

2023 September 11 Minutes RHNA meeting

Present: Stacey Plassman (President), Diana Amado, Naomi De La Rosa Arellano, Andy Bemis, Michael Carter, Nancy DeFeo, Theah Erickson, Colby Henley, Mark Homan, Beth King, Daniela Nunez, Melody Peters, Ryland Plassman, Corky Poster, Nicole Roldan, Karen Sanson, Evren Sonmez, Laura Tabili, Moses Thompson, Jay Vosk, Joe Wittbrodt,

Introductions (5 mins)

Regular guests (5 mins @)

--**TPD:** Lt. Aaron Wine (no-show)

--**County District 5 update:** Naomi De La Rosa Arellano: Pima Co transiotin center welcoming community partners, electeds, media, COT, to provide services for residents

celebration of Sept 15 “Bugs & Brews” & several other events to learn about dragonflies and other beneficial insects

--**City Ward 6 update:** Diane Amado/Steve K: TEP wanting us to decide between ugly poles or more really ugly poles

TEP Midtown Reliability Project survey link:

https://uestep.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7VtdRam1ZT5WLlk?Q_DL=0Uk3XG7MsZ7iAU_s_7VtdRam1ZT5WLlk_CGC_yE5XfHznSmN0Zn1&Q_CHL=email

--**University of Arizona:** Karen Sanson, Nicole Roldan, UA Government-Community Relations:

Sept 13, 3:30-5 Zoom Town Hall re: equity; and in-person meeting at YWCA
October 13 9-noon

October 3 blood drive at UA Bookstore with American Red Cross

United Way/UA Cares Oct 20-21 service projects incl beautifying Mansfeld & Tucson HS grounds

Adoption of Minutes (5 mins)

--January 9, 2023 already msp

--March 13, 2023 delayed until missing information can be found

--May 8, 2023 msp

9th Street Bike Boulevard Update (15 mins) Andy Bemis, Interim Administrator, Planning & Programming Division, Department of Transportation and Mobility

–RTA funding also for 5th Street and 9th Avenue. 9th Street from 4th Avenue to Treat bike boulevard. Includes crossing improvements (Campbell, Euclid) Traffic calming complicated by stormwater runoff but hopefully a traffic circle at Warren and other improvements at Park including plantings and flanked by speed humps ETA Spring 2024.

Road pavement options for RH: Joe W. (5 mins)

Tucson DOT response to Joe's question: We need to contact COT Director of Transportation to say:

“RHNA want streets repaved with conventional asphalt paving. We do not want any form of chipsealing.” msp [Our neighborhood streets are far more heavily used than other neighborhood streets due to UA, including UA sports.]

RHNA Community Garden report - Melody (20 mins)

Problems filling plots as members departed because graduated & rents skyrocketing. October 7 free plant & seed exchange for all CCRC neighbors hopefully recruit. Irrigation system also getting leaky and needs replacing. Non-gardeners can support the garden by becoming an associate member. Other possibilities discussed.

RHNA Community Garden - Mansfeld Middle School Partnership - Melody (5 mins)

Luke ?, principal of Mansfeld Stem+ Middle School and 2 biology teachers got a garden tour. Teachers especially impressed by pollinator garden & want to bring students to study life cycle impacts of climate change, and want to grow peas to reproduce Mendel's project; and marigolds for Dia de los Muertos on 2 plots. October 21, Bulldog Day, parents and perhaps RH members will be sprucing up Mansfeld grounds.

CCRC - Melody (5 mins)

6th/Campbell PAD and CBA working group (5 mins)

UA garden project at Mansfeld Middle School

Corky Poster (Poster Mirto McDonald)

Moses Thompson (UA)

Michael Carter (UA)

Melissa Dryden (UA)

The project involves rehabilitation of the historic properties At 405 & 415 N. Mountain Avenue

Corky, Michael, Moses, Melissa and Daniela Nunez:

Michael: UA Planning, Design & Construction dept: 414 & 407 N. Mountain. Renovate for garden project: schoolgardens.arizona.edu. Feeder elementary schools and Tucson HS both have gardens, but no dirt on site at Mansfeld. Tho' did build a small garden in schoolyard. 405 & 415 Mountain close to ENR2 where class taught. Will turn yard into teaching gardens & teach culinary STEM in kitchen(s); food justice in other spaces incl. porches.

Corky: called in to help historic rehab.

Newsletter: Melody (5 mins)

Plan Tucson workshops:

Land Use, Development, Housing

Transportation, Mobility, Access: Stacey, Ryland

Community Resources

Water, Climate, Green Space: Melody

Economic Vitality

Miscellany & Adjournment (5 mins)

next regular meeting Monday, November 13, 6-7:30 via Zoom