

Rincon Heights Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2021

Present: Colby Henley, Lee Marsh, Evren Sonmez, Mark Homan, Moira Poje, Tom Veneklasen, Rose Veneklasen, Steve Kozachik & Diego Pina Lopez (Ward 6), Julie Katsel (UA), Erin Peters (TPD)

TPD Update: Officer Peters provided a short update on activity in the neighborhood, only item of note were a few car “smash-n-grabs”; residents shared of hearing gunshots recently & Officer Peters emphasized the need to call 911 to report these even if you don’t know exact source. Officer Peters also provided a summary spreadsheet after the meeting:

- Total incidents from 11/1/20 through 1/11/21= 59
- Highest number of incidents = 14 Larcenies
- Second highest number of incidents= 13 Disorderly Conduct
- There was a tie for third highest number of incidents= 4 Burglaries and 4 Vandalisms

Treasurer’s Report: Rose provided a summary of the RHNA account balance = \$27,732.51. Rose will also send out a reminder about memberships out through the email list. We currently have 20 active and 26 inactive members on our roster.

Ward 6 update: Steve K provided an update on COVID vaccine opportunities, including the upcoming set up at TCC for a mass vaccination site. He also mentioned Pima County Health Dept’s need for volunteers to help in the effort and provided the contact info for those interested is helping out. Julie shared that the UA will begin a drive-thru vaccination effort on the UA Mall for 1B status people (focus on educators) starting Jan 22nd.

CCRC Update: Moira shared info regarding the UA sustainability efforts and initiatives to reduce emissions and carbon footprint. In particular under “Scope 2, emissions” (utility usage) 100% of power from TEP will come from wind and solar; 40% of power usage on campus will still come from fossil fuels. Moira and also provided info on COVID testing and rates on campus, as well as the UA COVID Dashboard - <https://covid19.arizona.edu/dashboard>. Julie also mentioned that the UA CART response to unruly gatherings in surrounding neighborhoods will continue into the Spring semester, so please call 911 & the UA hotline with any concerns. 520- 282-3649

Neighborhood Preservation Zone update: Lee shared the ongoing efforts for the NPZ, including work COT staff on the mailer for a public meeting and outreach to landlords/developers. The hope is to have 1 or more public meetings to share info and hear concerns in February and have Steve K initiate rezoning process soon thereafter.

Sunshine Mile Overlay District update: The latest Zoning Examiner hearing was on Jan 7th and was short with discussions ongoing and a follow-up hearing scheduled for Feb 4th. For RHNA, the main 2 outstanding issues were revising the northern boundary on Park Ave from 8th St

back to Caddie street and working to disincentivize parking as a way to achieve height bonuses on the TUSD lot.

Campbell & 6th St PAD: A letter detailing our recommended changes to the proposed PAD was sent to Scott Cummings on December 8th and to date we've not received a reply. Julie mentioned that the UA would be willing to write a letter emphasizing that the UA's support of development in that area would be conditional upon the developer working closely with surrounding neighborhoods. Colby specifically asked if the UA would agree to remove the area from the UA Planning Boundary if the PAD is approved. Julie asked for a copy of the letter RHNA sent to Mr. Cummings and said she would make our request known to UA decision makers.

RHNA Officer Nominating Committee: RHNA Officer elections will be held at the March meeting. Prior to that, a nominating committee will determine openings, seek applicants and prepare a slate of nominees for voting. Colby, Evren, Mark, and Lee volunteered to be on the nominating committee.

Meeting adjourned