

# MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

## Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, February 8, 2022

Ellen Wheeler, President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

**Present:** MNA Board members Ellen Wheeler, Linda Dobbyn, Sam Behrend, Brenda Kazen, Anne-Marie Laurian, and Morris Palter.

**Ward 6 update – Steve Kozachik, Ward 6 Council Member – more detail on these topics in Steve’s weekly newsletter**

- 5/6<sup>th</sup> Street Lane Reduction Status: Full rebuild will be done in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year and “road diet” will be implemented from Country Club to Wilmot and will be monitored for safety concerns.
- The plastic recycling project is now permanent and ByFusion will be building a plastic recycling plant in Tucson.
- City Attorney has put the owners of the Royal El Con on notice that it will go to court to have it declared a “nuisance property.” Parties will meet soon to try to work out a resolution.
- Homelessness and drug activity in the park have been observed and reported.

### **Pocket Park Update**

- There was no quorum at the last Arts Foundation for Tucson and Southern Arizona meeting, so no action was taken to approve the hummingbird mural.
- Waiting for permit for the installation of the shade structure.

### **Neighborhood Signage**

- There was consensus to support Ruth Beeker’s initiative for new Miramonte Neighborhood identification signs to be installed at four or more entry locations.
- Ruth is reaching out to the neighborhood to convene a planning group for this project.

### **Annual Meeting**

- The neighborhood’s annual meeting will be held from 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 15, at the Ward 6 office.
- Possible topics include police report, reports from developers including Larson/Baker, Alvernon/Fifth coalition report.

## Updates:

- Street Calming: Brenda reported that Steve K has asked Transportation to add striping for bike lanes to each side of Camino Miramonte as a traffic calming and safety measure, and that neighbors on that street will be asked if they would support the construction of sidewalks on one or both sides of the street.
- Shopping carts continue to be an issue and were recently covered as a local TV news story. Morris is still gathering information and will ask for support at “Call to the Audience” at a future City Council meeting to ask the Mayor and Council for more aggressive solutions.
- The next Alvernon/5<sup>th</sup> Street Crime meeting with neighbors and the Tucson Police Department will be held at the Ward 6 office at 6 p.m., Wednesday, February 22. These monthly meetings covering the Miramonte, El Encanto, and Peter Howell neighborhoods, offer a chance to talk directly with TPD Lt. Tony de la Ossa, who oversees police activity in our area.

Ellen adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

***The February MNA Board meeting is set for 6 p.m., Wednesday, March 8, at the Ward 6 office, 3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. in person and by Zoom.***