

Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association meeting 8 January 2024

Present: Stacey Plassmann (President), Diana Amado (Ward 6), Deb Cutler, Nancy De Feo, Theah Erickson, Mark & Barbara Homan, Julie Katsel (UA), Beth King, Melody Peters, Ryland Plassmann, Sharla & Fred Ronstadt, Laura Tabili, Lt Aaron Wine

Introductions:

Adoption of minutes: of 13 November 2023

Treasurer's report: postponed until next month

Regular guests:

TPD: Downtown District Commander Lt. Aaron Wine

--Lt. Wine warned about increased burglaries when students are out of town

--Neighbors requested that street crimes such as the recent attempted abductions be systematically reported to the NA, and Lt Wine and Julie Katsel said this is planned.

Pima County District 5: Naomi de la Rosa Arellano no report

COT Ward 6: Diana Amado, Steve Kozachik

Diana reported re: 1010 E. 10th Street: Steve did reach out and buyer has withdrawn: situation static

--fire station under renovation

University of Arizona: Julie Katsel

Paolo Solari Chapel at UA Cancer Center threatened by UA vandalism:

--chapel built 1986 as part of UMC Cancer Center: since 1999 reconfigured, and in 2009 Cancer Center moved to N. Campbell: agenda to restore public access to art incl Cosanti Fdtn

--a spirited discussion ensued

--Mark moved for CCRC: "We ask the UA to establish a goal to preserve in whole and intact the Soleri Chapel and public access to it and work with the neighbors, the Cosanti Foundation, the State Historic Preservation Office, the Tucson Pima Historical Commission, and Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation and other historic preservationists to achieve that goal." msp

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC): Melody (10 mins)

–UA Presents has become UA Arts Live: plans to enhance profile of arts on campus including renovation of Morrone Theater: “spectacular”

–grad student unable to live on GAT stipends and working unreasonable hours: forced to take supplementary employment, slowing time to degree, depressing grad student numbers nationwide

–Melody will send out minutes

Plan Tucson: Community meetings information contained on agenda, and on listserv

Neighborhood Preservation Zone (NPZ): Stacey, Laura

–last Fall meeting at Ha: San

–next step is Zoning Examiner meeting and later Mayor & Council meeting: **we need to show up for both of these and support our neighborhood!!**

1010 E. 10th Street: TUSD HQ:

--per Diana plans in abeyance

--Colby will address TUSD Board next week, explaining what is allowable under the Sunshine Mile overlay (or current zoning). As many of us as possible should show up to demonstrate support and interest. Tues Jan 15 5:30 Duffy Service Center

Study Group for Good Development: Mark

--meet with Steve K’s contact, and have a larger group to discuss elements of good development, some of which is found in the NPZ, SMD and 6th/Campbell PAD language

–Melody reminds Mark of unfinished Neighborhood Plan lost because key group member died. Perhaps the Study Group could contribute to a Neighborhood Plan.

–Stacey suggests working with SHNA who are completing Neighborhood Plan and want to do an NPZ

TEP Midtown Reliability Project: Stacia says nothing to report (bereaved)

RHNA Community Garden: Melody

–Dec 9 gathering w/Tucson Organic Gardeners “shop hop” like a pub crawl: TOG tabled to signup more TOG members; Ted Warmbrand came & sang

–Pollinator Equity Project: UA may install irrigation system this month

–plant starts including tomatoes, basil, oregano, peppers, wildflower seed for purchase mid-February & 16 March

Nominating Committee: Mark

--vote on officers 11 March 2024 at Annual Meeting: COT will provide postcards for better outreach than just the listserv

Miscellany & adjournment:

--site meeting at 15 N. Santa Rita Saturday morning 10 a.m. for proposed Sunshine Wine bar, conversion of residential property to alcohol service

Next door to Sharla & Fred:

1. where will people park? Already had 2 cars totalled on street
2. Noise mitigation? Quiet? Music?
3. Foundation already damaged by Broadway construction
4. Alley often collects trash

--next meeting Monday 11 March, 6-8 p.m. via Zoom

Adjourned 8:11

Respectfully submitted, Laura