

TRRG Board Meeting of August 23, 2017 [continued from August 3, 2017]

With a quorum present, Bonnie Poulos called the meeting to order at 11:01 AM.

The roll was called and the following members were present: Bonnie Poulos, Ruth Beeker, Bill Ford, Oscar Gandy, JD Garcia, and Barbara Lehmann.

This continuation meeting began with a discussion of the previously tabled motion by Bill Ford to have the Board draft a statement of purpose for the Transportation focus group. Before it was taken off the table, Bonnie provided a history of the process, including her own thoughts regarding the process. It was moved, seconded and approved without exception that the tabled motion be discussed.

One of the first points of discussion addressed whether the Board should actually write purpose statements for special committees. Ruth suggested that developing such statements should be the responsibility of the committees, as should be detailed in the policies and procedures manual. As the maker of the original motion, Bill was invited to comment on his motion. After discussion, including expressions of concern regarding how others in the community would think about the organization, Bill suggested that he would like to remove the proposal from consideration. The Board agreed to remove the motion from consideration, without exception.

Discussion continued regarding the nature of the problems that a Transportation committee would address. Ruth had suggestions about how our purpose should be implemented. There were also questions about the nature of the kinds of decisions regarding transportation, as well as about how they are made. It was suggested that the relationship between the City of Tucson and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) represents a unique difficulty in that the city is just one of several participants in regional transportation decisions managed by the Pima Association of Governments. It was suggested that there was no rule book, or policy and procedure manual that governed the planning process.

Following a discussion about the importance of transportation policy for the city, it was suggested that an effort should be made to re-establish a focus committee on this topic.

Oscar moved, and Ruth seconded a motion that the Chair send a request to TRRG members, asking them to indicate their interest and willingness to participate in a Transportation Committee. The motion was approved without opposition.

Discussion turned to item 7 on the continued meeting agenda, The Policies and Procedures Manual. The Chair elaborated on the need for a manual as a resource for the operation of the organization and its committees. The committee structure is a central concern for the future of the organization. Bonnie made reference to a structure and organization proposal that Ruth developed and distributed around the time the Board discussed revision of the Bylaws. She noted that Lisa Jones and Joan Hall would take the initiative to move this project forward.

Ruth moved, Barbara seconded a motion indicating that the Board should have as a goal that a draft of policy and procedures manual be made available by the next Annual Meeting. The motion was approved without opposition. It was noted that the Chair would be part of that committee and will provide guidance and support for meeting the schedule.

The meeting turned its attention to the status of upcoming meetings. The meeting on August 30th regarding changes in Zoning is expected to have participation of the City's legal staff. A TRRG Membership table will be set up.

Bonnie indicated that she would not be present for the Board meeting scheduled for the Nov 2nd, and Ruth Beeker will chair the meeting in her absence.

The extended meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Oscar Gandy