

Minutes
RHNA Quarterly Meeting
June 8, 2015

1. We nourished ourselves with great food and friendly conversation.
2. Minutes of May 4, 2015 meeting were approved. **MSC** (indicates Moved, Seconded, and Carried).
3. Minutes of the RHNA Special Meeting, April 1, 2015 were approved. **MSC** Note, these included:
 - Approval for reallocating funding to the Broadway Coalition
 - Update on historic signs
 - Letter to State Legislature in support of the Historic Tax Credit
4. Michael Keith, CEO of the Downtown Tucson Partnership gave us a brief overview of the Partnership, its accomplishments, the importance of downtown to the Tucson community, and the tremendous potential benefits of linking downtown to neighborhoods in the proximity. The preservation of historic neighborhoods is a key to a successful city core. A vibrant Broadway and flourishing nexus of Broadway and Park are excellent examples of what good decision making can produce. Mr. Keith also gave us information about the upcoming Pima County Bond election and urged us to support the bonds.
5. Keith Bagwell, Aide to our County Supervisor Richard Elias, also encouraged us to support the bonds, noting the economic stimulus and job creation these could produce. He also pointed out that the bonds include \$25 million for neighborhood investment and that Living Streets Alliance has a project included in the bond package. He said that all who live in the County would benefit.
6. Officer David Fritsch from TPD gave us a report.
 - 2 cases of burglary
 - 4 cases of vandalism
 - Red tags are still being issued
 - We should report all graffiti, including those on dumpsters – note any themes of monikers, and take pictures if possible. TPD has software that can zero in on perpetrators.
 - TPD has a online form for reporting: <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/crime-reporting>
7. City Council Member Steve Kozachik and his Aide Alison Miller also reviewed technical aspects of the Bond Election, including that the Bond is divided into separate questions involving a number of projects rather than one overall question. Council Member Kozachik also talked about options for how the election could proceed. He also discussed Broadway, including:
 - He recognizes that many people have been consistently involved over the last 3 years and that they comments and perspectives should carry significant weight.
 - He outlined the alignment going forward that could have some refinements based on design matters.

- The overall design will be driven by the guidelines established by the Citizen’s Task Force (CTF). (Colby Henley, past RHNA President, is a member of the CTF.)
 - Environmental Services is very efficiently run. Residential rates are not going up.
- Open discussion followed.
8. Pat Tapia from Environmental Services introduced two individuals who serve our neighborhood. Kevin drives the recycle truck and John drives the non recyclable trash truck. Other topics included:
 - Environmental Services maintain 23 landfills in Tucson.
 - They have 137,000 residential and 3000 commercial customers.
 - If trash containers are broken (e.g., lid), please report to Environmental Services: 791-3175. (Note: during the meeting the sorry condition of trash containers in the alley north of 8th and Cherry was reported. Within days these containers were replaced. Thank you, Mr. Tapia and staff.)
 - If there are large items to pick up or a cleanup involving at least 10 people, we can get a roll off by contacting www.tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services We can keep the roll off for 10 days and there is not a limit to the number of times a neighborhood can request a roll off.
 - For more information go to their website: www.tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services
 9. Treasurer’s report MSC
Our balance is \$3648.28 after subtracting \$1,200 for the cost of the historic signs.
 10. Rain Garden Maintenance (formerly called chicanes or bump outs) and Tree Pruning.
 - We need to continue having both organized and spontaneous events.
 - Email Colby if you have matter to that can be hauled to garden until we have enough for a roll off.
 - Evren will contact Urban Foresters to see if they would like to work with us.
 - We may organize some event this fall.
 11. UA Architecture Class, 7th Street Workforce Housing Project
 - Evren will send us pictures and more information of the finalists, which were selected by judges in May. Evren was a judge. (Note: Evren has sent this information.)
 12. Facebook Page – Evren is updating and she will send a reminder note to the listserv.
 13. Neighborhood Updates
 - **Pollinator Garden** is looking great. We submitting a grant proposal for next year for a new shed and maybe solar panel to speed up composting.
 - Heather is moving. She has been working with us on grants. We need a student or faculty member to fill this role, ideally someone with a garden plot.
 - We had a big water bill. We continue to regulate and reduce water usage.
 - New trees have been added.
 - UA Facilities Management has been very helpful partner.
 - **Broadway Project** is moving toward a decision on alignment and design guidelines by Mayor and Council. **SHOW UP** at next Mayor and Council meeting!!! (Note: We had a great turn out at the meeting and Mayor and Council did adopt with CTF guidelines. Great result after almost 5 years of work – one

that 5 years ago people would not have expected. We still need to remain vigilant to see that things don't change in the design process away from public view.)

- **CCRC** – Colby reported that the Comprehensive Campus Plan is underway. He will also check with Steve regarding a proposed cell tower.

14. Meeting adjourned **MSC**.