

7 March 2022 Rincon Heights NA meeting

Present: Lee Marsh (President & chair), Basil Chulak, Colby Henley, Mark Homan, Steve Kozachik (Ward 6), Samantha Neville (District 5), Moira Poje, Stacey Plassman, Ryland Plassman, Melody Peters & Jay Vosk, Evren Sonmez, Rose Veneklasen, Laura Tabili

Introductions

Treasurer's report: (Rose) \$24,005.78	balance
270.00	dues collected
550.00	Tucson Clean & Beautiful for tree planting project
26.62	office supplies incl deposit slips & paid stamp

Approval of January 10 minutes: msp

Ward 6: (Steve K)

–Student housing proposed: NW and SE corners of Speedway & Euclid

1. NW corner Michael Goodman & Feldman's/Jefferson Park
Steve proposes COT purchase parcel from Goodman to build affordable housing
2. Capstone wants to use Main Gate overlay to move bungalows on SE corner to a parcel elsewhere in WUN, defeating their purpose of acting as a buffer with the neighborhood. They want to build another tower. Expect them to come to RHN to try and grease the skids.
3. Sol has once again been the source of projectiles thrown onto the Mosque. COT in process of enjoining them to evict tenants, close balconies & rooftop party deck.
4. TEP DeMoss-Petrie transmission line application withdrawn from Corporation Commission for negotiation with "interveners" including Banner, UA and SHNA
5. Native Plants Ordinance: Steve thinks time to revisit and update due to our water situation: April 5 **Study Session?** Moira agrees
6. Steve invites nomination for vacancy on Planning & Zoning Commission
7. In response to a question about PFAS contamination, COT/ADEQ have built a treatment plant using ion exchange rather than charcoal filtration. DOD holding out on funding. COT has already spent \$50M. Our contamination comes from DOD, Air National Guard and 3M, who are resisting COT overtures.

District 5 (Samantha)

1. Youth art contest garnered more than 120 submissions. March 25 art show at Courthouse

2. Teach-in March 22, World Water Day, at Water Resources Research Center on 7th and Campbell.

CCRC update: (Melody)

1. Report on Student Success District, library and other services in one-stop setting

2. Student towers and junk thrown on Mosque—again!!

3. Blenman Elm pollinator garden with 60 plants, with aid of Tucson Clean & Beautiful and Green Infrastructure grant

4. Melody on design team Friends of Himmel Park pollinator garden north of Library.

5. Tree planting resource, like everything else, seem to be inequitably distributed. Melody would like to distribute pollinator resources to underserved parts of Tucson, cooperating with Students for Sustainability and student chapter of Engineers Without Borders, possibly Compost Cats. Director of Office of Sustainability likes pollinator equity idea.

Officer elections: Lee, Rose and Laura will continue (after fighting off stiff competition) msp but Moira is stepping down so we need a Vice President volunteer or nominee

Neighborhood updates:

1. Tree planting a success, 22 trees planted, mostly red pistache, and hordes of volunteers who also picked up garbage

“New” people signed up for trees that had not been active before, for instance at 8th and Vine.

Porch Fest: Colby hosted a successful Porch Fest

Historic Bike Tour: Colby has compiled a really cool self-guided tour of Rincon Heights you can do by bike or on foot:

<https://www.rinconheights.com/history-bike-tour.html>

Future events: 1. Block party April 10 from 1-4 p.m. at 9th and Park for NPZ outreach, followed by an NPZ virtual event April 23