

**Minutes**  
**RHNA Quarterly Meeting**  
**December, 2014**

1. Minutes of September 2014 meeting were approved. **MSC** (indicates Moved, Seconded, and Carried).
2. TPD Officers provided the report. My apologies, I only got first names (Dean, Dan, and Matt).
  - TPD will provide extra patrols during Christmas time, when this neighborhood is at particular risk
  - Contrary to rumors, there has been no leniency with respect to Red Tags. They are still being given with the same level of enforcement.
  - This area gets more quick response due to its proximity to police stations and other factors.
  - Do call 911 if you have any concerns about suspicious activity. OK to call 88CRIME as well, but 911 handles most calls.
  - If you are going out of town, you can alert the police hotline (791-5351) Monday through Friday from 9:00-5:00. The police will give your property some extra attention.
3. Treasurer's report – We have a total of \$7401.22 in our treasury. Many of the funds are designated for a particular purpose. For example, \$5000.00 recently received from ATT for mitigation of cell towers has, by agreement with ATT, been allocated to new neighborhood signs, and \$500.00 has been set aside for Broadway historic district. **MSC**
4. Bylaws revisions – We reviewed and amended our bylaws, which had not been revised for many years. Colby walked us through proposed changes, including (among others):
  - Highlighting protection of Historic District in the Purposes
  - Clarifying membership eligibility, voting privileges, and dues
  - Details on noticing and holding annual and general meetings, and
  - Allowance for officers to provide position statementsRevised Bylaws in their entirety are included as an attachment to these minutes **MSC**
5. Election of Officers – A new slate of officers was approved **MSC**
  - President – Evren Sonmez
  - Vice President – Tim Olcott
  - Treasurer – Chris Wilke
  - Secretary – Mark S. Homan
  - Historian – Michelle Graye
  - Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) Representative – Colby Henley; Evren Sonmez alternate
6. Neighborhood Updates
  - Historic District Street Signs – We have \$5000.00 from our settlement with ATT.
    - i. We will decide the colors of the signs and their locations in the neighborhood during our March meeting.
    - ii. Signs will be based on our logo design.
  - Community Garden

- i. Garden continues to be beautiful and successful with a great harvest, and the venue is used for many community oriented activities, often in collaboration with UA student projects.
  - ii. Bernie Croteau is collecting items for the March Yard Sale. A major portion of the proceeds go to fund the Community Garden.
  - iii. Water rates are an important issue. We are charged as if we are a household, resulting in dramatic increases during the summer. We are very water conscious and have a very efficient watering system. The method that the City uses for calculating water rates does not relate to community gardens and puts them at risk. This exposes an apparent contradiction in City policies – desire to expand community gardens and water rates that inhibit their development. We will put this item on the Spring agenda for development of strategy to establish a community gardens water rate.
  - iv. Just before Thanksgiving we had a successful establishment of a water harvesting basin in front of the Community Garden and planting within the basin – along with spreading wildflower seeds.
- Little Free Library
  - i. Our Library continues to see good use and visits from people from outside of Tucson, even outside the U.S. Many neighbors borrow and contribute to the Library, which is in Feld-Davis Park on 8<sup>th</sup> and Martin.
  - ii. Our library was one of the early ones established. By January 2014 there were over 15,000 Little Free Libraries in 56 countries.
  - iii. We need more children’s books
- Tucson Festival of Books
  - i. This will occur March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - ii. Maybe we can have a function in Feld-Davis Park.
- Broadway Project
  - i. Traffic counts continue to decline, which is in keeping with national trends that driving has peaked.
  - ii. All improvements - 4 car lanes; 2 dedicated transit lanes; bicycle lanes; ADA compliant sidewalks; thoughtful landscaping – can be placed within the existing right of way.
  - iii. Motion that RHNA send a letter to Mayor and Council affirming our support of development only within right of way and protection of historic and historic contributing properties. **MSC**
- UA Projects/CCRC – This evening, Stacey Plassmann, our current CCRC Representative, is at a UA/Ward VI sponsored community forum on UA/Neighborhood relations.
- Listserv – We had some technical difficulties with our listserv. If you have been dropped from the listserv, contact Chris Wilke. She will get you back on.

7. Door Prizes – We had a drawing for door prizes from local businesses. Alas, I did not record the donors or the winners. I’ll get that information out in the next minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark S. Homan  
Secretary, Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association