

**Tucson Residents for Responsive Government (TRRG) Progress Report  
May 2014-April 2015**

**By the Numbers**

- 92 dues-paying members
- 23 Friends, including 14 neighborhood/homeowners associations, 6 org./ businesses
- 5,297 web-site visits since August 2014
- 4 quarterly meetings, 2 special meetings of the Board of Directors
- 3 Special Event general meetings for TRRG members, 1 co-sponsored with NSN
- 7 Mayor/Council Call-to-the-Audiences presenting the TRRG perspective
- 1 Planning Commission Call-to-the-Audience presentation
- 2 Charter Review Committee Call-to-the-Audience presentations
- 1 Access Tucson Local Matters video-taping which was broadcast numerous times
- 1 Arizona Daily Star letter-to-the editor published
- 24 e-mail communications sent to keep members informed

**Priorities**

1. *Resident input on city manager search June 21, 2014 –March 11. 2015*
  - June 21, 2014 Special meeting of membership to discuss what members wanted to see in the new City Manager; an ad hoc committee of Joan Hall, Mike Hayes and Ruth Beeker wrote a Position Paper
  - June 27-July 30 TRRG chair Ruth Beeker, accompanied by Joan Hall or Mike Hayes, visited the Mayor and each Council member at their offices to discuss Position Paper and to request there be a public process included in the search process
  - September 11, 2014 Numerous TRRG members attended A Mayor/Council Public Hearing to give citizen input on what they wanted to see in the new City Manager
  - September 27, 2014 Education event for members to meet Interim City Manager Martha Durkin to better understand what the role of the City Manager is in City government
  - October 9, 2014 TRRG request that at least half of members on City Manager Appointment Advisory Committee be City residents resulted in M/C approval of 8 out of 14 being so; in fact, 12 appointees were City residents.
  - March 10, 2015 Community Forum for public to question the two City Manager finalists. TRRG members Oscar Gandy and Ruth Beeker submitted questions directly related to TRRG.
  - March 11, 2015 City Manager Advisory Committee interviewed the 2 finalists, sent two representatives to give their input to Mayor and Council. TRRG members Mark Homan and Joan Lionetti were appointed to this committee.
  - April, 2015 TRRG final assessment of the public process in the search, archiving of materials on TRRG website.

2. *Monitoring the COT Charter Review Committee August 2014—March 25, 2015*  
Key Points summary of each Charter Committee meeting were written and posted for public access by committee member Bonnie Poulos and TRRG chair Ruth Beeker. Committee members were informed during 2 call-to-the audiences that TRRG was offering this service to keep the public informed.  
September 27, 2014 Education event for members to learn about City Charter issues from TRRG members Bonnie Poulos and Colette Altaffer .
3. *Membership Campaign May 2014--on-going*  
Production of brochures, business cards, stationery, Facebook site and website were finished within 6 weeks of TRRG's inception. Members from the committee of Bill Craig, Bill Ford, Lisa Jones and Bonnie Poulos made presentations at the Sam Hughes Neighborhood Annual Meeting and at a Civano Neighborhood Association meeting. An earlier presentation was made at the Ward 3 Neighbors Alliance.

### **Progress Made on Other Topics of Interest**

1. *Improved Code Enforcement* Research on how to get resident representation on search committees for administrators of relevant positions; TRRG member Don Ijams was asked to serve on the search committee for new PDS Code Enforcement hires.  
Nov. 15 NSN/TRRG Town Hall where Interim Code Enforcement Administrator, city attorney and residents discussed improving communication and services was the result of TRRG members Lois Pawlak, Kris Yarter and Don Ijams' preliminary ground work. They continue to pursue solutions to this on-going problem.
2. Research on M/C participation at meetings' alignment with newsletter content by Oscar Gandy.
3. Discussions with Office of Integrated Planning (OIP) on how OIP and TRRG can work together to address specific concerns. The TRRG 2015 Annual Meeting agenda addresses this collaboration.
4. **TRRG** Citizen Participation Task Force formed to set priorities, research, investigate, and make recommendations for improvements in City processes, practices, procedures.
5. Preliminary discussion and testing of monitoring methods for assessing City processes for alignment with TRRG goals; discussion of formation of a process improvement group for working with City departments.

### **Upcoming Schedule**

**Board of Directors' meeting, May 7, 2015 6:30-8:00, Ward 6 East Room**

**"Mr. Ortega, Meet TRRG" Special event TBA in Summer 2015**

**Understanding Charter Changes on the Ballot Education event TBA in Fall, 2015**

**Board of Directors' meetings, August 6, 2015, November 5, 2015 and Feb. 4, 2016 TBA**