. Next, RoseMarie brought up the tree project where Ron had floated the idea that we might rent a backhoe using Neighborhood Association treasury funds. She shared an article from the newspaper about the Rincon Heights neighborhood's tree planting project. Some passionate discussion ensued. Some neighbors felt that only the Mitchell Park section of the neighborhood has been served by association capital improvement projects. Voting on the motion, there were 3 yes votes, and 8 no votes. **The motion failed.**

Upcoming Neighborhood Events:

Alley Clean Up, Saturday, April 14
8:00 a.m. - noon

Meet in front of 815 E. Mitchell Dr.

We plan to tackle 3 alleys and need your support!

Please call Joan Brewer at 623-1458 for more information.

Community Meeting on
Neighborhood Plan
Saturday, April 28 - see next page for details

