

This report covers primarily the period since June 2008 to present (within the following categories. Where possible, the results or outcomes are noted including if in progress or ongoing.)

## ACTIVE Neighborhood & Neighbors Involvement!

- Website – Hannah, ongoing
- 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue tree pruning (mid-Nov 08) & 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Easement cleaning (late Dec 08)
- Bronx Wash Improvement – James K & Leona (murals), and Dan Dorsey (revegetation) (being funded by PRO Neighborhoods grant)
- 2009 Mortar Board Clean Up Crew – Shelly liaison, and James R assisting the morning of the clean up (late March 2009)
- PRO Neighborhoods Grant – James K & Leona (awarded April 2009)
- Mailing address & checking account – a sense of maturity for Nwana! (March & April 2009 respectfully)

## Neighborhood Planning & Improvement efforts

- Pima County Neighborhood Re-investment program. An IGA exists, Mayor funding \$50000 for design costs. Consultant has been engaged by City (Vince ----, retired employee, City DOT Engr)
- 4<sup>th</sup>/Fontana Avenues Bike Boulevard, being funded by RTA and coordinated by the City.
- Grant Road Improvement Plan – planning phase until 2013
- Bronx Wash Improvement – murals & revegetation, wip
- Drachman Institute – Building Healthy Neighborhoods completed. Applications for new grants wip.

## Neighborhood Safety concerns

- Graffiti abatement (ongoing).
- Red tag/ excessive noise (ongoing).
- Drug houses (ongoing).
- Abandoned and vacant houses (ongoing).
- Speeders, especially on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and from 6<sup>th</sup> Av onto Elm St

- On the down side, loss of revenues from sales tax because of the now 12-15 month recession has impacted upon the ability of TPD and Ward III Liaison to attend our meetings.

## Networking and collaborations

- El Cortéz and Nwana
- University of AZ
  - Drachman Institute (BHNs)
  - Mortar Board
- Continuous cordial relationship with Ward III Council Member and office staff
- Continuous cordial relationship NWN Center/Mansfield Park staff
- Ward III Neighbors Alliance, a coalition for NA's in Ward III.
- Grant Rd Improvement Plan, Rezoning requests, etc.
- EPG for TEP 138kV line
- North Tucson Weed & Seed/Coalition (EC, NW, Keeling, Amphi & Coronado HGTS NA's, TPD, etc)

## Land Use Amendment/Neighborhood Preservation Zone concerns

- Mini-dorms in Nwana and Feldman's NA.
- Feldman's NA NPZ being proposed

## Nwana concerns and improvements

- On the plus side, website and email communication, yet, there exists the have's and have not's on the digital/internet divide.
- Pot-luck annual meeting arrangements for May 2009!
- Starting in June a different meeting site within walking distance of Nwana. (IST)

## GOALS FOR 2009-2010 and later.

- Continue working with El Cortéz NA in collaboration with zoning concerns 340 & 352 E Grant RD
- To participate in two separate design phases with the City for the PCNR and bike boulevard.

- Evaluate the results and outcomes from the first PCNR proposal, and when possible, prepare a second PCNR proposal in the future.
- Complete by May 2010 or earlier the Bronx Wash Improvement project (murals and revegetation).
- Seek possible Tribal game funding as match funding for the Mansfield Park improvements in collaboration with MPNC.
- Accommodation for the have not's on the digital/internet divide.
- Neighborhood Watch program.

IN CLOSING, I share with you the following paraphrased quotation.

“There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why ... Nwana dreams of things that never were, and ask why not?” (Source,

Robert F Kennedy: “There are those who look at things the way they are, and ask why... I dream of things that never were, and ask why not?”)

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