

Notes from the President

Hello FQ Story! I hope you fared better than I did in abstaining the diabetic coma that is Valentine's Day. I'm glad the weather is getting better and I'll try to work some of it off.

Traffic Calming Research – As I mentioned last month, the City of Phoenix was contacted by residents about traffic issues caused by cut through traffic and events held at the Fairgrounds. The Small Group of residents from across Story met with City Traffic Management officials and discussed the issues. Information was also collected via NextDoor and the Yahoo Group and given to the City officials. As a result, you will begin to see several traffic studies occurring throughout the neighborhood to capture the influx of traffic we were observing. Stayed tuned for more info after the study data is collected.

BMO Signage on VIAD/Dial Building – A resident of the Tapestry Neighborhood spoke to the Steering Committee on a movement to do something about the extremely bright BMO sign on the building on Central. I'm sure if you've looked to East during the evening searching for the moon and finding the glowingly illuminated sign instead. Our Steering Committee voted to join several of our neighbor associations in asking the City to review this policy and ask BMO to "turn down" the sign. Please read Harvey Shulman's article in this newsletter to get more detailed information on why the Steering Committee felt it was necessary to ask for a resolution on this matter.

NCAA Final Four – If you haven't heard, this weekend, downtown, is crazy busy! Diamondback baseball, Suns basketball, Rattler football, Herberger concerts, and the NCAA Final Four. The Final Four games will happen in Glendale but many events and concerts will happen downtown like the Super Bowl. So, expect lots of street closures and traffic rerouting.

Seventh Ave Landscaping – Steven Methvin, our VP, and I have been in contact with Phoenix's Streets Department for several months in addressing the issue of dead and dying landscaping along one of the most travelled thoroughways in and out of our city's historic neighborhoods. Due to straying vehicles and extreme weather, many plants and trees have died, been removed and not replaced. We feel your help is needed to ensure funding is made available to refresh this part of our neighborhood. Please read Steven's article on the subject and consider writing to the Mayor and the City Council.

SPA TNR Program – This program has fared far better than we could have imagined. In working with Altered Tails, we've been able secure \$25 sterilization for Story residents. We ask if you can pay, we ask you do so or please donate to the cost, otherwise the fee will be covered by the program budget. Also, we have a very dedicated, hard-working group of neighbors that are taking care of business and doing a great job. Getting off to such a great start will only help to show benefits that much sooner.

2017 Elections & Annual Picnic – Come out and meet your neighbors, let the kiddos play on the bounce houses, listen to music from our very own Story neighbors and, oh yeah, vote for this year's Steering Committee. See you on Sunday!!

As always, please contact me if there's anything I can help with.
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