

Minutes
RHNA Quarterly Meeting
December 14, 2015

1. Once again, a delightful offering of tasty food and friendly conversation gave us a pleasant start to our time together.
2. TPS *Officers Kush and Morin*, and *Captain Graves* from TPD and *Officer Brown* from UAPD gave us a report.
 - 3 Red Tags this past month (Note Red Tags are up for 180 days. If you are feeling disturbed by noise or other activity, please call 911 and explain. If things have quieted down by the time the officer arrives, you can tell him/her what's been happening. When reporting, please provide the address of the offending residence, if you can. That speeds things up. Red Tag information goes to the UA Dean of Students if officers can get the names of those living at the "tagged" address.)
 - 5 cases of burglary
 - 3 cases of vandalism
 - 3 suspicious activities (TPD suggests that if you see a new person and feel comfortable doing so, say hello. If this is a neighbor, you may have a new acquaintance, if this is someone who may be up to no good, knowing that they have been seen will likely cause them to move on.)
 - *Captain Graves* said they have a number of tips for safety and he will send them to us.
 - TPD has an online form for reporting: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/crime-reporting>
3. The property at 1304 East 10th, often referred to as the Reidhead property, continues to be a source of trouble.
 - Repeated noise and rude treatment by tenants of neighbors is common.
 - *Rick Bailey*, representing the property, said that he has called all parents and given them a full report. He reports that parents were surprised to hear of the disrupting behavior.
 - Neighbors believe that most UA students in the neighborhood are good neighbors.
 - *Council Member Steve Kozachik* will reach out to property owners and ask the Dean of Students to get involved. He also noted that all at the offending gathering should be cited.
4. *Joel Feinman*, candidate for Pima County Attorney, made a presentation to us. He reviewed the discretionary authority of the County Attorney. He also reviewed data on the costs of incarceration, particularly related to non-violent crime. Mr. Feinman engaged neighbors in conversation and let us know his priorities. (Note: Rincon Heights welcomes candidates of any party, who would like to speak with us. We do not make any endorsements.)
5. Minutes of September 14, 2015 meeting were approved, after correcting for typos (now who could have made those errors...). **MSC** (indicates Moved, Seconded, and Carried).
6. Despite Mayor and Council's June 9th, unanimous endorsement of Citizen Task Force (CTF) recommendations regarding preservation of the built environment, narrow alignment and other matters, the City's design team appear to be deviating from Mayor and Council direction. There appears to be no guidance from Mayor and Council at this time. Neighbors reviewed some specific elements to the design that would help achieve CTF and Mayor and Council intentions. *Council Member Kozachik* advised us not to get stuck in too detailed specifics at the risk of losing the more global intentions.
7. We had a good examination of the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) program's history of broken promises to provide a portion of income generated by the program back to the neighborhood to be used for neighborhood improvement. *Department of Transportation Director Daryl Cole* was invited to attend our meeting, but he did not attend.

- Now that the RPP is finally agreeing to put money back into neighborhoods our permit participation had declined to the point that we are ineligible.
 - Many reasons, including neighborhood frustration at the RPP's failure to make good on promises, have led to the decline.
 - We believe that parking meters (put here with a promise of shared revenue that had never occurred) and parking sold by RPP in our neighborhood should count as participation, toward our official participation rate. **Council Member Kozachik** agrees.
 - **Council Member Kozachik** will continue to advocate on our behalf.
 - Note: **Council Member Kozachik** was successful in getting an article in the Arizona Daily Star and a report on KVOA that featured neighborhood residents and spoke to our concerns.
 - Additional Note: According to RPP's own figures, Rincon Heights is only one of 3 (of 15 RPP neighborhoods) that is actually *making a profit for RPP*, and our revenues are recurring throughout the year.
8. Mountain Avenue will not be closed. If there is any change anticipated to that status, will be informed enough in advance that we can engage the matter again.
9. Treasurer's report
- Our current balance in our treasury is \$4024.41.
 - Membership dues have made a difference.
 - Treasurer **Chris Wilke** will be making an announcement to the neighborhood regarding dues soon.
10. RHNA will contribute \$500 to the Broadway Historic District. **MSC**
11. **Amanda Smith**, a neighbor and a member of the Graduate Planning Students, offered to coordinate a rain garden maintenance event, coordinating with Trees for Tucson. This includes developing a map of most critical sites, contacting some support organizations, and notifying neighbors about the date and time for the event.
- The purpose of the maintenance is to improve visibility and safety.
 - **Evren Sonmez** agreed to contact Urban Foresters to request their participation.
 - **Melody Peters and Chris Wilke** will also assist with coordination.
 - \$100 was approved for refreshments and supplies. **MSC**
 - (Note: The event did occur, and it was a very good success. We had two UA student groups, representatives from Davis Monthan and Ha:San, as well as Trees for Tucson. Grimaldi's Pizza contributed great pizza for our volunteers.)
12. **Barbara Homan** reported that the Park Tucson Commission Task Force has completed their work and will meet again in January to make recommendations to the Commission. (**Barbara** is RHNA's representative on the Task Force.)
- Our situation will stay about the same. We are primarily residential.
 - Other neighborhoods, particularly those with businesses adjacent to homes will have some changes.
13. Nominations Committee – We will do nominations on line for officers for this coming year. **Chris Wilke** has agreed to remain as Treasurer.
14. Neighborhood Updates
- **Melody Peters** reported that the Garden Committee will not be applying for a grant this coming year. They will coordinate the building of a shed for the garden this year. Lots going on in the garden with Rain Jar completion coming soon, plant sale early in the year, and, of course, lots of beautiful growth in the garden.
 - **Colby Henley** gave the Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) report, especially noting that the Campus Plan Update will begin forming groups in February or March to participate in plan review and comment. Also, Architecture Professor Mary Hardin says that the Planning Department is actively pursuing the development of

housing on 7th Street. (Recall that the UA College of Architecture students worked closely with RHNA on housing design.)

15. After all this good conversation we adjourned. MSC

Respectfully submitted,
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