

# MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, May 10, 2023  
Ward 6 Office, 3202 East 1<sup>st</sup> 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, Richard Webster, Theresa Webster, Ravi Bewtra, Betsy Lubis, Anne-Marie Laurian;  
**absent:** William Kuitert, Ann Baldwin, Morris Palter

**Guests:** Approximately 13 Miramonte neighbors, Dora Maldonado from the Ward 6 office, and Nicholas McCullough from the Pima County Board of Supervisors office

## Camino Miramonte Traffic Calming

- Steve Kozachik has notified MNA that approx. \$100K is available from the Ward 6 budget to install traffic calming devices along Camino Miramonte. His recommendation is to construct landscaped chicanes as the most practical and permissible option, considering construction expense and City of Tucson traffic/engineering restrictions. A potential timeline would include design and required approvals taking place in Fall 2023, with construction/completion anticipated in 2024. Ellen noted that approvals would be needed from various government departments, as well as 60% of property owners along Camino Miramonte, so this is just the start of a longer process.
- Ellen presented a map showing the potential placement of 6-7 chicanes along Camino Miramonte (between 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Speedway), and displayed photos of chicanes already installed along the Treat Ave. bikeway between Grant and Glenn. She then invited input from the Board and neighbors. The discussion produced many additional ideas, questions, opinions, and historical perspectives. There was some support for additional information and dialogue before settling on a final solution, but others urged a vote to support the proposed chicanes.
- Ravi noted that traffic on Camino Miramonte is going to continue to grow, given proposed addition of apartments at the shopping center on Speedway and development of the vacant parcel at Speedway and Miramonte. He then made a motion to support the proposed chicanes now as traffic calming alternatives along Camino Miramonte. The motion was seconded by Sam and unanimously passed with 9 votes.

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

- The Ward 6 budget survey results are in, with 3,000 surveys sent and 1,800 returned. Ward 6 residents' priorities for where budget dollars should be allocated were ranked as follows: #1 - community safety (police and fire), #2 - water, #3 - homelessness.
- As a result of the resounding success of the ByFusion plastic project, Ward 6 won the Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Award given out 2 weeks ago. ByFusion is now building a plant in Tucson (near the landfill).

### **Noise Ordinance - Red Tags**

- Brochures published by the Tucson Police Department were made available informing residents of Red Tag options under Tucson's Noise Ordinance (Section 16-32 Unruly Gatherings). The brochure provides information to party organizers, neighbors, and property owners briefly describing rights, responsibilities, and potential civil and criminal penalties. More information can be found at [www.tucsonaz.gov/police/redtag](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/police/redtag).

### **Miramonte Pocket Park**

- The shade structure, sand digging toys, and Cemrock climbing animals have been installed in the park's play area, and a mural has been painted on the west wall. A Fall 2023 event will be planned to celebrate the park improvements, and Miramonte neighbors of all ages will be invited to attend.

### **Royal El Con**

- It has come to the Board's attention that the Royal El Con property is for sale.

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Sam provided the Treasurer's report in Ann Baldwin's absence. A balance of \$6931.81 remains in the account, with no disbursements or receipts to report for the month.

### **Future Zoom Meetings**

- It was agreed that future Board meetings will be both in person and broadcast via Zoom.

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

***The June MNA Board meeting is set for 6 p.m., Wednesday, June 14 at the Ward 6 office, 3202 E. 1<sup>st</sup> St. in person and via Zoom.***