

## **Minutes Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association meeting 13 September 2021**

**Present:** Lee Marsh (President & chair), Theah Erickson, Colby Henley, Melody Peters & Jay Vosk, Mark & Barbara Homan, Evren Sonmez, Laura Tabili, Anthony Luketich & Missy; Samantha Neville (District 5), Andy Bemis, Senior Propjet Manager, 9<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Boulevard, TDOT, Steve Kozachik , Ward 6 Councilmember

**Treasurer's report:** msp: **Renew your dues!!**

**CCRC:** (Melody) discussion of green infrastructure and changes to Red Tag program. Mark Homan commented on UA unkempt properties, a perennial issue.

**6<sup>th</sup> Street PAD:** Scott Cummings has stonewalled meeting Zoning Examiner conditions, persisting in his plans for 95' tall building and Class 6 liquor license; plans to take the PAD directly to Mayor & Council

**NPZ:** (Lee) May rezoning for the NPZ was initiated by Mayor & Council. We continue to tinker with Logan Simpson's draft Design Manual. Next step is outreach to get broader neighborhood buy-in: we discussed fun events. Design Review process should provide for exceptions for green infrastructure.

**District 5:** (Samantha [Neville@pima.gov](mailto:Neville@pima.gov) (520)412-1320) slideshow on skyrocketing Covid rates. Pima.gov/Covid19 for pop-up vaccination sites.

Board of Supervisors meets 9 a.m. Tuesday mornings.

Currently mapping historic & cultural resources

Pima Animal shelter very crowded.

TPD has reported thefts of catalytic converters up: County will hold an event to etch VIN onto your catalytic converter

### **9<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Boulevard (Andy Bemis)**

9<sup>th</sup> Street Bike Boulevard project website:  
<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/tdot/5th-st-9th8th-st-9thcastro-ave-bicycle-boulevards>

Bike boulevards provided for in Proposition 407 funding; near us, both 9<sup>th</sup>/8th Street and 5th/6th Street are slated for bike boulevards.

Neighbors raised sidewalks including pavement repair, traffic calming and filling in gaps, all of which would finish the job—but no funding for it.

Discussion of possible Toucan (double) bike crossing at 9<sup>th</sup>/Euclid.

**Ward 6** (Councilmember Kozachik) COT tree planting project, as well as money for green infrastructure: deadline for neighborhood proposals November. Goal to improve tree canopy.

28 September or 5 October likely Cummings PAD

also Tucson Clean & Beautiful microgrant proposal, allowing RHNA to assist homeowners with tree purchase & planting

msp RHNA allocated \$1000 for 40 trees @ \$25 including mulch, + \$150-\$200 for contingencies

**TEP:** (Councilmember Steve Kozachik) TEP tried to divide neighborhoods by putting option 5A (Euclid) back on the table, but Mayor & Council rejected it: recommendation to City Manager Ortega to oppose it. (Nice try!)

TEP have now requested an extension from ACC to negotiate with COT, SHNA's attorney, etc. ACC has no openings until February. Jefferson Park NA ask us to stand by.

TEP wants another high intensity line on Kolb Road which is also a Gateway and Scenic corridors are off the table with COT.

**RTA:** Uhlich & Steve for tomorrow's M&C meeting: want COT to demand weighted voting, flexibility & more dollars to COT as we contribute 40% of revenues. Executive Director's review years overdue. Marana is bypassing normal review processes.

2 projects on Speedway/Euclid: WUNA Capstone wants to move 5 houses. Euclid & Jefferson Park student housing Michael Goodman project. Steve suggests COT purchase properties from Goodman to forestall litigation with Goodman & his numerous dummy companies.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Tabili