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Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

Next Meetings:

Next meeting:

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

Following month: June 21st, 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
Apr 19th, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office
16 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1
Visitors: 2

Announcements

- Want to subscribe to DNR mailings? Go to www.tucsonaz.gov/dnr/Neighborhoods/neighborhoods.html, look under Services to Neighborhoods, click on Neighborhood Association Listserv
- Community Organizer Certification – offered through PRO Neighborhoods in Fall 2007, starts Aug.22 (cost is on a sliding scale)
- Have more fruit or vegetables from your fruit trees/garden than you know what to do with? Consider donating them to the Community Food Bank through their gleaning/picking program. Contact Jeff Yoder for more information at 622-0525, ext. 255
- Tri-Neighborhood Demographics Survey Results and Feedback – Aug.28th at the Ward III office, presented by John Laswick

Ground Rules for Meetings

These are suggestions from the floor for ground rules for the Neighborhood Association meetings. Rules were not voted on.

- End at 8:30 p.m.
- Follow the Robert's Rules of Order FAQ from robertsrules.com
- Distribute copies of bylaws to anyone who wants them.
- Respect each other – "do unto others as you would have them do unto you"
- Keep it positive!
- State that the minutes were sent to all members and ask if there are any additions or corrections; if so, those should be noted in the next meeting minutes
- No motions should be put forward by the chairperson
- Acknowledge new members and make them feel welcome
- According to Robert's Rules of Order, everyone is allowed to speak for 10 minutes
- Try to keep comments concise
- Stick to the agenda

Agenda For Next Meeting

Thursday, May 17, 2007
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

<i>Reading of the Minutes</i>	7:00-7:10
<i>Announcements</i>	7:10-7:20
<i>How will we spend our Back to Basics funds?</i>	7:20-8:00
<i>TPD Officer report</i>	8:00-8:20
<i>Open to the floor</i>	8:20-8:30

Motion on Speaking Time

David Goodman made a motion that we decide tonight on how long people are allowed to speak; Ron seconded the motion. There were 5 votes for and 6 against. The motion failed.

Alley Cleanup!

Great success on the alley cleanup! George Hubbard was in charge and Joan Brewer assisted. Thank you to everyone who contributed!

New Ward Office Representative

Barbara Lucero is our new aide from the Ward office!

Identity Theft Prevention

Wendy Cevallos from Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard's office gave a presentation on Identity Theft Prevention. We watched a DVD presentation illustrating the serious nature of identity theft.

The basic items necessary for identity theft are name, address, Social Security number, birth date, and sometimes mother's maiden name. Tips for protecting yourself against identity theft include:

- If your identity is stolen, you have the right to a police report
- Purchase and use a shredder
- Only use locked mailboxes
- If you still have a driver's license with your Social Security # as your driver's license #, have the MVD issue you a new license with a new number
- Visa debit cards can wipe out checking and savings accounts and your account may be frozen for a week

- Don't use debit cards on the internet
- Review bank and credit cards statements monthly
- Keep all credit card information in the same place
- Don't give bank or credit card information on the phone unless you initiated the call
- Always take your credit card receipts
- Neighbors shared some of their own tips for avoiding identity theft. One recommendation was to take credit card-type hotel keys and destroy them because they contain your personal information. Another suggestion was to ask your bank for an ATM-only debit card with no Visa or Mastercard logo on it; this type of debit card can only be used with a pin.
- To stop receiving pre-approved credit card offers in the mail, call 1-888-5-OPTOUT (567-8688) or visit www.optoutprescreen.com

The Attorney-General's office gives legal information, but not legal advice. You can get consumer information or make a complaint at satellite attorney general offices.

Neighborhood Priorities

Two years ago we took a neighborhood survey and established neighborhood priorities at an association meeting. The previously identified neighborhood priorities were:

- Copper St. traffic calming
- Park Ave. improvements
- Neighborhood integrity
- More trees
- More lighting
- Connections with other neighborhoods
- Alley cleanups
- Animal issues

From the survey results:

- Alleys
- Park Ave lighting, sidewalks, traffic calming, covered bus stops
- Traffic calming on Copper, NE and NW quadrants

We want to make sure that the issues we are spending time on are things the neighborhood wants. Getting a vote or a straw poll on this will allow people to put effort into issues they are passionate about, and to pursue funding if needed. One or two people can champion an idea and then we can take a vote. If we are going to make certain neighborhood improvements, we'll need a majority of the affected neighbors to agree. Things that are going to get done are what people want to see done and what individuals are willing to spend their time and effort on.

Craig Kafura suggested that we should define what a project is and what the components are; right now we just have ideas. Lisa McAllister suggests that if someone is interested in pursuing a project, they should come to the association and present their idea and the reasons behind it.

Grant Funding

Celine has been talking to the Ward office about getting a bit of money from them for a small project. George Pettit has given us \$10,000 of Back to Basics funds. We have to use this quickly. Talk to your neighbors and come back to the next meeting to champion your idea.

The money can only be used for "bricks and mortar;" not landscaping, etc. The city does not like speed humps anymore, but speed tables are \$3000-3500; traffic circles are \$4000 – \$7000. One tall streetlight is \$10,000. RoseMarie Shelley asked about solar lighting; Celine will look into that. As an example of sidewalk costs, it cost \$160,000 for 2 blocks on Glenn. We need to spend this Back to Basics money before the end of June. We'll need 60% of affected neighbors to agree to what we vote on.

Pima County Reinvestment funds have been frozen for our District 3.

Other Discussion

Craig made some great maps showing the topography of our neighborhood, including drainage, bike and pedestrian routes.

RoseMarie made a motion, seconded by David, to reimburse Joan for alley cleanup expenses of about \$34. The motion passed unanimously. She should bring her receipts to the next board meeting. Marion Russell, 99, donated some money for alley cleanup. Thank you, Marion!

Newsletter Schedule

The Department of Neighborhood Resources (DNR) has reverted to strict rules about the newsletter schedule. The newsletter needs to be received 18 business days prior to when we want neighbors to receive it. This schedule is impossible if we are going to continue with monthly newsletters that cover the previous meeting's events. Jessie Baxter from County Supervisor Bronson's office said the Supervisor has been talking about putting some pressure on DNR to improve their performance.

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 _____

Your May Safety Message From the Tucson Fire Department

- Trim branches that overhang your house. Trim the branches back to at least 10 feet from your house. This is especially important near your chimney and heater vents. If you need to trim branches or remove trees near power lines, call Tucson Electric Power prior to trimming. This will save you time and money in the event of a mishap.
- Clear your property of brush to 30' from the house or to the property line on all sides, whichever is closer. This does not include plants and bushes that make up the landscaping around your house. Brush fire spreads rapidly from the ground to the trees if there is an abundance of undergrowth. Clearing the brush will add value to property by providing a buffer of defensible space and will keep your property attractive and looking well maintained.
- Keep your roof and rain gutters clean. Leaves, needles and branches on a roof or in the rain gutters may catch an ember and start a roof fire.

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.