

**Minutes**  
**RHNA Quarterly Meeting**  
**March 4, 2015**

1. As usual or meeting began with great potluck fare and good conversation among neighbors and guests.
2. Minutes of December 2014 meeting were approved. MSC (indicates Moved, Seconded, and Carried).
3. 13 students from the University of Arizona College of Architecture, under the direction of Professor Mary Hardin, made individual presentations of the design options for homes to be constructed on 7<sup>th</sup> Street between Cherry and Warren. The presentations were very professional showing fascinating creativity. Each student has a different picture of structures, materials and amenities. All the presentations showed the diligent work students had done to understand the neighborhood history and current interests. The designs clearly reflected the understanding of the neighborhood context. RHNA members were suitably impressed and appreciative of the high quality of the students' work.

The students will have a final review of their design proposals at the end of the semester to which we will be invited. (Note: this did occur. Several RHNA members attended. The final proposals were impressive.)

Under an agreement with UA, these homes would enhance the area and help screen the proposed parking structure just north of the homes. The UA has agreed to provide the land for the homes in keeping with agreements with RHNA and included in the last UA Campus Plan Update. UA will not be funding the construction of the homes.

Though the parking structure plans are currently on hold, the intention is to move forward with the construction of homes, which will proceed in phases, likely two homes at a time.

4. Treasurer's report – No formal report. Verbal report that there has been no significant change.
5. Resolution opposing recent City staff recommendation regarding widening on Broadway approved. MSC. Summary of RHNA Position:

***There is a Significant Threat to the Rincon Heights Historic District, Destabilizes the Neighborhood, and Places at Risk Historic Buildings in the affected area.***

*The proposed alignment threatens the Rincon Heights historic district by eliminating a significant number of contributing and potentially contributing properties. Further, by increasing the exposure of homes on 10<sup>th</sup> Street to an altered urban traffic corridor, the alignment puts owner occupancy at risk, destabilizing the neighborhood and making more contributing historic properties vulnerable to alteration or demolition.*

6. Open discussion for improvement for RHNA Facebook and website. A team headed by Colby Henley and including Evren Sonmez, Evan Mayer will invite others to identify improvements and implementation and cost of improvements. This team will be making recommendations to RHNA.
7. Historic District Street Signs – Gretchen Lueck provided a model for our signs. Dang cool they are. (OK, so that's a personal commentary, but one that seemed shared by all.) Motion to accept design approved. MSC. Participants review potential sign locations.

We will start with placement on the perimeter, and move to place some on interior intersections if allowed by the City.

Participants noted the irony of our placing signs noting the Historic District and the historic significance of Rincon Heights at a time when actions by the City could undermine all that.

8. TPD Officer Luce provided the report.

- Little recent criminal activity – 1 robbery; 1 burglary.
- 5 traffic collisions, 4 of which were on Broadway.

9. Neighborhood Updates

- Community Garden
  - i. 9 new beds have been prepared, which will need irrigation.
  - ii. Work on the pollinator garden is being planned and will take place soon.
  - iii. The “Rain Jar” workshop is coming soon. The Rain Jar will be placed in the pollinator garden.
  - iv. 5 fruit trees have been planted.
- Yard Sale
  - i. Bernie Croteau is collecting items for the March Yard Sale. A major portion of the proceeds go to fund the Community Garden.
  - ii. We need volunteers for the yard sale.
- Little Free Library
  - i. There are now over 20,000 Little Free Libraries worldwide. Ours in Rincon Heights was one of the first established. We are number 637.
  - ii. Book markers are being distributed throughout the city noting the Little Free Libraries. The Library in Rincon Heights is on the markers.
- UA Projects/CCRC – No report. Colby is ill.

Respectfully submitted,  
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