

Rincon Heights Neighborhood Association:
March 9, 2020
Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions, Welcoming guests
2. January 2020 meeting minutes – unanimously approved
3. Treasurer’s report - unanimously approved
4. TPD report: discussed Red Tag and delays between neighbors reporting and officers arriving: attributed to personnel shortfalls & officers’ time consumed by crimes such as last week’s shooting.
5. COT Ward 6 updates: Crystal reported: a) Tucson water rate rise to pay for green infrastructure & water conservation measures; b) seeking input on 5-year plan governing HUD and Housing & Community Development fund dispersal
6. MoveTucson presentation by Scott Weber, DOT Maps & Records: discussed public process for upcoming mobility planning:
 - public meeting at El Pueblo Senior Center, 101 W. Irvington, 18 March 6-8 p.m.
 - We should all fill out priorities survey at MoveTucson.org especially if we don’t want another car-centric planning process. Mr. Weber, as one would expect from DOT, seemed to consider ever-increasing traffic as a force of nature impervious to human intervention.
7. RHNA officer elections: Our officer slate was unanimously approved: Colby Henley as President, Lee Marsh as VP, Laura Tabilia as Secretary, Rose Veneklassen as Treasurer, Theah Erickson and Moira Poje for CCRC reps.
8. Neighborhood Preservation Zone: Lee reported on recent meeting. Group is getting ready to move toward City Council approval.
9. Street trees update: a mystery benefactor trimmed tree basins.
 - 9a. TEP high capacity electric lines: Barbara reported plans to uglify Tucson, including the airport-Kino/Campbell “gateway” by running high capacity lines into and through Jefferson Park. TEP are resisting undergrounding lines, inviting residents who want them to vote themselves a Tax Increment District. [Isn’t TEP a private company?] So far lines do not run through our neighborhood but around it on arterials, but they do run through Miles, who are strangely unrepresented on the Citizens’ committee. RHNA has written to the Corporation Commission, who will rule on this, opposing lines running through residential neighborhoods.

–upcoming public meetings: Tuesday evening 5:30-7:30 at Quincy Douglas Center and
Wednesday evening at Dunbar Center 5:30-7:30.

10b: Community Garden: Theah reported: a) all plots but one are now rented; b) potluck 4 April
4-6 p.m. at the garden.

Adjourned around 7:30 (Yay!!)

Respectfully submitted, Laura

Those wishing to express appreciation to Ha:Sañ may donate to the school: until April 15 your
donation will come off of 2019 state taxes. See listserv for details kindly furnished by Colby and
Steve Pompeo.

Next meeting: Monday 11 May 2020