

Minutes
RHNA Quarterly Meeting
September 14, 2015

1. With good food and good conversation we welcomed neighbors from Rincon Heights as well as neighbors from West University, Arroyo Chico, and Sam Hughes. We also welcomed other members of our community including City Council Member Kozachik and his aide Alison Miller, TRRG representative Don Ijams, Living Streets Alliance/Cyclovia representative Kylie Walzak, City staff members Rebecca Ruopp and Beth Abramovitz and TPD Officer Dave Fritsch.
2. Minutes of June 8, 2015 meeting were approved. **MSC** (indicates Moved, Seconded, and Carried).
3. TPD Report – Officer Fritz
 - 6 burglaries since July 30th, a decrease.
 - Officer Fritz will take the list of monikers that Deb Dedon has collected from graffiti in the neighborhood. He will pass the list along to criminal investigation officers. Deb also has 3 files of pictures.
 - TPD has zero tolerance for loud music – if they can hear the music past the property line.
 - 5 or more people are considered a gathering.
 - TPD has received a grant for breathalyzers, which will be used to enforce laws relating to minors use of alcohol.
 - Neighbors report that the residents of the Reidhead property on Mountain and 10th continue to act in an obnoxious way with noise and other disturbances night and day.
 - TPD has responded well, but neighbors are fed up with the situation.
 - Rick Bailey, a representative of the property owner said he has worked with tenants and will contact parents. He will make more routine visits to the property. Tenants will be evicted if they have more than 2 red tags.
 - Tenant selection may be an issue.
 - He will invite tenants to neighborhood meetings.
 - We may need to bring together tenants, other neighbors, property owner, TPD, UA Dean of students, and other UA staff to resolve problems. Council Member Kozachik pointed to other situations where such a dialogue led to improvements.
4. Proposed Mountain Avenue Closure
 - Beth Abramovitz from the City Department of Transportation, who is the City’s lead on the Broadway Project, explained that they had received written comments requesting the closure of Mountain at Broadway. Rebecca will send us the written comments that prompted this proposed action.
 - Neighbors were surprised to hear since this matter has never come up in the neighborhood, nor did anyone attending the 5 public meetings and numerous Citizen Task Force meetings ever hear about this.
 - Neighbors expressed concern regarding how the neighborhood was informed. Beth explained that the City used a process for notifying neighbors that is routinely is put into place involving a number of cards sent to residents in the affected area. The process is intended to get neighbors’ response before involving numerous other City departments. 30 cards were sent and only 10% replied opposing the action. No percentage of cards returned in support of the action was mentioned.
 - Laura Tabili did some research on the matter and found that a significant number of cards were sent to vacant residences or only one sent to multifamily residences. Other neighbors who live close to the area said they did not get the card.

- Beth and Rebecca Ruopp acknowledged that the method used in this case did not work, and they pledged to change the process to elicit better response, including working with the Neighborhood Association from the outset.
 - Neighbors pointed out a number of problems with the closure, including limiting access to the Reidhead property, which would require cars to take a circuitous route through the neighborhood to get to parking in the rear of their building. That a variance was granted to arrange for the type of parking for the building was overlooked by City staff. All agreed that should have been a red flag.
 - Proposal to oppose the closure was approved. **MSC**
 - Beth will take our opposition to her supervisors, and Rebecca will keep in touch with RHNA regarding next steps.
5. Brief report on Broadway project by Rebecca.
- James MacAdam, who worked closely with RHNA when he was with Watershed Management Group, will be the Ombudsman for businesses.
 - Monthly newsletters will help update the community, as will periodic e-blasts.
 - There will be a public meeting in December.
 - Rebecca will be the Ombudswoman for the neighborhoods.
6. Kylie Walzak provided a presentation on the Spring Cyclovia. (The fall event will be 11-01-15.) The proposal is to go down Broadway to Country Club and perhaps go to either Himmel Park or Reid Park. Kylie also gave an overview of Cyclovia and encouraged us to go to the website (<http://www.cycloviatucson.org/>). An open discussion regarding route ideas followed. Neighbors were very enthusiastic about the event in this area. A proposal was made to support the Cyclovia using Broadway in the Rincon Heights area for the Spring event. **MSC**
7. Laura Tabili gave an overview of the threat of the Broadway Project to the Rincon Heights Historic District. Colby Henley read a motion to preserve the Rincon Heights Historic District boundaries (See attached). **MSC**
8. Chris Wilke offered the Treasurer's Report.
- We have \$111.28 in regular savings.
 - We have \$3,374.41 in our business checking.
 - We have \$500 dollars approved for RHNA contribution to Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation for the Sunshine Mile Historic District. (This is accounted for in the figures above.)
 - Proposal to accept the Treasurer's Report was approved. **MSC**
9. Barbara Homan gave a report on the Task Force reviewing the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program.
- There is no discussion to end RPP, just to improve it.
 - Currently RHNA has 13% participation.
 - Funds will be available for reinvestment. Requests can be made starting in November 2105, but neighborhoods must meet a 25% threshold in order to qualify for funds.
 - The Task Force is looking at a number of violation matters, including the overuse of visitor passes, the use of electronic readers to speed up enforcement, and beefing up enforcement.
 - New proposals regarding using RPP zones and varying hours are being considered.
 - Neighbors expressed dissatisfaction with a host of broken promises over the years regarding reinvestment of dollars in the neighborhood. This has led to loss of participation in the program.
 - Richard Mayer from West University, who is a member of the RPP Commission (different from the Task Force) agreed to present information to the Commission regarding the history of broken promises and other frustrations. Mark Homan agreed to

prepare this (See attached). (Richard is presenting on behalf of Mark, who will be out of town on the meeting date.)

10. Neighbors reviewed the upcoming RHNA meeting schedule. A proposal to move the meetings to the 2nd Monday of December, March, June, and September was approved. MSC

11. Neighborhood Updates

- The fall Plant Sale will be October 4th from 7:00 a.m. until noon at the garden.
- We need to do weeding at the garden.
 - Rick Bailey from the Reidhead property said he would try to get some residents to help out.
 - Melody Peters may be able to get 20 UA students.
 - We should send information on the activity to Steve K.
- Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC) report from Colby. We need to be involved in the UA Comprehensive Plan being developed this fall.
 - CCRC Hotline number is 282-3649. Call if you have something that needs attention, such as event noise. UA has been pretty responsive to calls.
- Les Pierce, President of Arroyo Chico Neighborhood Association let us know that the City will be adopting new regulations on urban agriculture. (*Note that this is being discussed by Mayor and Council on December 8, 2015.*)

12. There is no attempt at humor in these minutes. Gad.

13. Meeting adjourned. MSC

Respectfully submitted,
Mark S. Homan, RHNA Secretary