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Next Meetings:

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Thursday, Mar. 15th, 2007
7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Ward III Community Room
1510 East Grant Road

Following month: Apr. 19th, 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

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Report on Last Meeting

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
Feb 15th, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office
13 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1
Visitors: 10

Visitors from Samos

The **Samos** Neighborhood Association conducted their meeting at the Ward office concurrently with ours. Henry from Samos spoke about a piece of property at the southeast corner of Mitchell and Cherry that they are trying to obtain for a **pocket park**. A nursing home is planning to develop this land. Samos is looking for Mountain/1st's support.

Visitors from Pima County

Lilian Von Rago from **Pima County Supervisor** Sharon Bronson's office spoke to us about information available at www.pima.gov. Check the website for details on recycling and Pets 911. The Every Voice in Action Foundation is sponsoring **Tucson Youth Week** in April. Nominate outstanding youth 12-21 for their contributions, including babysitting, helping classmates with homework, etc. Everyone nominated will be recognized, check www.everyvoicefoundation.org for details. We should contact the SNIP spay neuter intervention program if we are interested in **subsidized spay/neutering** and stray animals in our neighborhood. Check www.awasa.org or call 808-2135 for more information.

Announcements

Contact Celine for more information about an upcoming **Legislative Orientation**. The United Way can **help with taxes** and the earned income tax credit. **PRO Neighborhoods** has upcoming **workshops**, including Planning a Sustainable Community Space in an Urban Lot: CONCEPT DESIGN on February 24. There are March and April workshops on water harvesting and planting perennial gardens. Remember to call the city to **report graffiti** at 792-CITY.

Continued Election Discussions

In January, the association discussed and voted on several motions related to last November's board election and the use of proxy ballots and proxy nominations. We passed a motion to revote the position of Treasurer. At February's meeting, neighbor Joan Brewer made a **motion that the elections held in November should be declared null and void and all board officers should be reelected**. Elva Davis seconded. Joan felt that the proxy votes were

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<i>Announcements</i>	7:00-7:15
<i>Park Ave. Project</i>	7:15-7:45
<i>Alley Cleanup plans</i>	7:45-8:15
<i>Open discussion</i>	8:15-8:30

improper and went against Roberts Rules of Order. George Hubbard felt that we had already identified that there was a problem and had dealt with it as best we could. George did not find any mention of proxy voting in Roberts Rules of Order. Ron pointed out that as a board, we decided to raise this to the neighborhood last month with full discussion and publicity. George felt that the board has tried extremely hard to make this as equitable as possible to promote as much activity as possible in the association. David Goodwin said that he felt disenfranchised by not being allowed a proxy vote at the November election. George said that whatever we choose to do at this point should be for the good of the association. Ben Degain and Erin Thomson said that they approached Ron independently and asked him if they could vote by proxy. The vote on Joan's **motion did not pass**, with 4 for, 8 against, and 1 abstention.

Treasurer Election

Celine nominated Elva, Susie Diaz seconded. Ron nominated Ben Degain, Elizabeth seconded. In
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Elva Davis, 2714 North Tyndall, Tucson, AZ. 85719

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candidate statements, Elva said she has been Treasurer for 3 years and likes her job and enjoys it. Ben has been in the neighborhood for 2-1/2 years and in the association for 3 months. He wants to be more involved in the process of improving the neighborhood. He has been inspired by action and activity in the neighborhood such as alley clean ups. Susie and Celine counted the votes. **Elva has been elected 7 – 6.**

Park Avenue Streetscape Design

Elizabeth spoke about the PRO Neighborhoods Service award we received in conjunction with the Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association (HANA) for pro bono professional help in coming up with a plan to improve Park Ave. We are having a public **meeting on March 3 from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.** at the Ward III office to present options the professionals have developed. Please come! These designs are based on community input from the first Park Ave. meeting held last October. At our next association meeting on March 15, we will be voting on applying for funds for making the improvements. David asked about why the professionals are donating their time. Celine has asked this same question of Rebecca Ruopp, the urban planner who is assisting us. She said it's because they enjoy working on these neighborhood-driven projects and want to see these improvements.

Neighborhood Activism

Celine encourages everyone who wants to see improvements happen in the neighborhood to **come out and get involved!** We would like to see more small groups form within the association to address whatever topics you are passionate about – traffic safety, lighting, trees, etc.

Housing Demographics Survey

John Laswick and Pat DeVito presented their housing demographics survey. Last year along with HANA and Samos we applied for a \$20k grant to look at housing issues, such as impact from the university and the amount of rental housing. The **goal of the study is to help our neighborhood have a better quality of life.** John has done initial research based on the 2000 Census and other available data. Another walking survey will look at streets and sidewalks, substandard housing, etc. Issues this study hopes to address: Neighbors aging in place – what will happen to houses when elderly no longer live there? What can we do to see that a house will not become a rental; can it be fixed up and lived in by a new owner? Can older triplexes and sixplexes be fixed up? George Pettit from the Ward office mentioned that we are the first neighborhood organization to ever receive a planning grant from the city! Housing and crime issues were eloquently presented at the grant bid and got us the grant. Much thanks to HANA for driving this grant.

Everyone present at the meeting took the housing survey. We are encouraged to survey our neighbors based on a random sample put together by John.

There is a \$50 cash award for the person who brings in the most surveys from the 3 neighborhoods! **Contact a board member if you would like to conduct surveys.**

After the presentation, neighbors stuck around for several minutes, chatted, and ate cookies and poundcake.

FILTHIEST ALLEY CONTEST!

As part of our ongoing commitment to keeping alleys clean, Mountain/1st is looking for the *worst* alley in the neighborhood. Is it yours??

We have concentrated our recent efforts on the alleys bordering 1st and Grant. These are in better shape today, but we know there are more alleys in need of help.

We will be conducting our next semi-annual alley cleanup this spring. Please get involved by submitting a photo of your dirty alley to a board member, or by bringing it to the next neighborhood meeting. Challenge your neighbors to participate in the contest and the cleanup! The more people involved, the more alleys we can tackle.

Call Elizabeth Lawrence at 903-0391 for more information.

Upcoming topic for April meeting: Identity Theft