

TRRG Board Meeting, November 2, 2017

1. The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Bonnie Poulos, at 4:58PM
2. The Roll was called with a quorum present. The following Board Members were in attendance during the meeting: Bonnie Poulos, Ruth Beeker, Oscar Gandy, Joan Hall, Lisa Jones, Barbara Lehmann, and Kris Yarter. Bonnie reported that Bill Ford had resigned from the Board, and submitted a copy of his letter for the record.
3. A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the Minutes of August 3 and August 23, 2017. The motion was approved without exception.
4. The Treasurer's Report was delivered orally by the treasurer, Barbara Lehmann, and a copy of the Financial Report was submitted to the Secretary for the record. Among the items noted was the balance of \$1479.03 as cash on hand. It was noted that the organization had 111 members and 33 friends. Reference was made to the number of new members added to the organization each year since TRRG's organization. It was also noted that the number of members who had paid dues for this year was 29. A discussion about procedures that might be followed to encourage members to pay dues each year. Bonnie is considering sending an e-mail note to individual members inviting them to pay their dues. Following a duly seconded motion to accept the Treasurer's report with appreciation, approval was granted without exception.
5. A Call to Audience was made: Lisa offered comments about an item not on the agenda for our consideration. She asked us to consider the extent to which residents and members of TRRG actually understand the nature and importance of the issues are that TRRG is concerned about? How do we ensure understanding of the issues? It was agreed that achieving this understanding is part of the charge to the Outreach Committee. Bonnie indicated that she will include some background about the 22nd and Houghton issue in the next Mail Chimp communication to the membership.
6. Committee Updates

The Boards, Committees, and Commissions Group (BCC): Ruth Beeker gave a report about the success that the group has achieved. Among the successes was an agreement by the Mayor to provide greater opportunity for members of the committees to report to the M&C meeting, early in the meeting. She reported that the audience response, and the responses from the BCC representatives was positive. The M&C meeting agenda was changed in response to TRRG recommendations to allow representatives from three BCCs to present reports of their activities early in the meeting. Ruth suggested that presence and visibility of the BCCs at these meetings is a powerful connection between the residents and the M&C process that comes with their recognition. Joan volunteered to produce a press release about this particular success.

Planning & Development Services Committee: Ruth Beeker offered a report on the PDS committee, following initial first planning meeting. A document including the topics identified by the participants was submitted for the record. Ruth noted that there is substantial interest among the members in working with this committee; an early agenda consideration is the ordering of issues in terms of their importance. Ruth identified one such issue, such as the status and performance of a Zoning Examiner (rather than a committee or commission, as Bonnie notes is the norm within the state). Bonnie presented some of the historical background of the Hearing Examiner position, which initially been a full time city employee. As the position was transformed into to a contractual relationship with a single individual, has raised questions about the independence of this official, and

concerns about conflicts of interest (or the appearance of such conflicts), and their influence over the process. There are also concerns raised about how staff interprets the codes that define what limits and requirements ought to be followed with regard to classifications assigned to locations for which variances are sought. Lisa made a motion that was properly seconded to accept the committee focus and to approve its establishment as a TRRG committee. The motion was approved without modification or exception.

Code Enforcement Committee: Kris Yarter distributed materials describing the focus and activities of the Code Enforcement group. A motion to approve the establishment of a committee to explore the items in Kris's report was seconded and approved without exception.

Kris provided a more detailed set of examples described the barriers to effective code enforcement in the City, many of which relate to staff development and coordination. Although CE had no current plans for adding staff, Kris noted that the Tucson Police Department (TPD) had already hired, and trained a large number of Community Service Officers (CSOs), expected to work in a collaborative relationship with CE staff. Kris reported that, despite the efforts made by TPD to train these officers to improve consistency and coordination with CE, the department had not yet initiated the use of these resources. Records of e-mail communications with CE and TPD officials were submitted for the record. It was suggested that this Committee should report this changing status on TRRG's Facebook page.

Outreach Committee: Bonnie Poulos reported on August meetings of the committee. She suggested that TRRG should have a banner to use when TRRG had a presence, such as a table at an important community meeting or event. Discussion followed, and a motion was proposed, seconded, discussed, and modified in order to authorize the expenditure of up to \$350 to produce a banner, as well as updating TRRG brochures. The amended motion was approved without exception.

Bonnie indicated that the next meeting of the committee would soon be scheduled.

7. Discussion about Annual Meeting: Bonnie and Ruth indicated that they will work on identifying topics for the meeting, and they expect to develop proposals for the meeting by January.

8. Future Scheduling

a. 4th Quarterly Board Meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the first opportunity to schedule meetings at Ward 6. Scheduling is enabled twice a year for six months out. Bonnie will explore scheduling this meeting for February 1, 2018, 5:25-6:55PM

b. The proposed date for the Annual Meeting was set for Saturday, April 28th. It was noted that a Board meeting is usually scheduled for the following week, perhaps, May 3, 2018.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 6:36PM.

Respectfully submitted for the record, November 10, 2017

Oscar H. Gandy, Jr.