



## **RHNA Minutes Monday, May 10th, 2021**

**Present:** Lee Marsh (presiding) Theah, Basil Chulak, Deb Culter, Mark & Barbara Homan, Steve Kozachik (Ward 6), Officer Erin Peters (TPD), Melody Peters & Jay Vosk, Stacey Plassman, Sharla & Fred Ronstadt, Evren Sonmez, Elvira Suarez & Samantha Neville ( District 5), Cody Silvestri, Laura Tabili, Rose Veneklasen,

### **Introductions, Welcoming of Guests (5 min)**

### **Approval of the March Meeting Notes ( 5 min. )**

This agenda item was inadvertently skipped, and tabled for the next meeting.

**TPD Updates** (10 min) Officer Peters reported 50 incidents last month, including 11 larcenies, 10 disorderly conduct and 5 welfare checks, down from 68 in our last meeting. She implored residents not to leave valuables visible in vehicles, and to lock our vehicles.

--Crime statistics can be obtained from the Neighborhood Support Network:  
<https://nsn.soaz.info/incidents/zrinconheights.html>

--Officer Peters gave us a link to the Safe Streets Initiative to report loud motorcycle and vehicle drag racing:  
<https://survey123.arcgis.com/share/d3ae9452403640d6bcf30975f5c221ca>

--and left us her contact information: [Erin.Peters@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Erin.Peters@tucsonaz.gov) (520)837-7241

### **Updates from the City and County ( 10 min )**

Elvira and Samantha introduced themselves as District 5 aides to Supervisor Adelita Grijalva. [Elvira.SuarezDin@pima.gov](mailto:Elvira.SuarezDin@pima.gov) [Samantha.g.neville@gmail.com](mailto:Samantha.g.neville@gmail.com)

--They asked for nominations for teachers  
[www.adelitasgrijalva.com/teacher-spotlight](http://www.adelitasgrijalva.com/teacher-spotlight)

--- and youth leaders: [www.adelitasgrijalva.com/youth-spotlight](http://www.adelitasgrijalva.com/youth-spotlight) who deserve

recognition

Pima County continues to promote vaccination & overcome vaccine hesitancy:

- COVID 19 challenge for youth: [www.vaxchallenge.com](http://www.vaxchallenge.com)
- COVID 19 vaccinations: [www.pima.gov/covid19vaccine1](http://www.pima.gov/covid19vaccine1)

Mark and Laura commented on problems with RTA's destructive and retrograde impact on Tucson and its undemocratic and opaque power structure, with reference to RTA2/2026

Ward 5 aides stated that negotiations over both issues were ongoing. Rex Scott is Pima County's representative on the RTA Board

**Ward 6** Steve Kozachik picked up on RTA, stating that the Mayor & Council have informed the PAG Board that renewal of RTA would need to incorporate:

--weighted voting in which COT gets votes commensurate with its population and contribution to RTA funds;

--pavement preservation over new roads

--COT should get 60% of projects since we contribute 60% of RTA revenues, rather than 1/7 of projects as currently

COT may decide to "go it alone" in line with Move Tucson 20 year plan, which emphasizes "greener" bike, pedestrians, and public transit facilities over single occupancy vehicles and road expansion.

Further, RTA is out of money and some COT projects in the current plan will not be funded unless 2026 passes

5G towers: Steve has gotten Verizon, AT&T, TDOT and TEP to talk to each other about colocating on existing poles rather than erecting new ones

Verizon & AT&T are very sensitive to bad publicity

Steve asked that if we see blue stakes or other signs of 5G towers going up we notify Ward 6 of the address and/or intersection

UA Steve continues to press UA to require all students returning to campus be vaccinated, like 230 other schools nationwide.

**6th St PAD Update** - Lee ( 10 min )

--The recent Zoning Examiner meeting was a rout, with 3 times as many negative to

positive responses, and the Zoning Examiner ruled against the developer

--The developer has appealed, however, so we can look forward to another Zoning Examiner meeting May 25. Stand by for details.

--The working group on this issue to consider next moves, possibly meet with Cummings

--Steve Kozachik offered to host another such meeting, and stated that as of 5:30 this evening Cummings had committed to no changes in the current PAD, despite gestures

**Treasurer's Report** - Rose ( 5 min )

--our balance currently \$27,295.58 including 2 deposits totaling \$18.02 after bank charges

**Voting on Expenses** - Lee ( 10 min )

Additional funds for 6th St PAD legal support & Reimbursement for Colby

--msp to reimburse Colby \$2950 for out of pocket payments to Tim Kinney, our land use attorney

--msp to continue retaining Tim Kinney, who has helped us a lot

Website domain name and reimbursement for Lee

--msp to reimburse Lee \$94.72 for updating our website, licensing the name, etc.

Neighborhood PO Box

--Moira doesn't want her address published and asks for POB reimbursement: tabled as she was not present

**NPZ Update** - Lee ( 5 min )

--March public meetings successful

--20 April Mayor & Council approved initiation of rezoning

--we are working with a consultant (Jen Levstik, who helped with our Historic District Nomination) on NPZ Design Manual

**UArizona CCRC Update** - Basil ( 5 min. ) attached

**Pledge for TEP underground lines** - Lee ( 10 min. )

A group of neighborhoods led by James Head have hired an attorney, Todd Jackson, to file a suit with the Arizona Corporation Commission to underground the power lines coming up Campbell into Jefferson Park

They estimate \$70 million in lost property value due to the uglification of power lines up the street

They have raised about half of the \$40,000 they need, but are asking for pledges from Neighborhood Associations and individual neighbors to demonstrate a wide base of support

We agreed to collect more information about the impacts pushing back on the project may have on less fortunate Southside neighborhoods before pledging support.. Individual neighbors may also wish to contribute in their own names.

**Subcommittee on neighborhood engagement ( 5 min. )** tabled due to lack of time

**Park Tucson Funds for 10th St Speed Hump ( 10 min. )**

10th Street neighbors including Cody and Colby have successfully petitioned to get a speed hump on 10<sup>th</sup> Street between Fremont and Santa Rita by gathering signatures from 60% of neighbors.

Our neighborhood has about \$10,000 coming from Park Tucson which could pay for the speed hump.

msp to support using Park Tucson funds for speed hump.

Adjourned 8:03

Respectfully submitted, Tabili