



Meeting Minutes
Monday March 11, 2019

1. Steve K updates
 - Steve K – gave an update on the Broadway Corridor overlay zone, which is an agenda item on the March 19th mayor and council study session. No action is currently needed. He will recommend that the overlay zone be more nuanced than a one-size-fits-all approach, particularly as the corridor evolves drastically from E to W end. Zone will cover country club – Euclid. Overlay will address cross-access agreements, shared parking arrangements, extending the setback and specific nodes of interest – bungalows, solatte plaza, and donut hole building (2343 Broadway, a rectangular office building between Campbell and Tucson). Utility relocations will begin in July

2. Police Activity
 - Officer Lansdale and Officer Zarnik addressed neighborhood concerns regarding homeless camps and vagrants. The non-emergency line is the proper phone number. They clarified that we are in Sector 8, Captain Diana Duffy out of the Miracle Mile substation (no longer downtown district). Loud parties – best to call 911 for now, as the hot line has been dismantled. CrimeReports.com is a resource to learn more about crime rates in our city.

3. TUSD Superintendent Dr Gabriel Trujilo
 - On a mission to meet with every neighborhood association in the City to discuss progress and upcoming challenges
 - Acknowledges the merits of Ha:San – they have had significant impacts on the greater TUSD, for example including Indigenous tribes in the board
 - Improvements over three years of his new administration:
 - Then, 30% of schools were a D or an F from grade – now 22 of the Arizona schools increased a letter grade across all
 - District 51% of districts budget is spent within the classroom (was 47%)
 - Desegregation case – still under a court order for desegregation, but major progress in the last two years: now the most integrated system within Arizona. Issues to be addressed are focused on narrowing the achievement gap.
 - The court order seriously impedes the city’s progress in other areas. They have worked hard to resolve the remaining court orders, and will be filing for a release within the next year! This doesn’t mean we will stop working on desegregation issues. It means, no more lawyers fees, reduced administrative costs, and other associated fees, more time to work on additional challenges.
 - TUSD wants to do more to face serious Challenges:
 - Teacher shortage issue – leads to challenges in student management, attrition
 - Enrollment is declining, which leads to challenges in budget for operations, management, salaries, etc
 - School facilities are under-funded undermaintained schools.

- Lack of support services (counselors)
- Hosting southern arizonas largest population of students with disabilities
 - This is a blessing, but also requires additional costs, and funding is not increasing from the state level.
 - Disabilities often require specialized or unique supports
 - These kids are not accepted at Charter or Private schools – they say they offer “very basic services” and they refer students to TUSD
 - TUSD wants to serve these kids, but need the support and paraprofessionals that should be there. Without these services, then teachers have felt need to resign.
- Three specific grade levels suffer the most: 6th, 7th, 8th grade
 - Highest teacher shortage, highest disciplinary rates, highest D and F grades, overcrowding, buildings are older, highest concentrations of students with disabilities
 - – this not a new problem, but lifting the desegregation case will allow it to be addressed.
- Asking for: imagination, support, and a new vision for middle schools.
 - Much of comes from the departmentalized approach – more kids, more teachers, new building, exacerbates any pre-existing issues
 - Superintendent suggests a three-pronged approach. Will be going public very soon
 - Elementary schools will become K-6
 - 6th grade becomes a transition year in same school, they learn time management organizational, study skills, and basic tips for the new year, social skills. Maintaining school zone boundaries will reduce expenses, and keep routines.
 - junior high schools will be 7th and 8th grade with class sizes limited to 22-25
 - middle schools will focus on English and math, because statistics show passing 9th grade English and Algebra are key indicators for graduation high school
 - Will reduce the amount of remedial math and English in high school
 - also bringing back Librarians, renaming them as Literacy Educators
 - Creating alternative environments
 - Alternative Middle School -- Southwest Center possible location for alternative tier 3 behavioral situations
 - Accelerated Program for gifted and overflow from other top tier schools
 - Can residents start thinking about this, and be prepared to support this change in middle schools in 2021?
 - If progress is limited to being released from the court supervision, what is your strategy for transparency?
 - TUSD is working on this will all plaintiffs, with the goal to implement in 2021. This is the same time that we file for release of court supervision.
 - To be reviewed on March 26th, parent surveys to follow, then focus groups
 - Collaboration with other districts?
 - May lead to tighter caps on their schools

Miles Letter

- Inviting you to consider this proposal to make Miles a home school for the adjacent neighborhoods. Proposal outline in a letter. Goal is to make our neighborhood more attractive to home owners, and we feel this proposal will address some overcrowding issues in Sam Hughes elementary and other issues.
 - TUSD response: Nothing here that isn’t practical or feasible. However, right now this doesn’t go through the Board. It must go through the Court right now – another reason to end the requirement of federal court approval. But this doesn’t mean TUSD will not pursue it!
 - Monthly collaborative meetings with plaintiffs, we brainstorm ideas. He’s going to bring it into that process. There is usually an Ask in exchange – often to open another lottery, which TUSD is not willing to do. That aside, he is willing to work for this.
 - Regular appointments with court-appointed master to keep him up to date.
4. PC Supervisor Elias aide – Marjava Ramierez
- Here to listen, and be available for questions.
5. Karen Greene – Barrio Neighborhood Coalition Update

- Barrio Neighborhood Coalition is concerned about displacement of residents and local businesses. The city recognizes that there are problems but doesn't take action. It's falling on the residents. Barrio Neighborhood Coalition has developed an Education and preservation tool kit
- Three main things that the city is doing to help developers.
 - Rio Nuevo
 - the Infill Incentive District
 - Government property lease excise tax
 - GPLET – in central business district, city takes ownership of the company so the company doesn't pay property tax on that building. Instead they pay a lease excise tax, which is much less than property taxes. Then they involve a third party economist. The project has to increase the property value by 100%.
 - These are all programs that they do to support Developers
- But they don't do much to support residents! If they do, it's not made obvious. Working with the city has uncovered some resources – sent to Colby.
- Sign up to participate in future events like panels and working groups.

6. PC Library Hosting upcoming events

- Panel about eviction in Pima County – 6pm March 21st Downtown library
- Climate and moral responsibility in Arizona – Downtown library 11am April 13th
- Downtown community focus group – 2pm April 13 downtown

7. Officer Elections

- Nominating committee sought nominations, but still open
- Colby Henley President, Lee Marsh VP, Amanda Smith Secretary, Rose, Veneklassen Treasurer, Evren Sonmez CCRC meetings, Theah Marsh sub CCRC
- The slate of officers was voted and approved

8. Treasurers Report

- \$29000, majority from the Mark
- membership dues are accepted at any times, but she renews in January

9. Meeting Minutes

- Approved

10. Updates

Pie Allen/NPZ

- They will mobilize in a joint NPZ district, but they don't have a lot of documentation. We are helping them to organize.

UA CCRC

- Julie was assigned to talk to athletic director, but we insisted we need someone from the Presidents office. We have not heard back about the last communication of fireworks
- Marks report is not often included in the meeting minutes.
- Parking garage actions were completed but they didn't let us know. Mark will go out to check that it was done.
- Wants the CCRC to be more collaborative, less about complaining and/or updating. Recommends we make another pitch, as an agenda item, so we have more productive problem solving and healthier relationships

Community Garden

- Potluck -- Sunday from 4-6
- Tomato sale – we sold out
- Spring membership drive – March \$10 discount
 - \$12.50 a month normally
- Facebook group – please join

Next Meeting = May 13th

Liked the signs on 9th

Advertise with Mansfeld Middle Electronic Sign?

Sign In Sheet – check to add new names to RHNA group email

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