

November 13, 2019

MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASS'N BOARD MEETING MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

- A. Members present: Chuck Bayles(President), Sandra Reynolds (Treasurer), Terry Borg (Secretary), Marilyn Russell, Anne-Marie Laurian, Caroline Rondeau. A quorum was declared.

3. TRAFFIC CIRCLE UPDATE

- A. Emplacement of the traffic circle at 3rd street and Camino Miramonte is scheduled to begin on November 14th and continue for 2 weeks until completed.

4. HALLOWEEN PARTY REPORT

- A. The Halloween party at Miramonte park on October 26th came off well. About 20 children attended and were led in a costume parade by "Devil Dan". Great fun was had by all. Marilyn reported that she has many plastic pumpkins stored at her house for next year.

5. BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES DISCUSSION

- A. A need has been felt by some to further define the duties of the officers and members of the board beyond what is already delineated in the bylaws. There is a need for directors to do more than just going to meetings. No agreement was reached.
- B. The Board reached an equally indecisive agreement as to the methodology of recruiting new board members.

- C. The Board did agree that having special Director's meetings for members only might be productive. Special public meetings to address specific concerns (e.g. crime, traffic, etc.) might also be beneficial.

6. UPDATING NEIGHBORHOOD PLANS

- A. Please see attachment at the bottom.

7. TREASURER'S REPORT

- A. Receipt of \$295 in donations.
- B. Expenses:
 - * \$75 Fronimo's gift card for Mike Anglin,
 - * \$67.31 for Halloween party supplies
 - * \$106 for annual P.O. Box rental

8. ADJOURNMENT

- A. Meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.

Why Area/Neighborhood Plans Matter**

Information for Anyone Wondering—from the TRRG/PDSD Collaboration

City of Tucson Area/Neighborhood Plans are advisory documents. They make more specific the City principles/policies which are articulated in the general plan, currently titled Plan Tucson. Their development encourages people of a given area to come together to identify what goals and values they hold; it provides the opportunity to develop a vision for what those most impacted by changes in the area most want for its future. Writing a plan provides a neighborhood the opportunity to create a sense of place, to address sustainability to the area through clear land use direction.

The City of Tucson Planning and Development Services Department (PDSD) refers to the specific plans when implementing the Unified Development Code: reviewing rezonings, special exceptions, variances and other permitting, such as Planned Area Development (PAD) and Flexible Lot Option (FLD) ; and when implementing the goals and policies of the General Plan.

Neighborhoods can use their plans when advocating for or against a proposed action or project (public or private) in the City review; seeking funding to carry out improvement projects; and establishing yearly goals for the Association.

All City of Tucson Plans are now over 10 years old. Three/fourths of the existing 50 plans were written between 1970's and 1990. The City of Tucson is a very different place today. Neighborhoods have new conditions; the community faces new challenges in 2020. In recognition of this, the City is providing neighborhoods the opportunity to update their plans, create new editions of the plans.

What Updating May Involve

To update a neighborhood plan requires people of that area making the commitment to do so. There will be limited City support. The grassroots organization Tucson Residents for Responsive Government (TRRG) has been asked to collaborate with PDSD to provide knowledge through workshops.

Depending on the existing plan, updates may be extensive or limited. There may be text to remove, since the topic is no longer relevant, action has been taken or it is no longer a priority. Some text may need editing to reflect current circumstances. And new text may be added to reflect new concerns for the area given what has occurred in the area over the past decades or to respond to new priorities, such as transportation's Complete Streets, City infill development policies, and environmental sustainability efforts, such as heat island prevention and water harvesting. A reorganization of the document may or may not be deemed appropriate.

PDSD asks that neighborhoods keep them informed to expedite the review and adoption of the updates.

** Feel free to make copies to share this information with any group or person who wonders.

