

Minutes  
RHNA Meeting, November 14, 2016

Attending: Deb Dedon, Linda Shannon, Melody Peters, Jay Vosk, Nishaan Ponnuru, Stacey Plassman, Jesse Soto, Mark David, Alison Miller, Mark S. Homan, John Cahill, Bruce Vaughan, Mary Laughbaum, Peter Doorlein, Melissa Dryden, Chris Kraft, Brian Dolan, David Heineking, Delphine Saraficio, Colby Henley

1. Introductions: All parties to the meeting identified themselves and their affiliation.
2. UA Parking Garage: Mary Laughbaum and her team presented slide show updates of the upcoming construction of the UA's next parking garage between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Streets and Martin and Warren Avenues. They covered the following issues:
  - A. The relocation of the garage site : The garage site was moved to the east side of Warren, with Warren to be realigned with respect to Championship Drive after garage construction ends. This new intersection will include a semaphore.
  - B. An updated design which includes 60' setback from 7<sup>th</sup>, sidewalks and bike lanes on Warren and LED lighting.
  - C. The project's schedule: Construction will commence with electrical relocation.
  - D. Construction Plans were presented.
3. Campus Development Questions: Request for feedback is due by December 1, 2016. There was no CCRC report.
4. Park and Broadway: A brief review of the proposed Landmark project centered on site contamination and potential remediation, plans for retail accommodation, and parking/traffic complications.

This conversation segued back to concerns about the intersection of Warren and 7<sup>th</sup>. Mark moved to keep Warren open for 18 months post-construction as a test of potential traffic problems from the garage. This was amended to seeking a commitment from the University of Arizona to fund either landscaping or closure structures after 18 months of garage operation if RHNA finds it necessary for neighborhood safety. Moved and carried.

5. Bump outs on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Crash statistics show increased accidents on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in the past 3-4 years, potentially due to overgrown vegetation in the bump outs. They must be pruned with or without cooperation from the City of Tucson. Jesse Torres from the City suggested contacting the Department of Corrections for help. He requested specific information on what we need done. Melody and Chris will use information from the bump out survey conducted by Deb to assist this communication. Surveys of bump out condition should be repeated annually, post-monsoon, to identify spots with accelerated growth.

6. Broadway Update.

- E. General dissatisfaction with City of Tucson transparency was expressed. A potential rationale is that since this is an RTA project, City transparency is moot.
- F. Alison Miller said she would find out if 1303 E. Broadway is soon scheduled for demolition.
- G. Project leader Beth Abramovitz has transferred to Pima County, but is still consulting on the Broadway project, now under the leadership of Robin Rain, with whom we are unfamiliar.

7. Residential Parking Permit Program. Steve Kozachik is negotiating with the City of Tucson to fund a project for us. We need to provide a proposal to Steve describing what we want. The available funds are projected not to exceed \$3600 and we might only be able to obtain 50% of that amount. Suggestions included “share rows” such as a green bicycle lane. Authorizing a subcommittee to assemble a suitable proposal was discussed.

8. Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed; a motion to accept them carried.

9. Treasurer’s Report: The report included a list of dues-paying members. RHNA has \$161 in savings and \$3,713.20 in checking, \$500 of which is allocated for Broadway historic preservation.

10. No announcements were presented.

11. Crash reports are to be sent. (???)

12. Mark David outlined violent crimes involving property at 1639 E. 7<sup>th</sup>. On Sept. 29, the vacant home owned by the University of Arizona was stripped of copper, and a home invasion followed on October 10. The UA is not securing its vacant properties, which provides opportunity for crime. In addition, there are no surveillance cameras on UA parking lots, creating ‘lovers’ lanes’. He noted the UA is finally responding to these concerns.

13. 50 N. Mountain: It was noted that their loud party on Nov. 1,1 that featured a DJ under a tent, did not get a red tag.

Meeting Adjourned.