

Minutes of Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association meeting 9 May 2022

Present: Lee Marsh (President), Debbie Culter, Alejandra Margarita Foerg, Colby & Karen Henley, Mark & Barbara Homan, Samantha Neville (District 5), Jay Vosk & Melody Peters, Ryland Plassman, Stacey Plassman, Laura Tabili, Tom Veneklasen, Kris and Ryan from next door.

Introductions

NPZ Updates: Lee reported the successful block party April 10, which was intended as an informational event for the NPZ accompanied by fun. Something like 150 people attended, a “great turnout.” The latest iteration of the Design Manual was on display, and feedback on the aims of the NPZ was almost universally positive. The followup virtual Q&A fell through due to Ward 6 technical difficulties.

Next steps include another neighborhood meeting followed by the Zoning Examiner, since the NPZ is a form of rezoning. After that it goes to the Mayor & Council for a vote.

Link to the latest draft of the Design Manual can be found at:

<https://www.rinconheights.com/npz-info.html>

Neighborhood flag: Ryland presented a draft version of a RHNA flag, which was well received. After some discussion, Ryland requested that neighbors email him suggestions for modifications, which he will incorporate and bring to our next neighborhood meeting for approval. Melody will contact Charles (?) who may hold the copyright for the design.

Lee announced he is leaving RHN unexpectedly and we will need to find another President (and Vice President, which we currently lack). Lee will stay on until our September meeting, and will continue to pilot the NPZ. A round of applause for Lee’s tremendous service to the neighborhood over the past years.

Fiberoptics: Debbie and some others have received a notice about installation of fiberoptics in our neighborhood. Debbie will forward the information to the listserv.

TEP DeMoss-Petrie line: Barbara attended the last Planning Commission meeting which ended inconclusively when they lost quorum after two hours. The continued meeting is this Wednesday the 11th, and interested neighbors are urged to attend.

<https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/planning-commission>

You can also send comments at least 24 hours before this meeting (by 5 p.m. Tuesday) to

PlanningCommission@tucsonaz.gov

msp: Rincon Heights Statement Regarding TEP

Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association (RHNA)

Supports improved service and high-quality transmission lines.

Supports placement of lines underground.

Opposes any exceptions to the City's Gateway Ordinance.

Believes that TEP has the competence to deliver lines underground. If TEP does not have this competence, it should develop it before any lines are laid.

Believes that TEP has the moral responsibility to place lines in a way that does no harm to the visual beauty of any part of the Tucson SMSA.*

The loss of visual beauty is a cost, which will be paid over generations to come. The enhancement of visual beauty is a benefit that generations to come will enjoy.

*Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area

Melody will take this resolution to the CCRC tomorrow evening.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Tabili