

Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association
Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2019

This was one of our more “informal” meetings that took place at Colby and Karen’s beautiful backyard over food, drink, and mingling with neighbors.

- Introductions around the circle
- March 2019 meeting minutes — Moved, seconded, and approved
- Treasurer’s Report: Our account has been moved from Tucson Old Pueblo Credit Union to Wells Fargo as it’s a more convenient location for Rose, our new treasurer. We have \$29,815.57 in three accounts combined. Income totaled 51 cents in dividends and \$120 in membership dues. The only expense was \$10 for annual report to AZ Corporation Commission. Rose is keeping records in Quick Books.
- Funding Requests: We moved, seconded, and approved the following actions:
 - Reimburse Rose for \$3.50 for articles of incorporation copies
 - Authorize Rose to have access to \$50 for admin costs and \$50 in petty cash
 - Official Little Free Library (LFL) map (about \$50 each) – Reimburse the registration fees of the existing LFLs to be included in the national map. Future libraries need to be presented to the neighborhood before registering if RHNA is requested to cover the fee.
- Updates:
 - Roll-offs: Two roll-offs will be located in the neighborhood until May24th, one by the TuGo Station on Park and 9th, the other Cherry & High School Wash. Environmental Services will send postcards from now on, but not for this round.
 - City of Tucson has a new website/tool for development notifications <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/noticetucson>
 - UA CCRC:
 - Update on the fireworks meeting with the UA: Julie Katsel, UA Athletics staff, RHNA, WUNA, and Feldman’s reps were present. Nobody from the President’s office attended. Presented letters, research regarding PTSD, New York Times article on quiet fireworks, etc. UA staff acknowledged the neighborhood concerns. It looks like the conversation is moving in the right direction, but we need to stay on top of it (do homework + hold them accountable.) Colby will send out an email to schedule a follow-up meeting to make sure there’s a protocol in place before the next football season.
 - Update on Livability Forum: CCRC has evolved to be a venue for solving problems and for the UA to promote itself, but that wasn’t the original intent in the bylaws. A livability forum is being organized in September to focus on the assets of the wonderful UA area neighborhoods. There’re incredible resources at the UA and in the surrounding communities and the idea is to bring them together while identifying some projects we can work on. Center for Community Dialogue will facilitate the conversation. The fee for their service is \$650. Alice Roe (CCRC chair and Blenman-Elm

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resident) is helping cover the cost. UA said they can't pay for it, but they'll book a room for the event.

- Update on 7th Street housing project: An 1886 beam from Old Main will be used to construct the steps on the stairs of the first house.
- NPZ (Neighborhood Preservation Zone): City staff, Ward 6 and 3 reps, and neighborhood reps have met to explore ways to preserve historic neighborhoods (including regulating front yard pools) and to protect neighborhoods from mini-dorms. The City is not willing to enact an HPZ (Historic Preservation Zone); however, NPZ is a possibility. We would need to do a historic inventory and get the majority of the historic property owners on board. It would make sense to pursue this along with Pie Allen. Dinana Lett thinks that someone from a private foundation may be willing to fund the effort. In the meantime, it would be helpful to get more people involved in the neighborhood association and raise awareness about the benefits of NPZ zoning. Ideas discussed:
 - Newsletter announcement (second half of August)
 - Postcard mailer
 - A subcommittee to work on this specific issue
 - Walking tour showcasing different architectural styles (Late September/early October?)
 - Before & after photos to educate people about which alterations preserve historic status and which don't – can be a part of the walking tour
- Community Garden: Events are held twice a month to help maintain the garden. Work gets shared. Garden membership is up and we can still use more gardeners.
- Broadway: Rio Nuevo purchased parcels with the intention to help develop the corridor. They have been working with New York City-based Project for Public Spaces. There's a workshop on Saturday from 9 to 12 at the church on Broadway and Martin. Neighbors are encouraged to attend.