

Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association informational meeting 11 May 2020

Introductions

Treasurer's report: Rose reported our bank balance is \$29,552.37. She is currently dealing with our tax forms.

Ward 6 report: noone from Ward 6 attended, but Colby reported that Mayor & Council have been meeting virtually.

NPZ: Lee reported plans to visit City Council members remain in abeyance due to the lockdown. He proposes a virtual meeting for the working group within the month.

Lee has shared with many of us the impressive Storymap of cultural assets he produced for his UA class, which promotes RHN. Discussion ensued .about adding to the map. Neighbors may send additional observations and photos to Colby.

Scott Cummings PAD (attached to agenda): hard to formulate a response when we do not know:

- current zoning of the parcels in question

- height of UA parking structure (some think 120 feet?)

Discussion about the inappropriateness of the plan; its contribution to the canyon effect; blocking neighbors' views of mountains; possibility Scott may intend to get the zoning changed merely so he can flip it at a higher price; some neighbors do not trust Scott based on past experiences; destruction of historic commercial properties; pursuit of Community Benefit Agreement with Scott.

Evren will research current zoning and report back(?)

MoveTucson.org: two virtual Town Halls on Thursday, one at 1 pm and one at 6 pm. Colby has sent out links.

TEP High Capacity lines: Barbara reported any comments must be submitted by Friday. The Community Working Group has made their position clear: poles must not go in neighborhoods & lines must go up arterials such as Euclid or Campbell. Placement of Banner substation inside Jefferson Park neighborhood means they will be harmed no matter what.

RHNA has sent a letter insisting that the lines go up Euclid or Campbell and not via Santa Rita, Highland or other interior streets.

RHNA has been in dialogue with Sam Hughes re: which side of Campbell lines should run: definitely on the west side between 6th & Speedway.

CCRC/Livable Communities: Mark reported the group has narrowed down to three projects: 1) promoting the tree canopy; 2) highlighting historic significance; 3) bike connectivity & safety. Regarding trees, may reach out to collaborated with Trees for Tucson, the Mayor's Million Tree initiative, etc.

Discussion regarding lack of shade around Ha:Sân and longstanding offers to assist with trees and planting.

Community Garden: Theah submitted the following report:

The garden is going well. In response to the epidemic our operations have been altered, such as canceling group activities, and our gardeners impacted in various ways. We are focusing on simply maintaining the essentials.

The new gardening season has begun and despite the turn overs we are at 88% plot occupancy, including two new members signed up in in a distancing manner.

There are three plots available currently if anyone is interested in joining, including one that has some tomato plants already growing, or consider joining in September/October, the optimal fall planting season time. For more information: RHNAgarden@gmail.com

We concluded with general discussion about neighborliness during the lockdown: make sure we keep in touch with neighbors who might need assistance.

A neighbor has built a Japanese moon garden across from Feld Davis Park

Living Streets Alliance is collecting stories about creative use of streets—chalking, for instance. Send them your stuff.

Our next scheduled meeting will be in September, but we may convene virtually in July just as a check-in.