

MIRAMONTE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, September 11, 2024
Ward 6 Office, 3202 E First Street

Theresa Webster, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

MNA Board members present: Ann Baldwin, Betsy Lubis, Brenda Kazen, Dave Meko, Ellen Wheeler, Jan Howard, Morris Palter, Ravi Bewtra, Richard Webster, Theresa Webster, William Kuitert
absent: Anne-Marie Laurian, Marc Salerno

Guests: Approximately 3 additional neighbors in-person; Dora Maldonado, from the Ward 6 office; Nicholas McCullough from the Pima County Board of Supervisors District 5 office (online); Jason Jurjevich, Miramonte resident and guest speaker.

Ward 6 update

- Royal El Con property is still on the market. Dora noted that no response has yet been received from the city attorney on complaints about undesirable activities on the property. She contacted the city attorney's office again about the problems.
- Dora reported that the city assures us it intends to fix the broken irrigation system at Miramonte Park, but that there is not yet a timeline for the work.

New business

- Racist language that can be found in CC&Rs of five subdivisions in Miramonte was the subject of a presentation by Jason Jurjevich. With the help of a handout and an on-screen map, Jason gave some background to the problem and how it has been addressed by another Tucson neighborhood association. After a long discussion of options, the Board decided that more research into solutions is needed. Jason was invited to attend the October MNA Board meeting, where the subject will be brought up again. ASU is scheduled to have a zoom webinar on the subject within the next two weeks. More information is available online at <https://mappingracistcovenants.org/>
- The annual Miramonte Halloween parade and party will be at 4 pm on Saturday, October 26. Some logistics of the party were discussed. In addition to an announcement in the upcoming Fall newsletter, the event will be advertised by strategically located A-frame sandwich boards. Volunteers are requested to help staff 7 trick-or-treat stations throughout the park. Paper bags, because they are eco-friendly, were preferred over plastic containers for collecting candy. Theresa will contact Parks and Rec to make sure they clean out the park on the morning of the party.

Other updates and announcements

- Ellen reported that chicane landscaping costs will be covered by the city, and work will be done by the end of October. Boulders will be added as part of the work. Dora reported that the Department of Transportation says the pavement drop surrounding the water grates will be fixed sometime this fall; she will give an update next month.
- Theresa reported that David Slutes has been out of town, and there is no update on the La Rosa Arts Center progress. The Board has been invited to hold our October meeting at the Benedictine, where more information will be forthcoming.

- Possible topics for articles for the Fall Newsletter were discussed. Topics include 1) 311—the number to call for police action on non-emergency situations, 2) chicane update, 3) El Rancho Center progress, and 4) recycling (Betsy volunteered to write article)
- Treasurer's report (Ellen). No money has been spent since our last meeting; the balance remains at \$5580.59.
- District 5 announcements (Nicholas). Despite what has appeared in the news, no decision has been made on closure of libraries in Tucson. Before any closures there would be public hearings. After major renovation, the Martha Cooper library will be reopening this fall. The grand opening is scheduled for November.
- Ruth Beeker briefly gave background of the “Tripartite Committee,” which will meet at the Ward 6 offices on September 12. Dave Meko will attend with Ruth and report back at the next Board meeting.
- All are reminded to send Facebook items to Stephanie at azsteff@gmail.com

Adjourn: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Upcoming:

El Con Tripartite Committee – Thursday, September 12, Ward 6 Office

Alvernon-Fifth Crime Coalition – Wednesday, September 25, Ward 6 Office

October Miramonte Board Meeting (at Benedictine) -- Wednesday, October 9, 2024