

Minutes of Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association (founded 1987) 12 September 2022

Purpose of meeting: first meeting of Fall 2022 RHNA has five General Meetings per year.

Present: Lee March (President), Diana Amado (Ward 6), Kathy & Louis Coin, Scott Cummings, Colby Henley, Mark Homan, Samantha Neville (District 5), Melody Peters & Jay Vosk, Sharla & Fred Ronstadt, Ryland Plassmann, Stacey Plassmann, Evren Sonmez, Laura Tabili, Joe Wittbrodt

Officers: Lee Marsh, President; Rose Veneklasen, Treasurer; Laura Tabili, Recording Secretary

1.Social Time (25 min)

2.Introductions (5 min)

3.Treasurer's report – (Rose - 5 min)

Rose was unable to attend but submitted a written report

4.Meeting Minutes March 7th & May 9th (5 min)

Approved with one change to March 7 minutes

5.TPD Updates (10 min)

Police did not appear but gave written report to Lee

6.6th St PAD (Scott Cummings - 30 min)

--PAD continues: market rate apartments, Lazar & Silvan, negotiating with Trader Joe's

--Colby asked about affordable housing; Scott said none.

--Evren suggested Scott could contribute to affordable housing offsite.

--Lee asks about unresolved issues like alcohol use, etc.

--Colby asks what changed from proposal City Council rejected. A: Community Benefit Agreement will resolve concerns

--Mark asks for a meeting that focuses on unresolved concerns.

--Ryland asks if electric vehicle charging will be provided. Scott says he is open to it.

--Ryland also asks for bike parking esp. for electric cargo bikes. Scott thinks so.

Diana Amado says "The EV stations would be covered under the new ordinance to have I believe 20% of parking to have EV outlet stations. This

effects all development projects starting Jan 2023."

–Lee asks for assurances about Trader Joe’s actually locating here.

7.City & County Updates (20 min.)

District 5 report from Samantha Neville:

--major County Board legislation; primary outcomes;

--43 cases of Monkeypox: vaccinations & tests via Pima County website.

--Covid cases now “low” though higher than April 2020, but fewer fatalities & hospitalizations due to vaccines & treatments.

–problems with Pima County, contact Samantha or District 5 office:<https://www.adelitasgrijalva.com/>

Ward 6 report from Diana Amado

–take online Reid Park imagined survey:

https://stories.opengov.com/tucsonaz/published/QMU_Csil6

–Donovan Durband will come to meeting re: eliminating front yard parking that blocks ROW

–invite us all to participate in plastic recycling & give “pledge” online to impress the rest of City Council with community support.

Pima County Public Library programs:

<https://pima.bibliocommons.com/events/63191edc7e2794a34b2504e5?fbclid=IwAR2OwaQr0mBSKXIYegFrVtEITLHxF48cNrQFOvho07lo-VJMCqy5bEZfvjw>

8.New Neighborhood Officers (10 min) msp

–Stacey Plassmann nominated, seconded, and elected President!!!

9.Amendments to RHNA Bylaws (10 min) msp

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1L91q7p1Mrzv1oOeIPhvDu2zwJK1plSiNHafBZczrrf8/edit>

10.CCRC Updates (Melody - 5 min)

–meetings continue on Zoom: CCRC heard reports on Campus Pantry, legal aid for students, and Campus Closet for interview outfits, first & last seeking donations.

11. Garden Updates (Melody - 5 min)

–Community Plant & Seed Exchange 24 September:

–msp reimburse Melody for up to \$150 for seeds, refreshments & other support for the event.

–Ryland warned neighbors not to plant “mystery seeds” found in mailboxes as they are invasive species

12. Neighborhood Cleanup Efforts (Mark - 5 min)

–concerns about UA properties south of 6th left derelict +/- unkempt. So another Zoom meeting with a document with clear dates & measurable goals—for instance, ugly lot on Highland.

13. Rincon Heights Flag design (Ryland)

–no response to his invitation to suggest modifications. Ryland will mail the design out on the listserv, and Melody will join design team.

NEXT MEETING: Monday November 14th, 2022

–Mark suggests developing a protocol for lost dogs.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Tabili 7:51 p.m.
