

TRRG UPDATE for MEMBERS and PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS—July 2014

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LONG TERM PURPOSE

TRRG is advocating PROCESS, not taking positions in specific points of conflict. Analysis of present dissatisfactions and frustrations with City of Tucson (COT) reveals there are systemic problems which are at the root of the conflicts. **Only by changing the procedures and processes currently used can community/government relationships improve.** TRRG is positioning itself for long-term representation of residents, a segment of the community which has not had any one organization to speak for its best interests. (Think Chamber of Commerce for COT residents!)

CURRENT PRIORITIES — addressing Integrity, Transparency, Accountability, and Collaboration

Advocating for residents' role in selection of next city manager (CM)

- membership forum to discuss, identify what members want to see in new hire
- establishment of an ad hoc committee
- compilation of ideas into TRRG Position Paper
- distribution of paper to Mayor and Council
- individual meetings with Mayor and Council members at their offices
- attendance at or watching Channel 12 Mayor/Council meetings to monitor the progress of the search, document what is happening on TRRG web-site

Advocating for COT protocols to bring clarity and standardization of City processes/procedures

- testimony at public hearing on impact fees asking that COT follow charter's rules for city manager monthly reporting to M/C to insure this type of error does not happen again
- call-to-the-audience asking that writing of protocols be a priority of the interim CM, and that any time public participation is included it is clearly state how that input is going to be used
- exploration of ideas with OIP staff on how to work cooperatively on this topic

TRRG representative named to COT Charter Review Committee

EFFORTS TO BUILD STRONGER ORGANIZATION, GREATER VISIBILITY

A bank account, email address and mail box were established; production of brochures, business cards, stationery; web-site and Facebook; introductory letters to six power-broker organizations in city; appointment to tape segment for Local Matters on Access Tucson; invitation to present at Ward 3 Neighbors Alliance, Inc. in August; two Calls-to-the-Audience and one public hearing testimony at Mayor and Council meetings by chair.