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# Brichta Neighborhood

## Dated Material

### Funding Anklam Crown Park, 2010

Few of you attended October's neighborhood meeting at **Feliz Paseos Natural Resource Park** where we were introduced to this beautiful public resource only a couple of miles from our neighborhood. Located on 50 acres of lovely foothills land, it opened in 2005 and is equipped with restrooms, drinking fountains and four ramadas, as well as a water feature and stone benches along the paths for small groups. Besides its very attractive appearance, nature paths and interpretive signs for the native plants and animals, it's completely **compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act**, and the designers committed to using only natural materials that blend with the surroundings.

Two of the park's planners joined us: Kerry Baldwin, who still works for the Pima Parks and Recreation Department, and Robie McKnight Pardee. Mr. McKnight gave us a guided tour, and Mr. Baldwin described the planning process, its implementation and a cost breakdown for each of the park's features.

We took two important pieces of advice away from this meeting if we hope to have our own park, which we are now referring to as **Anklam Crown Park**: Make sure our park is in the queue for the **2010 bond election** money, and be prepared to implement development in a series of stages, seeking funding for different aspects at a time, e.g., capital building, plants, education and signage and long-term maintenance. If we don't get on the 2010 bond election, we won't have another chance until 2020. Your CROWN Committee plans to pursue these monies, as well as any other we can find.



### **Brichta Neighborhood Association meeting Monday, December 14, 2009, 6:30 p.m. Brichta Elementary School cafeteria**

#### Agenda

- Holiday potluck party
- Fiesta de los Artes

To suggest a topic to discuss, e-mail neighborhood association president James Reel at [jamesreel@cox.net](mailto:jamesreel@cox.net), call 884-9189, or raise the issue at the meeting.

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*The mission of the Brichta Neighborhood Association is to advocate for the well being of our residents. This includes bringing neighbors together to protect their health and safety, restoring and preserving an attractive physical and psychological environment, and working collectively to carry out projects that benefit the people and property where we live.*

## Creating Our Visual Identity—November Meeting

As Brichta Neighborhood Association attempts to unify our community around shared goals, we are also creating our identity as a place with a unique personality. When we launch our **streetscaping project** for Brichta and Campana de Plata at our Nov. 9 meeting, we will also be starting a year-long **design competition** for the best welcome sign to the neighborhood. While Brichta and Campana de Plata residents re-imagine their properties to coordinate with each other and provide safe and attractive pedestrian paths, the rest of us will divide into street design teams to create individual, original **entrance signs** for Saddle Hills, Rainbow Ridge and Golden Hills. The best sign will state it is the winning design.

At the meeting, Katie Gannon from the Drachman Institute of the College of Architecture and Landscape Architecture at the University will present what other westside associations have done to make their neighborhoods healthier by encouraging walking, biking, rainwater harvesting and traffic calming. She hopes to help the design teams for Brichta and Campana de Plata come up with agreeable plans in time for the December round of Safe Routes to School grant applications.

Residents on the other streets can learn some things from Katie they might want to incorporate on their own properties, and we will hand out the City guidelines for public art to focus the discussions of the welcome sign design teams.

## Showing Off Our Talents—December Meeting

Don't forget that this year's holiday party on Dec. 14 will feature a **Fiesta de los Artes** in which we want to showcase the many arts and crafts our residents do. We welcome performance art as well as visual, sculptural and culinary arts. So if you have any artistic talents, please share it with us at our holiday potluck party. Call or e-mail Yvonne Merrill (884-9189 or [yvonnemerrill@cox.net](mailto:yvonnemerrill@cox.net)) to be included on the program and reserve a table or time.

We will offer **prizes** for "Most Talented," "Most Engaging," "Most Imaginative" and "Most Environmental." If you can donate something for one of these prizes, please let Yvonne know.