

MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 12, 2024
Ward 6 Office, 3202 E First Street

Brenda Kazen, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

MNA Board members present: Ann Baldwin, Brenda Kazen, Jan Howard, Morris Palter, Ravi Bewtra, Betsy Lubis, Marc Salerno

absent: Theresa Webster, Ellen Wheeler, Richard Webster, William Kuitert, Dave Meko, Anne-Marie Laurian

Guests: Approximately 7 additional neighbors in-person and online, Nicholas McCullough from the Pima County Board of Supervisors District 5 office (online), Dora Maldonado, from the Ward 6 office, and a representative from St. Mark's Church

Ward 6 Update

- A *Meet & Greet* will be held at the Ward 6 office on Thursday, June 27th, 5:30 p.m. to introduce Karin Uhlich, Ward 6 Council Member, bid farewell to staff member Ann Charles, and introduce new staff member Stacy Balstad.
- A Multi-Disciplinary Outreach Team associated with Old Pueblo Community Services will be working with Ward 6 twice a month to identify places where unhoused individuals are gathering in the district in order to offer relevant services. Parks are a known focus. If anyone becomes aware of other areas needing attention, the Ward 6 office can be notified.
- The City of Tucson Hard to Recycle Plastics Town Hall Meeting was held at the Ward 6 office on Tuesday, June 11. The meeting was also accessible on-line. Representatives from Tucson Environmental Services, ByFusion and Hefty ReNew presented relevant information. Ward 6 staff plan to make available a video recording of the meeting. Some information provided: as of July 1, 2024, all hard to recycle plastics must be placed in orange recycling bags before being dropped at the Orange Roll-Off Drop Locations. These bags will be available for purchase at participating retailers and on-line at Hefty Renew. #1, #2, and #5 plastic bottles, jugs and containers should not be placed in those orange bags. They should continue to be recycled in the blue bins. A flyer detailing this information handed out at the meeting can be found at TucsonAZ.gov/Recycle.

Chicane Construction and the Grate/Bump Repair

- Construction on the Miramonte chicanes is scheduled to begin June 24th and be completed by July 12th. Work will occur Mondays through Fridays normally beginning at 6:00 a.m. with two concrete pour days beginning at 5:00 a.m. The installation of the Miramonte neighborhood signs donated by Ruth Beeker in two of the chicanes is scheduled for July 1.

- Repairing the pavement around the water grates on Miramonte to eliminate the current dips has been requested by the Ward 6 office. A date for that work has not yet been set.

La Rosa Arts Center

- The Liquor License has not been approved due to a technicality. However, it should be approved in sixty days.
- The board will request a date in September for a board member/resident site tour.
- Discussion concerned parking issues in the neighborhood when events are held in the space. David Slutes has stated that this is an important concern to him and consideration for and discussion with the affected neighborhoods will be ongoing.

Miramonte Pocket Park

- An Event Committee has met to discuss several ideas for neighborhood events to be held at the pocket park and potentially elsewhere in the neighborhood. Various ideas have been proposed. However, no events or dates have yet been set. Any ideas? All suggestions can be communicated to Marc Salerno.
- Irrigation problems have existed for ten months now despite efforts of the neighborhood association to work with the city to resolve them. Dora Maldonado agreed to contact the city about the matter on our behalf.
- Kim Fernandez has volunteered to paint another mural in the park. She and Ellen Wheeler will pursue the matter with the Arts Council.

Updates and Other Announcements

- The Chroma building (3232-3248 E Speedway) has been sold to Habib Holdings, LLC and will house the Liver Institute.
- Brenda gave the treasurer's report. No change in the account balance has occurred since the last report. The account balance remains at \$5,580.59.
- All Miramonte residents are welcome at St. Mark's Second Sunday on Second dinner. It's a potluck for church members. Guests are not required to bring anything.
- All are reminded to send Facebook items to Stephanie at azsteff@gmail.com

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

In keeping with our neighborhood charter, there will be no July meeting; our next meeting will be Wednesday, August 14, 2024.