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Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

Next Meetings:

Next meeting:

Thursday, August 16th, 2007
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Ward III Community Room
1510 East Grant Road

No July meeting

Following month: September
20th, 2007

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/1st Neighborhood Meeting
May 17th, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office
20 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1
Visitors: 2

Announcements

- I-10 closures: Work on I-10 between Prince Road and 29th Street will continue over the next 3 years. For information on the closures call the I-10 project hotline at 1-877-961-1010 or 327-6444, or check the project website: www.i10tucson.com
- The pool is now open at the Northwest Center (2160 N. 6th Ave.).
 - Also, check out their Summer KIDCO program for kids aged 5-12. For more information call 791-3247.

Reading of the Minutes

Elizabeth read the previous month's minutes. The association discussed the situation with the newsletter schedule, where we are now required to submit the newsletter to the Department of Neighborhood Resources 18 business days prior to neighbors' receiving it. We feel that it is important for all households in the neighborhood to receive the newsletter in their homes. Accordingly, we sent out the May newsletter to be distributed in June, with an updated planned agenda for the June meeting.

Back to Basics Funds

We discussed how we would like to spend our \$10,000 in Back to Basics money. Regarding a question about solar lighting, Celine was told that the infrastructure is not there yet. The upkeep is too expensive at this point and the city is not installing solar lights.

The floor opened up to a call for proposals for spending our funds. There were 3 proposals:

1. Ali Recker suggested installing 1 or 2 covered bus stops on Park Ave., or even Mountain or Glenn. We may be able to partner with Suntran on this, and/or the University. Ali rescinded her suggestion because there may be other ways to fund covered bus stops, including partnering with Suntran.
2. Lisa McAllister suggesting installing retaining walls, art work, and signs that define entrances to the neighborhood (similar to what Samos has). These "entry monuments" would identify us as a neighborhood. This idea received 1 vote.

Agenda For Next Meeting

Thursday, June 21, 2007
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

<i>Tri-Neighborhood Demographics Survey Presentation</i>	7:00-7:40
<i>Reading of the Minutes</i>	7:40-7:50
<i>Announcements</i>	7:50-8:00
<i>Covered Bus Stops</i>	8:00-8:10
<i>Robert's Rules of Order</i>	8:10-8:20
<i>Open to the floor</i>	8:20-8:30

3. Elva suggested installing speed tables in the northwest section of the neighborhood. Neighbors were polled, and 13 of 16 houses on Mitchell said they wanted the speed tables, while 10 of 13 houses on Tyndall said yes, a clear majority of residents. This idea received 11 votes at the association meeting.

If the 3 speed tables cost only \$9000, we would like to use the \$1000 left over on neighborhood identity signs. There were 12 votes for the idea of using the funds for this combined project.

Police Officer Visit

Our beat TPD Officer Chris McNamara attended the meeting. He answered neighbors' questions on several different topics.

- He said that there continues to be drug activity in the neighborhood.
- It was reported that transients are setting up camp again in the alley behind La Fresita on 1st Ave.
- Officer McNamara advised us to never confront anybody on our own – call 911 if you see anything suspicious at all. "If something doesn't look right, it's probably not right." You can get involved by calling to file a complaint, but you can remain anonymous.
- Most burglaries occur during the day. Stolen bike parts are being traded for crystal meth.
- The highest rental property percentage in the entire city is in the sector where our neighborhood is. We may want to look into the Crime Free Multi-housing Program. There is a class instructing how to use

the landlord-tenant agreement to evict tenants for criminal activity.

Covered Bus Stops

A committee for covered bus stops has been formed. The Pima Council for the Arts may be able to issue grants for artwork. Lisa Coyner has volunteered to work on this! Lisa McAllister and Celine will also help. The committee will present a report at the next association meeting.

Robert's Rules of Order

George Hubbard put together some information on Robert's Rules of Order. He feels that adding some structure will help the meetings run more smoothly. We should read through his recommendations and we will discuss them more at the next meeting.

His recommendations were published in the May/June newsletter.

No July Meeting

We discussed whether we should have a July meeting. As one neighbor said, "We're tired. Let's take a break!" Ali moved that we should not have a meeting in July; Elva seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Neighborhood Trash

Trash is blowing off of 1st Ave. into the neighborhood. Residents aren't cleaning up trash in their yards. Some dumping of palm tree clippings has been done in alleys. The "Orphaned Waste" program has a quicker response than Environmental Services.

Your June Safety Message From the Tucson Fire Department

Preventing Heat-Related Deaths & Injuries in the Car

- Never leave your child or pet in an unattended car, even with the windows down.
- Teach children not to play in or around cars.
- Always lock car doors and trunks even at home.
- Be wary of child-resistant locks. Teach older children how to disable the driver's door locks if they unintentionally become entrapped in a motor vehicle.
- Check to make sure all children leave the vehicle when you reach your destination.
- Don't over look sleeping infants.
- Watch children closely around cars, particularly when loading and unloading.
- Make sure you check the temperature of the car seat surface and safety belt buckles before restraining your children in the car.

Remember to test your smoke detectors this month. For more safety information, visit our website at http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/fire/Code_Administration/_Community_Safety/Safe_Kids/safe_kids.

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

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ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-Mail _____

Willing to volunteer for _____

Mitchell Park Cleanup _____ Phone Tree _____

Meeting Refreshments _____ Newsletters _____

Birthday _____ Anniversary _____



Neighbors at the April Alley Clean Up

WANTED: Neighborhood Webmaster



We are looking for someone who would like to get a little more involved in our neighborhood by becoming our webmaster. Duties would include updating our website, www.mtn1st.org, with the most recent newsletters, uploading photos of neighborhood events, and keeping other information up to date.

If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Lawrence at 903-0391.

UPDATE: Park Avenue Improvements

Following up on the community meetings we had in October, 2006 and March, 2007, we have been applying for funding to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians on Park Ave. The scope of our project has expanded to include all 5 neighborhoods along Park from Ft. Lowell to Speedway: Hedrick Acres, Jefferson Park, Feldman's, North University, and of course, Mountain/1st.

We have applied for a federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant totaling \$500,000. This grant would provide improved bike lanes from Ft Lowell to Speedway, and a stabilized decomposed granite pedestrian path on one side of the street from Ft. Lowell to Grant. The pedestrian path would include solar pedestrian-level lighting and would be shaded by landscaping that will use water harvesting techniques. There will also be enhanced pedestrian crossings at the intersections of Blacklidge and Copper Streets.

We have passed the first round for the TE Grant and will be submitting it at the state level at the end of August. We should find out in September if we have been awarded the grant. Meanwhile, we are continuing to pursue other sources of funding to continue the pathway all the way to Speedway.