

MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 14, 2023
Ward 6 Office, 3202 East 1st Street

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

MNA Board members present: Ellen Wheeler, Brenda Kazen, Sam Behrend, Linda Dobbyn, Jan Howard, William Kuitert, Ann Baldwin, Morris Palter, Ravi Bewtra, Betsy Lubis; **absent:** Richard Webster, Theresa Webster, Anne-Marie Laurian

Guests: Approximately 10 Miramonte neighbors and Dora Maldonado from the Ward 6 office

Miramonte Pocket Park Problems and Solutions

Lt. Anthony de la Ossa of the Tucson Police Department gave an update on the park and also the neighborhood in general. It was his observation, confirmed by several others, that there has been a notable decrease in criminal and other creepy behavior in the area. Ideas were discussed on how to encourage appropriate use of the park by families and especially children. Social gatherings, dog walking, musical performances and other ideas were brainstormed. A committee is forming to further this idea and create an action plan. Board members Morris, Theresa, Jan, and Linda and neighbors Ruth Beeker and Marc Salerno volunteered for this committee.

Ruth Beeker suggested that the pole at the little free library be painted.

Ward 6 updates – read more detail on Ward 6 topics in [Steve's weekly newsletters](#).

Councilmember Steve Kozachik mentioned that the owner of an apartment complex on Seneca who is “doing good things” may look at purchasing the Royal El Con and Royal Palms, which are for sale.

Camino Miramonte Traffic Calming - Steve Kozachik reported that City of Tucson traffic engineering is checking the locations of the proposed chicanes for utility and other clearances. Brenda Kazen will coordinate volunteers to get the required petitions signed by neighbors on Miramonte. When both activities are completed then Tucson Clean and Beautiful will do the draft

design for the chicanes. Neighbors and MNA will have an opportunity to review and comment before final plans and construction.

Bashful Bandit BBQ Update

Toby Kyte, co-owner, gave a progress report. He is hoping to open around August 15th. It might be wise to attend the August 9th MNA meeting as samples from the restaurant might be served!

Treasurer's Report

A balance of \$6,931.81 remains in the account, with no disbursements or receipts to report for the month.

MNA Records

Marilyn Russel presented boxes of MNA historical records and documents to Jan Howard. It was agreed that at the next Board meeting, members will come early to go through these records to determine what to preserve.

There being no further business, Ellen adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

The August MNA Board meeting is set for 6 p.m., Wednesday, August 9th at the Ward 6 office, 3202 E. 1st St. in person and via Zoom.