



SPRING Neighborhood Association

NEWSLETTER

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STREETLIGHTS GOING INTO PLACE

The long awaited placement of eleven historical streetlights on the southern end of the neighborhood has finally begun. Three of the lights are already in place. One of the lights appears on the corner of 10th Avenue and Fourth Street, another is located on the east side of Tenth Avenue south of Fourth Street, and a third one is located on the north side of Fourth Street west of Ninth Avenue.

Those three lights were relocated from West Fifth Street near the railroad track in an area where there are no houses. All the original lights along Fifth Street in the residential section remain. A fourth light was taken to a local fiberglass fabricator to be used as a model for the mold for the remaining seven lights. Those lights will be located along Fourth Street, Ninth Avenue and one on University Blvd.

The lights will not cost the residents of the neighborhood anything. They are property of the Spring Development Corporation and will be dedicated to the City of Tucson upon completion. The City will then pick up the tab for the electricity.

EDITORIAL THE ELUSIVE NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN

After thousands of dollars spent and dozens of meetings, public and not so public, there is still no neighborhood plan. The reason, of course, is the rift between the Dunbar group and the Spring group.

Although residents, landlords and business persons may differ over their vision for the future of the neighborhood, the fact remains that ours is the only inner city neighborhood not included in the Tucson Master Plan. There is no plan on file for this area.

Rene Reddog and Roger Howlett from the City of Tucson Department of Planning have met with both groups. Ms. Reddog undertook an analysis of the two plans showing their similarities and their differences. A suggestion was made to have the two groups publicly meet at a location outside the neighborhood, like Davis School. Months have passed, however, and the meeting has never taken place.

The difference seems to be that one plan calls for the resident buildings to remain residential, fixed up,

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NEW ADOBE STRUCTURE
BUILT WITH SWEAT EQUITY

Henry Johnstone and Laura Holt just constructed an addition to their home on Tenth Avenue using adobe blocks. The attractive adobe room adds 500 square feet to their small 19th century home and utilizes vigas (thick pine poles).

They have done the work themselves, with the help of several neighbors. Although many of the older buildings in the neighborhood are made of adobe, it is not often used these days.

NOTORIOUS BOARDING HOUSE
CLOSED

A controversial boarding house on Tenth Avenue has been closed by City Inspectors. The building now has a sign on it declaring it condemned. In a Miami Vice style raid, the police and inspectors descended on the building and ordered the residents out. There were only two persons living in the house at the time, and they were given three hours to pack up and get. Police stood guard until the house was boarded up.

The boarding house has a long disturbing history. Eva Nickerson, the former resident manager, was murdered there by a deranged tenant a few years ago. Lacy Riddel, who was sentenced to 68 years in prison after a local burglary and rape spree, was apprehended there. Raymond "Trey" Flowers, who was convicted of murder around the same time, was known to frequent the location. The property is presently for sale.

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while the other plan advocates doing whatever is in the best interest of the property owners, even if that means selling a house to someone who will tear it down to build a business. Other differences exist, such as historic status, zoning, a call to tear down Spring School and standard vs. historical streetlights.

Both plans do call for a continued residential presence in the neighborhood. Both groups agree that more owner occupants are moving into homes that were previously rentals.

Few building permits have been taken out in the last few years, and one, a warehouse built several years ago next to the railroad tracks, has yet to fill its space. Numerous warehouses in the neighborhood lie empty, some in anticipation of the Aviation Parkway and others for lack of a tenant.

Whether or not downtown is coming north, residents of this neighborhood need to stick together. We live here, even after the business people leave for their own homes, and unlike the landlords who rarely come by. The neighborhood plan that favors residential maintenance and growth is the best for us.

DANIELS HOUSE RESTORED

The neighborhood welcomes Chip and Lorie who just bought and moved into the Queen Anne style home on Ninth Avenue. The house is the most unique and arguably the most beautiful in the neighborhood.

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