

**MITMAN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 23, 2018**

The Mitman Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at Van Buren Apartments. These are the following highlights from the meeting:

1. **Lou Bright, President**, called the meeting to order, gave a short president's address and reviewed the meeting's agenda (including guest speakers).

2. **Sgt. Davila from Tucson Police Department**: gave a presentation about TPD activities and incidents in the neighborhood during the latest period (April 22-October 22, 2018) and answered questions from the group. In the last six months, there have been 704 incidents including 330 traffic stops and minor crimes but no violent crimes against persons. Sgt. Davila stated that this neighborhood has had fewer problems than most—that she hasn't been called personally to any of the calls. Of the crimes reported, there were 13 larcenies, 12 burglaries and no violent crimes; 37 welfare checks were made; 25 reports of suspicious activities; and 22 traffic hazards were also reported. There was concern expressed about the methadone clinic nearby (operated by COPE), suspicious people walking around especially at night and early morning, and license plates have recently been stolen from cars at the Van Buren Apartments. TD's Nightclub has caused some disruption for residents whose homes are near their parking lot or on streets where their patrons drive. Also concerns expressed about sexual activities in the parking lot at TDs. There was brief discussion about Neighborhood Watch (some neighborhoods in the Association have the program). Ways to stay safe were suggested, including keeping car doors locked and reporting crimes. TPD is understaffed (due to City budget problems) but attempting to respond as quickly as possible to calls. If/when anyone sees anything suspicious, please call the Tucson Police Department to report it.

3. **Chris Ortiz y Pino, from Tucson City Council Ward 6** (representing Steve Kozachik, who was at a Council meeting tonight): answered questions and addressed concerns about Code Enforcement (including the state of the Annandale Apartments and the storage pods on the street and vacant rental properties), Road Improvement (residential and arterial—especially concerns with flooding on 5th St, Van Buren Ave, Hawthorne and other areas in the neighborhood), and how funds from Propositions 409 and 101 have been allocated by the Citizens Bond Management Committee. Ward 6 has boundaries of Grant Road to the north, 22nd Street to the south, Wilmot on the east and University area on the west. It's one of the oldest areas of the city and needs the most amount of road repair—but there was limited funding from Prop. 409 and later Prop. 101. Two neighborhoods have been selected for road repairs from Prop. 101, but our neighborhood is not included for residential road improvements at this time. Fifth St. has been identified for road repair but no details were available. Funding is complicated because there are several agencies involved, including the Flood Control District and Storm Water Division. Complicating attempts to alleviate flooding in our area are roads that were built where washes existed (like Van Buren Ave.) and Park Place construction, which diverted drainage to neighborhoods surrounding it. Residents expressed many concerns about flooding during the monsoons but for now, it appears that funding isn't available for the residential streets (which are separate from arterial streets).

4. **Election of 2018-2019 Association Officers:** The following offers were selected:
 1. President: Lou Bright
 2. Vice President: Mary Martin
 3. Secretary: Barbara K. Schiller-Harvey
 4. Treasurer: Mary Martin

5. **Call To Audience/Announcements:** A Diabetes Walk for a Cure will be held this Sunday, October 28 along Hawthorne and Rosewood. More information will be available.