Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting September 9th 2019

20+ people in attendance

Director of Ha:San School

* 501c3 nonprofit
* Asks you consider donating for your AZ School Credits. Max of $200 goes a l.o.n.g. way for his school
* 177 high school students
* Offers a lot of programs, including computer programing, city and state sports championships, including O’otham culture and language. The school on the Nation does not offer language or cultural classes – so that’s unique to Ha:San
* If you dontate to the general fund – it will be allocated to the area that needs it the most. Or you can donate to a specific area or grade of interest.
* Check out their facebook page! They post everyday.

Meeting minutes from May meeting

* Meeting minutes approved

Treasurers Report –

* Balance in account is $29848.31
* Activity since last meeting
	+ Little free library registration reimbursement
	+ Wells Fargo fee reimbursement
* Available to collect dues
	+ $10 per person/year to get voting rights.
	+ All are welcome to attend and discuss
* New member software management program
	+ Allows payment for debit/credit card
	+ Helps automate email reminders
* Treasurers report and new software program was approved

Email list serve – if you do not want to be added to the list serve let Evren know

Traffic Calming Study

* The Mark had worked with the neighborhood about mitigating traffic impacts from new student housing complex
* $20000 given to ommunity
* Worked with the city to do a pre-build traffic count (baseline)
* Want to do a comprehensive neighborhood traffic city
	+ Did a count in April – report is provided to Colby
	+ Fall counts are still TBD, Crystal is in communication with TDOT
	+ Goal is to do our counts before the Broadway construction sckews the data
* City has speedbump pilot program
* Future steps would include a plan with TDOT

City has allocated funds to neighborhoods for traffic/speed humps

* Andy and Shanelle at 10th and Park have contacted the city to apply for the funding
* It’s a pilot program, and the city pays for 4500 and the neighborhood pays for $500
* This is not part of the The Mark traffic mitigation.
* Proposing two humps on Park
	+ Shared between us and Pie Allen, so RH can pay for one, and Pie Allen the other
	+ Between 10th and Broadway and a second between 10th and 9th.
* Have been plans to put a traffic circle at 8th and park; the humps would not deter this
* May consider spreading them out more?
	+ A one block spread is standard for the most effective spacing
* Moved and approved for $500 funding

NPZ

* Special meeting on Thursday the 12th at Ha:San School on 6pm
	+ We need attendance to show support to the city
	+ Will discuss all the specifics of the impacts of NPZ and all the benefits
* Being on the national register of historic districts doesn’t afford any protection
* Renters are also welcome! Your quality of life is still affected by incongruous status
* We have opportunities for grants to support a historic architect help us draft the revised design guidelines.
* Please also sign the form to show your support as well
* RinconHeightsNPZ@gmail.com is available for Q&A
* Can also email city officials
	+ City council: ward6@tucsonaz.gov
	+ Director of planning and development: scott.clark@tucsonaz.gov
* Pie Allen is also participating in this project
* NPZ does not change underlying zoning – it adds a process where new development fits within the culture of the neighborhood.

Cummings PAD rezoning

* 6th st to Campbell to the back alley
* Cummings owns most parcels, and intends to do a development along 6th
* Proposed use is retail, office, hotel, ……. All the things
* RH proposes a No on a closure for now – we don’t have enough information.
	+ Someone suggests that road closure is for parking
* Community Benefit Agreement on 4th avenue might be applied here
	+ To do this, we should try to talk to business owners that are there now. See if they are aware, and Pie Allen and Sam Hughes, to try to form a small coalition
* Cummings met with the SH neighborhood in May/June
	+ Was supposed to come here tonight according to the application
* RH is suggesting we proposed a special meeting.

Vote No to the closure until we have more information about the broader proposal

Nuisance Noise Proposal

* Red Tag ordinance is supposed to be effective in this case
* Joe proposes an alternative to the red tag ordinance,
	+ Differences include
		- The enforcement is not limited to TUPD
		- Focuses on loud nuisance noise only (currently a very comprehensive list of grievances)
		- Focuses on owners of the property (currently focused on renters)
			* Essentially disincentivizes Owners from renting to risky tenants
	+ Proposal is a type of phone line. Tenants would be required to give name and address to the UA and the city.
	+ Reports of noise is sent to the Nuisance Noise Responder who confirm and sends a text to the renters and the property owners
* Proposal also includes recommendations to the UA
* UA has an off-campus housing guide
* RH would need to go over it with our attorney
* We support moving forward with a process of working with mayor and council.

Updates:

UA CCRC & Livable Communities

* Sunday September 29th from 2-4:30 pm at the UA Old Main
	+ Roundtable facilitated list of coolest ideas. Reported, and CCRC will select and move forward with the best ideas.
	+ An upbeat and creative conversation to set a vision and near-term steps for the communities we want to have.
	+ Each neighborhood has allocated 10 slots, we have at least 5 left
	+ Neighborhoods are being asked to fund $64 each
		- Motion for a $100 donation approved
* UA is mapping off-campus properties that have received numerous complaints and overlaying with a map of fraternizes. Doing more engagement, like with the Wildcat Welcome
* UA Master Plan Update is finally happening!
	+ Presenting at the next CCRC meeting, feedback at the following meeting
	+ Probably additional opportunities outside of CCRC and will let us all know
* Wildcat Walk was very successful, and hopefully will expand in the future. First and promising sign of the UA reaching out to neighborhoods
* Fireworks at stadium – no more popping. Still big booms at the onset of the game, and the “score” fireworks were minimized

Census 2020

* Wants increase in census outreach and participation
* Goal is a complete count
* Hiring address verifyers
* Coordinator with the UA campus, to remind students they get counted here not their home

Community Garden

* Starting the “cool” season
* $20 off a year for new members ($120 a year less than $10 a month)
* Plots are 3x20 feet (60 square feet)
* Set up with drip irrigation, recently amended with compost, tools are available
* Picking a date for plant exchange
	+ Neighborhood Event, not a garden event

Recycling Changes

* The city is picking up recyclables every other week now
* We are “Monday -B” so Sept 30th is skipped, October 7th they will, and every other week from then on.

Broadway Project

* Under contract will be starting soon
* Project for public spaces is wrapping up their public process and will be coming up with good stuff
* Bungalow block is being preserved

Next Meeting November 11th 2019