

Neighborhood Meeting: UA parking lot 4/15/21; 15 people in attendance

## Safety

- Can't rely on TPD. Police response is slow or nonexistent.
- Keep eye out for suspicious or unknown people. Let them know they are being watched, but do not engage. Be vigilant.
- Who to call?
  - 911 for emergency, serious crimes, or those in action
  - Use <[seeclickfix.com/tucson](http://seeclickfix.com/tucson)> for nuisances like graffiti, abandoned cars, weeds.
  - Call the Ward 3 office (tel. 520-791-4711) for chronic problems like homeless camps
- Records of criminal activity are persuasive evidence; they help establish patterns and document severity of problem(s).
  - Starting an Nextdoor group for HANA neighbors to post/record incidents was suggested
  - <Neighborhood Support Network was also suggested as good resource to review police logs for the area <[nsn.soaz.info/incidents/zhedrick.html](http://nsn.soaz.info/incidents/zhedrick.html)>.

## Navajo Wash Safety & Maintenance

- Report homeless camps to Ward 3 office. Be persistent: The squeaky wheel gets the grease.
  - Currently, homeless camps are a low priority for TPD. However, evidence of criminal activity raises the priority, as does frequent complaints from neighbors. For example, police initiated camp clearing after four reported crimes and multiple complaints from HANA residents.
  - HANA should work with other neighborhood associations to find best practices for handling the homeless population since this is a citywide problem.
  - If we can agree on how to handle the homeless in our neighborhood, we can speak to elected officials (and Ward 3 candidates) with a unified voice.
- Location
  - If in Wash, use "Navajo Wash Park" name + location (e.g., near Mountain & Ft. Lowell, on the Southwest side of Ft. Lowell).
  - If in UA parking lot, add lot #9007.
- Opportunities to help in Wash
  - Cleanup 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month in the morning (6-9am start, depending on weather)
  - Refinish benches (sand and varnish; contact Glenn if interested)
  - Other special projects in the Wash or neighborhood in general (e.g., pickup trash when walking as a random act of kindness; coordinate trash pickup or glass recycling events with neighbors for improved community spirit.
- Mural Restoration
  - Donations are being accepted online Nextdoor < <https://tinyurl.com/jd9xb7k>>
  - Ward 3 has committed \$500; UA donation under consideration.
  - Total cost is estimated to be \$1500 by the artist, who would like to complete the project soon, before summer heat.
- HANA (Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association) administration
  - Last City record of meeting was in 2017; some meetings were held at Ward 3 officed, but they were poorly attended and the minutes weren't sent to Neighborhood Services.

- Election meeting should be held soon (location & date TBA) to facilitate effective leadership response to items listed above. Neighborhood Services will send direct mailings to residents with advance notice (2 weeks?)
- Bylaws can be updated & improved, but it requires some time & effort
  - Some questioned the need for two people to share every elected office) e.g., co-chairs, co-secretaries, etc.). This may lessen burden of holding office, but may be unnecessary duplication.
  - Bylaws do not include a social media position, but this is now a big role
  - Bylaws require two meetings a year, one general and one for elections. Given past participation levels, we may want to consider just one required and others as needed.
  - Bylaws suggest a membership fee, which has never been instituted, so this and other inaccuracies could be improved.