

RHNA meeting 8 May 2023

Present: Stacey Plassman, presiding, Diane Amado, Louis & Kathy Coin, Debbie Culter, Theah Erickson, Mark & Barbara Homan, Beth King, Samantha Neville (Supv. District 5), Melody Peters, Ryland Plassman, Stacia Reeves, Evren Sönmez, Laura Tabili, Rose Veneklasen, Lt Aaron Wine, TPD

Financial reports:

Treasurer's report - Rose checking balance: \$19, 937.24

-since our last meeting, 2@\$9.01 and \$40 dues collected, and \$100 donation

-expenses: \$320 and \$13.20 to Tim Kinney, \$10 filing fee for annual report, and \$195.95 reimbursement to Evren

--Rose requested reimbursement for plastic cups, Eegees, etc. for last Saturday's event, totaling \$55.54.

Vote on attorney retainer cap - msp: Cap prospective expenses at \$4000

TPD: Downtown District Cmdr Aaron Wine, gunshots near Irvington under investigation

-figures on violent crime: RH down as well as petty crime 9 reported burglaries, same as last year

-Louis: Broadway & Highland street racing especially on weekends: Lt. Wine says they are working on it.

-Deb Culter had a rock or something thrown at screen door twice last month

-Stacia reports trash dumped in High School Wash: Lt Wine says please continue to report so waterways can be cleared, or report to Ward 6 so they can pursue it with the correct agency

Pima County District 5 update - Samantha

-pursuing housing for homeless; denied a permit for a cell phone tower in District 3, approved support for Human Borders distributing water

-May 22-28 period poverty donation drive for diaper bank & YWCA

-we saw a sample of student artwork: go to website
adelitasgrijalva.com/newsletter

Tucson Ward 6 update - Diane Amado

-Ward 6 is a drop-off point for period poverty donations

-Ward 6 won COT award for plastic & recycling programs

-Byblock proposal goes to Mayor & Council tomorrow evening

-hear Steve play guitar & sing at Arizona Inn on Wednesday evenings

Neighborhood flag adoption - Ryland

-msp neighborhood flag: we will make them and sell at-cost

RHNA Community Garden report - Melody

-slow as per membership as people have left or will leave soon at end of academic year. Invite your friends

-irrigation problems have driven water bills up, esp. in pollinator garden: UA have abdicated responsibility for the drip system

-student Pollinator Equity Project have received a grant for propagation space, raising plants to give to vulnerable neighborhoods via Trees for Tucson

(Trees for Tucson have a new facility where they will propagate plants and do the grow-out for us: repurposed border wall containers reused for their offices)

-Melody will be collecting wildflower seeds from COT basins

CCRC report- Melody

-meet tomorrow so no report. Melody sent us most recent minutes this afternoon, when she received it

-more express buses will be going NW and also to airport via Ronstadt Center

-Mark has sent photos of water that runs from parking deck down Warren to Julie Katsel and pools daily

Traffic & safety - Stacia

reportback on meeting of Independent Oversight & Accountability Commission to allocate Prop. 411 funds:

-Stacia took photos of cracks in bikeways, bicyclists avoiding potholes & shared RHN concerns about speed and safety

-Stacia shared COT website info on which neighborhoods are being prepared for road improvements. Although 9th Street bike boulevard is included, our neighborhood is not.

-Stacia asked for priority for RH due to UA runoff and heavy traffic

-tucson.delivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/better-streets-safe-streets

+neighbors can go Monday 22 May at Randolph Park rec facility to ask in Call to the Audience

-Deb Culter raised the flyer we received recently about paving of 9th Street

-Prop 411 offers grants for safety improvements: RHNA might try for speed tables or other safety features to the tune of \$52 million

-Evren says traffic circles conditioned by stormwater runoff

6th & Campbell PAD of Scott Cummings - Laura, Mark, Evren

-dealing with Scott's attorney Rory easier than 2022. Progress is occurring, albeit slow and piecemeal.

-issues unresolved: affordable housing; traffic impact analysis & parking ratio; bar

-next meeting with Rory later this month, when we will present our terms.

-Zoning Examiner meeting 30 June

Fall community event - Rose & Stacey

-heads-up for the Fall event

Tucson Neighborhoods Matter Community Forum - Stacey

-Stacey attended on behalf of RH: COT involved cuz wanted ranking elements of Plan Tucson & will reportback on listserv

-RH in University Area Plan as we have never gotten around to doing a specific neighborhood plan

Miscellany & Adjournment -

-Stacey will attend Teams meeting Weds at 4 p.m. on NPZ

-Beth is next door to Highland/9th eyesore and Melody thinks work will begin on it soon.

-Ryland is starting an RHN archive

Next regular meeting is 11 September 2023 at 6-7:30 via Zoom

Adoption of minutes for 13 March 2023-?