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### Next Meetings:

**Thursday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**  
**7:00 to 8:30 p.m.**  
**Ward III Community Room**  
**1510 East Grant Road**

**Following month: Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007**



**Snow in Mitchell Park, January 22, 2007**  
 Photo by Matt Griffiths

### 2007 Officers:

#### Co-Chairs

**Celine Hayden** 740-0426  
**Ron Proctor** 629-9788

#### Secretary

**Elizabeth Lawrence** 903-0391

#### Treasurer

**Elva Davis** 624-1126

#### Sergeant at arms

**Darla Wandell** 622-5906

#### Newsletter

**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

## Report on Last Meeting!

Minutes of Mountain/1<sup>st</sup> Neighborhood Meeting  
 Jan 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office  
 10 Neighbors present  
 Ward Office Staff: 1

### New Liquor Licence

Celine reported on the State Liquor Board meeting she attended in Phoenix. She was there to **protest the liquor license for the Mobil station at 1st and Grant**, along with another protester from the Keeling Neighborhood Association. 2 individual residents from Jefferson Park testified on behalf of the Mobil station. Although there are 32 places to buy liquor within a 1 square mile radius of Grant/1st, the State Liquor Board decided the license was in the "best interest of the neighborhood," so **it was granted**. City Council representative Karin Uhlich thinks there is a problem with the state overriding city denials of liquor licenses and plans to pursue the issue.

### Announcements

Call 792-CITY for the **Graffiti Removal Hotline**. Remember, the city no longer requires any signatures to remove graffiti from private property. There will be workshops on **Mapping Arizona Communities**, an introduction to GIS, on Feb 8, 9, 10. There will also be an **Education for Economic Empowerment** course for single parent heads of household. Would you like to take a **tour of the State Legislature**? 2 people in our neighborhood can meet with our state legislators and tour the Capital in Phoenix. Tax information – don't forget about the **Earned Income Tax Credit** for single people earning less than \$12,000, single parents making less than \$32,000, or married couples making less than \$14,000. We have information about **Grandparent Kinship Care Support** for grandparents raising grandchildren. Eligible grandparents may be able to receive funding to help in the care of their grandchildren. They offer one-time transitional assistance of \$300, and a \$75 per month allowance. Finally, **PimaCountyHousingSearch.org** links renters to affordable housing. Contact Celine if you would like additional information about any of these topics.

### Sidewalks Update!

The **sidewalk work** in the northeast corner of our neighborhood leading to Mitchell Park **is scheduled to begin January 29**. Residents should receive notices 7 days before construction begins. The contractor is A & S Paving.

## Agenda For Next Meeting!

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**  
**7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

<i>Announcements</i>	<b>7:00-7:05</b>
<i>Treasurer Election</i>	<b>7:05-7:20</b>
<i>Park Ave. Project</i>	<b>7:20-7:30</b>
<i>Demographics Survey Presentation</i>	<b>7:30-8:20</b>
<i>Open discussion</i>	<b>8:20-8:30</b>

### Park Avenue Improvements

The second **Park Ave. workshop**, where the professional team will present their proposals, will be on **February 17**, not January 27 as previously advertised. The professional team has been working with the UA planning department, the city, and also with the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association on improvements to Park Ave. south of Grant. Our Pro Neighborhoods service award with the Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association (HANA) is for pro bono planning work to improve Park Ave. from Grant to Ft. Lowell.

### Discussion of Election Process

The 2007 Neighborhood Association board was elected in November 2006. In an attempt to involve more people in the neighborhood association, we thought it would be a good idea to allow proxy voting by members who could not attend the meeting. We also solicited neighbors to run for positions on the

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 Make checks for \$12.00 per household payable to:  
**Mountain/1<sup>st</sup> 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 \_\_\_\_\_

board. At the November meeting, we made motions to allow proxy voting and proxy nominations, as neither Elva Davis nor Ben Degain were able to attend the meeting at which the election occurred. The motions were voted on and put into effect the same night. Looking back, Celine suggested we should not have put the motions into effect the same night they were enacted. An alternative would have been to put off the election for another month. As for proxy votes, she suggested that we shouldn't have allowed them to be cast that evening, since not everyone in the neighborhood had advance notice that proxy voting would be allowed. Ron said the board was concerned enough about this that we wanted to talk about it and make sure everyone feels the process is fair.

Neighbors had an impassioned discussion about what to do about the situation. Susie made a **motion to redo the entire election**, which Ron seconded. After much discussion, the motion **failed** with 3 votes for, 4 against, and 2 abstentions.

Celine made a motion to recount the votes from the original election and exclude the proxy votes, which were signed. Elizabeth seconded. After some discussion, Celine retracted the motion.

George **motioned to leave the election results as is**, but to acknowledge that we will not vote on and enact a motion in the same meeting again. Ron modified the motion by saying that any election-related changes would need to be voted in as bylaw changes. Ron seconds. The motion **failed** with 2 for, 5 against, and 2 abstentions.

Susie **motioned to leave all the other officers as is, but to redo the election for Treasurer**. Treasurer was the only position whose election outcome was affected by the proxy votes and neither candidate for Treasurer was there the night of the election. Elizabeth seconded. Ron would like to go on record as saying he does not feel this solution is any different than the due process he feels happened at the November meeting. The motion **passed** with 4 for, 1 opposed, and 3 abstentions. Elva has graciously agreed to continue serving as Treasurer until the election.

After some discussion, we agreed that at the next meeting there will not be proxy voting or proxy nominations. Candidates and members will need to be present to run and vote. **The election for Treasurer WILL be held in the first 20 minutes of the February 15 meeting**. Celine moved that we delay putting into effect proxy voting and proxy nominations to a later date. George seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### Open Discussion Topics

David Goodwin visited the city historical records and found out that in 1938 there were only 2 houses on Copper St. between Mountain and Park!

At our next meeting, we will have John Laswick doing a presentation on infill housing, and quality of neighborhoods using demographics study. He's looking for 6-8 people from our neighborhood to conduct surveys. He is conducting the surveys as part of a grant we received in conjunction with HANA and Samos Neighborhood Association.

## LEND A HAND is ONE YEAR OLD!

Lend A Hand is a full year old this month! We have grown from 6 to 7 neighborhoods: Mountain/1st, SAMOS, HANA, Campus Farms, Limberlost, Winterhaven, and La Madera in this year. Additionally, we are one faith community, the Mountain Avenue Church of Christ, and the Campbell Avenue Business Partnership.

Our first year's funding came from United Way, Interfaith Community Services, and Pima Council on Aging. In this first year, we established an office at the church site and attended neighborhood meetings and activities. We have served 28 senior neighbors by providing transportation, yard work, housework, friendly phone calls, visits, errands, trained 43 volunteers, and have collaborated with several neighborhood groups. One such group is Amparo, a home for women and children, who through their outreach and service to our seniors have demonstrated "good neighbor" behaviors—like delivery of Christmas cookies to 20 senior neighbors and helping with neighborhood surveys.

In 2007, our mission is still to serve seniors in all 7 neighborhoods. We are still introducing ourselves and spreading the word. On January 15th, Martin Luther King Day, 3 VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) volunteers helped us distribute Lend A Hand fliers to 266 doorsteps in the Campus Farms Neighborhood. There is much more work to do in all our 7 neighborhoods.

We Need You! Or maybe you need our services. Next volunteer training: February 6th. **Call us at 248-6882 for more information.**

We have applied for non-profit, 501 ©3 status and can now accept donations and grants to support our work. We plan to continue our fundraising through multi-neighborhood yard sales, arts and crafts fairs, and special events.