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Mountain/1st

Neighborhood Association

Next Meetings:

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

Following month: December
20th, 2007 (TDB)

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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Neighborhood Association
www.mtn1st.org

November 2007

NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTIONS!

Do unto others as you would have them do unto you!

Report on Last Meeting

Minutes of Mountain/1st Neighborhood Meeting
October 18th, 2007 at the Ward 3 Office
14 Neighbors present
Ward Office Staff: 1
Visitors: 11

Introductions

The meeting started with all neighbors naming something we like about the neighborhood. We had several visitors from other neighborhoods, including Samos, Catalina Vista, and Blenman-Elm.

TDP Officer Report

Tucson Police Department (TPD) officers Justin Gilbert and Heather Mah spoke to us briefly. Ron asked if crime changes seasonally. The officers replied that there are fewer people on the streets with cooler weather, so crime is down in general, but holiday-related shoplifting and robberies increase. The officers will be working on community projects as part of their probation process. We can submit any type of project to them for consideration.

If you have ideas for the officers' projects, give them to Celine and she will pass them along.

Grant Road Improvement Plan Presentation

Anita Fonte, Nicole Gavin, and Liz Beamer from the Grant Road Improvement Plan presented to us. The RTA is the funding source for the Grant Road improvements. They are in the visioning phase of the project right now. Grant Road improvements will be made for 5 miles from Oracle to Swan – it is the largest piece of the RTA budget. Planning will continue until 2009. Construction will be from 2013 – 2018. There is \$166 Million budgeted for planning, design, construction, and purchasing rights-of-way.

The planning area extends a ¼ mile north and south of Grant Rd. – to Copper St. in our neighborhood. They'll be looking at effects of roadway widening in this area (bike traffic, trying to mitigate cut-through auto traffic, etc.). They are making a special effort to get public involvement in the project. We have multiple opportunities to engage with the Grant Road Improvement Plan and task force, including surveys, Community Conversations, Small Group Conversations, hand-outs, presentations, a Resource Center, and a website (www.grantroad.info).

Agenda For Next Meeting

Thursday, November 15, 2007

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

<i>Elections and Open Discussion</i>	7:00-8:00
<i>Committee Reports: Speed Tables, Glenn Traffic Mitigation</i>	8:00-8:20
<i>Open to the floor</i>	8:20-8:30

The RTA mandates that a 3rd travel lane be added in each direction east-west on Grant. In Summer 2008 they will know which side of the road will be expanded. More details, including engineering down to the foot, will be known by the end of 2008. The typical cost of roadway improvements is \$12 million/mile. The budget for Grant Rd. is \$33 million/mile. It is 80-90 feet wide now, and will go to 120 feet to add 2 traffic lanes, bike lanes, landscaping, and pedestrian walkways.

There will be "Character Segment" workshops in January, where they will talk about specific segments of Grant, including the section fronting our neighborhood. After the presentation, neighbors gave input into things they'd like to preserve, what they'd like to change, and what our hopes and fears are for Grant Rd.

Announcements

- **Neighborhood Infill** – An email was sent out to those on the neighborhood mail list about infill plans in Tucson. This is part of the ongoing Neighborhood Preservation Zone discussions. To be added to the neighborhood mail list, send an email to mountain@mtn1st.org.
- **Lend A Hand Yard Sale** – Project Lend A Hand Senior Outreach works to keep seniors in their homes with voluntary assistance. Lend A Hand will be holding a fundraising yard sale for Veterans Day weekend on November 10 from 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. In November, Lend A Hand will be entering its third year of service. Currently there are 4 volunteers serving 8 clients in Mountain/1st, and 51 clients with 40 volunteers in the entire 7 neighborhood area. Project Lend a Hand just received \$500 from city council funding. Expenses are \$600-700/month. Currently they have raised enough to stay in business for 5 more months. We cannot hold the yard sale in Mitchell Park because the cost of

insurance is prohibitive. Instead, the sale will be at 1031 E. Copper St. Others in the neighborhood can hold yard sales that day and donate a portion of the proceeds to Project Lend A Hand. We'll distribute flyers throughout the neighborhood (thanks to the Ward office for making copies!). Mountain/1st, HANA and Winterhaven will be all be holding yard sales. Donuts and cider will be available for veterans at Mountain Ave. Church of Christ. Jessie offered to include an announcement in the District 3 email newsletter on November 9.

- **100th Birthday Celebration** – At 2:30 p.m. in Mitchell Park on Saturday, November 10, we will celebrate our neighbor Marion Russell's 100th birthday with cake and ice cream! He is the oldest living former Border Patrol officer in the U.S. Ray Vasquez offered to donate \$100 toward the party! Craig makes a motion, seconded by Elva for another \$100 from the Association Treasury to pay for the party expenses. The motioned passed unanimously. The birthday party committee will be Joan, Elva, and RoseMarie! We may get donations for some party supplies.
- **Annual Lend a Hand Board Meeting** will be November 19, from 5-7 p.m. with potluck hors d'oeuvres at the Mountain Avenue Church of Christ

Park Avenue Update

We made it to the final round! Our plan was among the top 4 selected from our region, and among the top 18 in the state. We will find out in November or December if we get the \$500k for improvements. The plan would fund a pedestrian path and landscaping on one side of the street, and bike lane improvements on both sides of the street, from Ft. Lowell to Speedway.

Glenn Traffic Mitigation

We may be able to get Back to Basics funding. Traffic mitigation will be a challenge because Glenn is designated as a collector street. The Fire Department will make a call on what types of mitigation may be allowed.

Speed Tables in Northwest Quadrant

Tamara has an update on the speed tables. The cost is more than they were originally told (\$10,000 was the original budget). Speed tables cost more than speed humps. Tamara will try to see if they can bump up the budget to the full \$16,000 to pay for 4 speed tables. We should think about alternative options if we cannot get all 4 speed tables. Joan noted that neighbors stated they wanted speed tables, not speed humps.

Election Nomination Committee

There are no new names to put forward for 2008 officers. We are having trouble filling the 3 positions of two co-chairs (or a president and vice president) and one secretary. At the very least, we will need a point person for DNR's paperwork, and we would still need a secretary to take notes and send out the newsletter. We may change the format of the Neighborhood

Association to have less formal meetings, more social meetings, and more work done in committees. This model works for some other Neighborhood Associations.

Your November Safety Message From the Tucson Fire Department

As the holiday season approaches, the Tucson Fire Department would like to remind you to check the kitchen for preventable hazards and to supervise children at all times in the kitchen.

Tucson Fire Department recommends these precautions against kitchen burns:

- Never leave a hot stove unattended. (Unattended food on the stove is the number one cause of home fires.)
- Never hold a child while cooking or carrying hot items.
- Cook on back burners whenever possible, and turn all handles toward the back of the stove.
- Don't wear loose-fitting clothing while cooking.
- Keep hot foods and liquids away from the edges of counters and tables. Be especially careful around tablecloths – children can pull hot dishes down onto themselves.

Remember to test your smoke detectors this month.

For more safety information, visit our website at http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/fire/Code_Administratio n/_Community_Safety/Safe_Kids/safe_kids.

Neighborhood Mailing List

If you would like to be added to our neighborhood email list, please send your email address to mountain@mtn1st.org

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 _____

Hey Neighbor! We need your good Junk!

Yard Sale Fundraiser!

Veterans Day Weekend
Saturday, November 10

7 a.m. – Noon

1031 E. Copper St.

Benefiting

Lend A Hand Senior Outreach

and

**Mountain 1st Neighborhood
Association**

- We have a goal of at least one piece from every household!
- Drop off or pick up service available
- Pricing and selling help needed
- **Contact: Joan @ 623-1458**

Have you noticed:

New Sidewalks around Mitchell Park? ----- Cleaner Alleys in the west side of the Neighborhood? ----- Been to the Park Ave Improvement Workshops? ----- Seen the Ward 3 office Waterharvesting?

The Neighborhood Association is making it happen!!!

We need your help, your friendship, your support