

Minutes: Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association March Meeting
Time: Mar 8, 2021 06:00 PM Arizona

Present: Arlethe Morrison (Pima County), Basil Chulak, Sharla and Fred Ronstadt, Colby Henley, Lee Marsh and Thea, Mark and Barbara Homan, Rose Veneklasen, Evren Sonmez, Julie Katsel (UA), Melody Peters and Jay Vosk, Moira P, epeters (TPD), Stacey Plassmann, Joe Wittbrodt, Laura Tabili

1. Introductions, Welcoming Guests (5 min)

Arlethe Morrison introduced herself as Pima County representative:
Arlethe.morrison@pima.gov

2. TPD Updates: Officer epeters reported 68 incidents last month, predominantly civil disturbances, larcenies (11), and vandalism (8). She admonished people not to leave valuables in their cars and to lock doors and windows, as TPD are currently dealing with a citywide rash of thefts from vehicles.

Streets where larcenies occur: E Broadway (shoplifting), 6th St (shoplifting) 8th St (larceny/auto parts and accessories) and 10th St (larceny/auto parts and accessories).

3. Treasurer's report – Rose (5 min) reported collecting \$45.05 dues in January. Our balance is \$27,777.56. We have 26 active members.

4. Jan 11, 2021 Meeting Minutes (5 min) msp with corrections.

Link for all meeting minutes: <https://www.rinconheights.com/rhna-meetings.html>

5. City & County updates – (10 min)

Arlette from Pima Co.

-vaccinations are getting done and thanked Pima Co. residents who complained to the state as they have made more available.

–on 5G poles: Supervisor Grijalva has asked our Legislative delegation to amend legislation to provide for more local control

-Melody asked that jurors not be expected to submit to superspreader conditions. Arlette will look into it.

–Lee asked whether Supv. Grijalva has advocated legal representation for people facing eviction. Arlette responded that more attention will be paid to eviction hearings and giving court personnel training. She asked us to speak out for tenants as the Board of Supervisors has heard mostly from landlords.

Julie Katsel for UA:

–vaccination POD has given 50,000 shots. Hours 10 a.m.-10 p.m. in three shifts: 20 shot-givers per shift and 100 support volunteers.

–UA has tested 15,325 and found 34 positives

–in-person commencement will last 8 days with no moms and dads

–Red Tag unit & CART patrol are still active but getting few calls from neighborhoods. Instead, high rises now account for most calls, many from fellow residents. Apartment managers are cooperating.

–performers at UA: Julie Katsel Bandaloop vertical dance group will perform on sides of campus buildings

Contact numbers: CART = 911 redtag@tucsonaz.gov. They only work 9-5, M-F, following up on documented police calls. To win in court, complainant is advised to document noise & numbers

Hotline: 282-3649

–row houses south of parking garage: no long term plans. Mark and Evren reminded us those houses were meant to be affordable workforce housing sold to UA employees to stabilize owner occupancy in RH.

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6. UA CCRC – Theah (10 min)

-- 2 residential parking proposals in tentative stages;

--Park Tucson have found \$10,000 available to RH for traffic calming or similar.

–we are asked to report appearance of cell phone towers to Ward 6

Basil furnished a flyer from NEXIUS regarding "small cell wireless site construction" at 302 N Santa Rita <https://imgur.com/a/1jQzOYi>

–Feldmans may attach part of their neighborhood to West University HPZ

–Thea reported on the 6th/Campbell PAD to CCRC

–Colby added 9th will become a bike boulevard later this year

7. RHNA Officer Elections – Colby (10 min) msp on a voice vote

President: Lee Marsh
Vice President: Moira Poje
Secretary: Laura Tabili
Treasurer: Rose Veneklasen
CCRC: Basil Chulak

8. 6th St + Campbell PAD – Colby (5 min)

-Zoning Examiner hearing Thursday: March 11th, 6pm

Go to: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/zoning-examiner> and click the Click Here to Join Meeting - Link will be active 30 minutes prior to the meeting. Or call 1-213-293-2303 Conference ID 751 539 54#

–emails to the Zoning Examiner must be received by 5 p.m. Wednesday.

TucsonRezoning@tucsonaz.gov

You can request to speak at the hearing by emailing your request to

TucsonRezoning@tucsonaz.gov & providing the **case #C9-20-12**. Your request must be in by 5pm March 10th, but the Zoning Examiner may also call on people who want to speak even if you haven't sent in a request.

–Background: RHNA/SamHughes sent a joint letter on 8 December with 27 concerns, chief among them: building heights; group dwellings; affordable housing. The developer did not respond.

–Steve K facilitated a meeting, but the developer would not budge.

Talking points: we DO NOT support the proposed PAD. While appropriate infill may be appropriate for this location, at this time we are focusing primarily on 1) the lack of good faith neighborhood engagement from the developer and 2) a handful of our main concerns (building heights, group dwellings, affordable housing, traffic circulation) - so you don't need to go into detail, just reinforce those points. Ask the Zoning Examiner to deny the rezoning, or to direct the developer to deal with RHNA and Sam Hughes in good faith.

9. Neighborhood Preservation Zone – Lee (10 min)

We held three public meetings last weekend, attracting a couple dozen people. The response was generally favorable. If you missed them, recordings can be found at:

<https://www.rinconheights.com/npzmeeting.html>

10. Sunshine Mile Overlay – Evren

https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdsd/boards-committees-commissions/ZoningExaminer/C9-20-22_Sunshine_Mile_District_Prelim_with_maps_2.pdf

Three Zoning Examiner meetings were necessary to get most things straightened out. The ZE will report to the Mayor & Council advising them to adopt the SMD.

–RH team noticed the map had not been altered to move the boundary south from 8th to Caddie, but expect the team will do this.

–group dwellings had been removed as an option

–the Iron Horse Neighborhood Association conflict was resolved

–the *Daily Star* article confused people, suggesting 14-16 story buildings would be allowed throughout the District. Actually in RH only up to 6 stories.

–hope supertall buildings near Miles NA will be scaled back

11. GoFundMe to family of murdered student msp

\$500 to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/forrest-keys-memorial-fund>

There is also a UA scholarship fund if anyone would like to contribute individually to either:
<https://giving.arizona.edu/forrest-beckett-keys>

12: 5G poles: Melody reported Mayor & Council meeting next week on health effects of 5G poles

Adjourned 7:30 approx.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Tabili