

## Notes from the President

The visual preservation of our neighborhood was put on center stage as winter lawns were started. The smell of top soil will quickly give way to the lush greens (and clovers) that many of us cultivate for the beautification of the neighborhood and the home tour coming next month! I can't wait!

**Meeting Location Change** – Due to the Fall Break at Kenilworth Elementary, we were notified that the school would not be available for our monthly Steering Committee meeting. Thanks to two of our regular meeting attendees, Miranda Graves and Corey Hardin, Greater Progressive Christian Church stepped in to host our meeting last month. I wanted to personally thank Miranda and Corey, along with Pastor Ransom, for letting us share their facility for the evening.

**Block Watch & Crime** – Jean Barnhart is looking to revitalize our neighborhood Block Watch program. She's currently attending City meetings and gathering information useful to our residents. If you have any questions or would like to participate in efforts, please contact Jean. Our CAO, Ben Harris, briefed the Steering Committee that crime overall was down on residences with an uptick in shoplifting and burglaries in the area Circle K's. They feel this is direct correlation to the closing of the downtown in September.

**FAA** – I mentioned last month that our case against the FAA had been turned over to the judges for a ruling. We are still waiting for their decision. Council Woman Laura Pastor hosted a meeting last month to provide an update to the neighborhoods. The City is expecting oral arguments to be needed but nothing has been confirmed. Phoenix also continues to counter the FAA's claims that NEXTGEN implementation has provided benefits and any changes would not be appropriate.

**7<sup>th</sup> Ave Landscaping** – Our Vice President, Steven Methvin, and I met with Council Woman Pastor to discuss the lack of attention being given to the area from McDowell to Roosevelt. We asked her to get personally involved in making this right as the City was, in our opinion, not fulfilling the requirements of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City and ADOT. We hope to have some good news soon that we can pass on from Council Woman Pastor's and the Street Transportation Department's offices.

Thank you for your support and contact me if there's anything I can help with.  
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