

# WARD III NEIGHBORS

## 2006 SURVEY

Following are the results of the 2006 survey. Surveys were sent to 34 Ward III Neighborhood Association Presidents or Chairpersons. Of the 34, 27 returned the surveys and the results follow.

**1. Do you believe Ward III Neighbors is an organization that should continue?**

Yes 26  
No 0

**2. If your answer to question #1 was no, please give your reason or reasons why not.**

None

**3. Over the past years, what meeting subject or subjects did you enjoy the most?**

Have not attended  
Police, zoning, U of A  
Crime prevention and traffic mitigation  
Any meeting on land use, zoning, police/crime, and legislative reports  
Meetings with public officials regarding Ward III projects  
I only attended a few meetings, as I had to be ready for the two scheduled meetings the next day – one is our coalition meeting  
I have only managed to attend one meeting so far – the RTA and thought it was very well organized and very informative. Also I appreciate receiving the reports on meetings every month.  
Getting information about the Regional Transportation Tax? Plan. Q & A with public officials  
State of the City, debates, also like meeting other involved neighbors  
City Manager, Ward Council Member & informal ‘potlucks’  
Land Use code  
Neighborhood Infill Coalition. State of the Ward, City Manager  
Meetings with city staff and police about party problems.  
Discussion on zoning/infill problems  
All of them!

‘State of’ meetings  
Police, Transportation, Recycling  
All of them!  
Enjoy all subjects. I think education is key so anything you can bring to the table is good.  
Politicians, City/County leaders on crime – midtown vs suburbia  
Back to basics  
I have not attended a meeting  
Informative exchanges with city officials  
Crime & law enforcement issues. I also like having the legislators and city officials

**4. Over the past years, what meeting subject or subjects did you enjoy the least?**

Transportation  
This has not been a very active association  
Social/service organizations  
Police updates (law enforcement officials are the most boring speakers – they go on and on)  
Cannot recall specifics, but in general where we are talked ‘at’ rather than ‘to’  
I cannot recall one that I didn’t get something out of  
Potlucks, whole meetings devoted to planning and to the never-resolvable question of increasing attendance  
None  
N/A  
I have not attended meetings  
Most have been useful. My only gripe is that some of the comments by the attendees are loopy, but that’s part of the process

**5. Do you still believe Ward III Neighbors should NOT be a structured organization (that is not have Elected officers) and retain the Steering Committee concept?**

Yes 15  
No 3

**6. Are you aware Ward III Neighbors' meetings are open to anyone – not just the officers of the neighborhood associations?**

Yes 22  
No 4

**7. Do you have a designated member to attend meetings?**

Yes 6  
No 20

**8. Is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month an agreeable day for meetings?**

Yes 21  
No 4

**9. Is 6:30 PM a good meeting time?**

Yes 22  
No 3

**10. Would you prefer longer or shorter meetings?**

Longer 0  
Shorter 4  
Stay the same 20

**Following are the current meeting subjects of Ward III Neighbors. Those with an asterisk indicate that subject is done each year. Please indicate next to each whether you believe we should continue these subjects.**

	Yes	No
January	24	0
February	24	0
March	23	1
June	21	2
July	16	6
August	21	2
November	19	2
December	16	5

**It may be possible to have more than one subject at a meeting. Depending on the presentation time of some subjects, we can double up and present two of them at the same meeting. At our planning meeting of last year, the members came up with the following suggestions for**

**meeting subjects. Please indicate whether or not you would like to have any of these at a future meeting of Ward III Neighbors.**

	Yes	No
Park & green spaces	19	3
Animal Care	11	8
Water Dept/harvesting	15	5
Infill Coalition	19	3
Inner City Maintenance	23	1
Neighborhood Safety	21	1
City Attorney	15	2
Crime	19	2
Civil Land Use	17	4
Lending Hand Update	13	6
Airport Authority	8	11
Race Track	9	7
Cleaning Walkways	17	2
Mtn Avenue Update	15	5
Amphi Bus Barns	6	9
RTA Update	17	3

**If there are any other subjects you would like to have at a meeting, please enter them below:**

Projects that have been successful in neighborhoods and how they were managed

Tucson Neighbors Building Community (TNBC)

As I look at what is scheduled and the list above, everything involves the government in one way or another. Have you thought about having speakers that would help make a difference in your members' family life or do you leave that up to the individual associations? I have learned to have a variety of speakers at the Coalition meetings that way there will be something of interest for everyone – allowing so much time per speaker.

Update on projects funded in Ward III neighborhoods. City plans for development (if any)

Landscaping with native plants – controlling invasive, exotic weeds. Arizona Native Plant Society can do this. I am a member.

Ordinance enforcement. (Ordinances are useless if they are not enforced) Would this be a DNR presentation?

I think the key in selection topics that are timely and in the news. For example, why not something on Rio Nuevo and the science bridge. Let's make our city leaders and politicians explain themselves and hear what neighborhood leaders really think. How about graffiti (now that GAPIT is gone? What is the city's plan, etc?)

Creation of open space & less infill. Better coordination of civil planning (e.g. installing sidewalks next to road edge, knowing road is to be widened & appropriate right-of-way exists)

Workshops – how to obtain assistance from city/county. Back to basics, neighborhood reinvestment grants, RTA funds for safety improvements, etc.

I would like to see a Ward III Plan developed with a vision statement and ideas about the future of Campbell Avenue, Euclid, Grant, Ft. Lowell, etc. Also plans for density in the neighborhoods.

Another Pima College presentation

Graffiti – very important – out of control – now that GAP is no more. Not just promises from DNR. A commitment to neighborhood associations.

Start a political Ward III action group that would encourage politicians to vote for rebuilding Midtown neighborhoods. Connect with other wards goals and objectives

Be flexible enough to include current topics as issues arise.

## COMMENTS & SUGGESTIONS

You guys are doing a good job.

Although we are not a very active association, I feel that the Ward III Neighbors group is a resource and ally for the neighborhoods.

Thank you!!

I believe the neighborhood associations would rather have their members come to their meetings first, then if they can go to your meeting. It is important to keep members coming to their own association meeting and be active in their community. I attend many meetings to network and bring speakers and services back to the Flowing Wells area. I noticed that you do not take a break in the summer – this could lead to a burn-out. We take May, June and July off and we had 47 people at our August meeting.

I have found the meetings generally well run and helpful.

You are all doing important work for our Ward III neighborhood associations. I am sorry I haven't been able to attend the last several meetings due to time commitments with our TNBC: Meth get out of Dodge project.

You're doing a great job. We must keep Ward III Neighbors growing. It should also become more of a platform for neighborhood associations to get together to have more influence on our local governments.

My personal involvement is limited by my work schedule. I have tried to recruit a neighborhood representative – without success. Perhaps a flier explaining what takes place at the meetings (with a list of topics) would help.

This could be disseminated by email to limit costs. Keep up the good work.

Due to busy schedule and life, the 'social' meetings (pot-lucks, etc.) are of less interest to me, perhaps lightly attended. Coaching and administrative advice for how neighborhood officers can be effective is a topic of interest – what to do if . . . , infill, seek grants, crime, etc.

I think the Ward III Neighbors meetings are an excellent process for communication and perhaps it could become a visionary group to help lead Tucson into its future.

Great job! Keep it up!

Before broadcasting an open invitation, verify with authorized contact!

There is a need to coordinate among neighborhoods on issues like crime, infill and traffic/neighborhood safety. The current format (presentation with Q and A) doesn't facilitate this. This is probably the jurisdiction of our Ward III council person in some cases, but in others it is a matter of building trust among neighborhood leaders and their constituents. As it stands, Ward III Neighbors functions in the traditional mindset that we need to relate primarily to the city fathers/mothers and their departments. If we took an assets based community development approach, we would talk to each other more often and with more purpose.

I would like to see all Ward III neighbors get together and have a big National Night Out next year in August. It would get media attention (I can do that) and bring us all together plus educate people about who we are and why. Need to find a location large enough. Have commitment from neighborhood associations so we'd know. Are there minutes done for each meeting?

I will inquire in our neighborhood association if anyone wants the job of regular attendance. I don't.

How can Ward III Neighbors persuade the city to begin rebuilding midtown infrastructure and encourage developers to build homes for families instead of cheap apartments and rentals? Also, other things that city needs to do: 1) List all empty lots in the city limits for development. 2) Make up a priority list for the worst streets to be fixed and fix them first. 3) Start cleaning the alleys again. 4) Have city workers pick up old trash around neighborhoods weekly.

Richland Heights East NA appreciates the value of Ward III Neighbors although our ability to attend has been spotty the last year. Please keep up the great work.

One more meeting? Perhaps it's too much. Why not communicate directly to Council Person?