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This report covers primarily the period from June 2010 to present. Where possible, the results or outcomes are noted including if in progress or ongoing

ACTIVE Neighborhood & Neighbors Involvement!

- Website – ongoing
- impromptu decision making participation “on site” PCNR project
- 4th Avenue Tree pruning event January 2011
- Neighborhood Chicane Planting event February 2011.
- UA Mortar Board Clean Up Event March 2011 – Kathryn, James R, Bro David, Stephano and myself worked with the students.
- Cultivating Neighborhood cohesion. Developing Leadership distribution. Encouraging buy in among neighbors for the various project and events.

Neighborhood Planning & Improvement efforts

- Pima County Neighborhood Re-investment program construction and landscaping should end later this month.
- Water establishment will end December 2011.
- 4th/Fontana Avenues bike boulevard, being funded by RTA and coordinated by the City, street construction basically done.
- Trees and other landscaping in and along 4th/Fontana Avenues bike boulevard to be done someday.
- Grant Road Improvement Plan – Grant/Oracle RDs intersection improvements under way. In 2013, Grant RD construction between Oracle and First Avenue.

Neighborhood Safety concerns

- Graffiti abatement (ongoing reporting).
- Unruly Gathering and excessive noise (ongoing and call 911).
- Drug houses (ongoing and call 911).
- Abandoned and vacant houses (ongoing reporting & follow up).
- Loss of revenues from sales tax because of the now “Great Recession” has impacted upon 911 priority levels, the ability of the Ward III Liaison to attend our meetings, furlough days for all COT employees, etc.

Networking and collaborations

- University of AZ
 - Drachman Institute & Mortar Board
- Continued cordial relationship with Ward III Council Member and office staff.
- Continued cordial relationship NW Neighborhood Center/Mansfield Park staff.
- Ward 3 Neighbors Alliance, a coalition for NA’s in Ward III.
- Rezoning requests, mini-dorm concerns, etc.
- EPG for TEP 138kV line, Community Working Group and ACC Siting Committee.

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- North Tucson Weed & Seed/North Tucson Coalition (Balboa HGTS, EC, NW, Keeling, Amphi & Coronado HGTS NA's, TPD, etc)

Land Use Amendment/Neighborhood Preservation Zone concerns

- Mini-dorms in Nwana, Feldman's, Jefferson Park and other NA's.
- Jefferson Park NA NPZ status, historical review of structures, etc.

Nwana concerns and improvements

- We have a website and email communication (5%), yet, there exists the have's and have not's on the digital/internet divide.
- Must continue to outreach to our neighbors to be inclusive because the neighborhood monthly mailings have been eliminated by Neighborhood Services (because of reduced city revenues).
- Annual elections meeting and potluck meal arrangements for May 2011!

GOALS FOR 2011-2012 and later.

- Continue working with El Cortéz NA et al regarding Mansfield Park and other common interests.
- Evaluate the results and outcomes from the first PCNR proposal, and when possible, prepare a second PCNR proposal in the future.
- Continue to seek and apply for and benefit from grant opportunities that can improve the neighborhood quality of life and enhance intra- and inter-community building. We must NOT shrink from such opportunities. We must WELCOME and learn from applying and being awarded grants, and benefiting from grants awarded to others.
- When possible, and in collaboration with UA Drachman Institute, review, modify and re-approve Nwana conceptual master plan periodically. We should not be afraid to carry out any remaining concept out of sequence BECAUSE there is no sequence for any of the concepts within this plan.
- Seek possible Tribal game funding for the Mansfield Park or other neighborhood improvements. (For example, FWNA.)
- Accommodation for the have not's on the digital/internet divide.
- Neighborhood Watch program.
- Sugar Hill Oral History project – a work in progress. Someday, Sugar Hill Neighborhood Historical District status.

Let's move forward!