

TRRG Board Meeting, August 2, 2018

1. **Call to order:** Bonnie Poulos 5:25 pm

2. **Roll Call:** Bonnie Poulos: Ruth Beeker, Cecelia Cruz, Oscar Gandy, JD Garcia, Joan Hall, Barbara Lehmann, Tina Pacheco, and Kris Yarter were present.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Oscar Gandy, the minutes of May 3, 2018 were approved without objection.

4. **Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Lehmann, noted that TRRG has 135 members, noting several new members acquired this year. TRRG's account balance was \$1305.40. A report on the status of the renewal of memberships was requested by Bonnie. Discussion followed on a review of proposed application forms after it was noted that initial drafts were distributed in June to the Board. A request was made to add a Facebook reference, such as "find us on Facebook" to the application forms. Ruth moved acceptance of the membership forms (application, renewal, and Friends) as modified, to be posted online. The motion was approved without opposition.

5. **Committee Reports and Business**

a. Membership/Outreach Committee – Joan and Bonnie: noted that 20 new members this year raising the total to 135. There were 39 Friends, one of which was new this year.

b. Update of July 30th Sustainable Neighborhoods through Planning meeting. Ruth Beeker. Bonnie noted that she and Ruth combined the recommended text for the message to M&C. Ruth sent out requests for appointments with council members, with several appointments made already, including an appointment with the Mayor. These representatives are being sent the packet of materials that had been shared with the participants on the 30th. The PowerPoint presentations will be posted on the TRRG website as well as the hand-outs.

Ruth noted that the goal of the project is to develop a proposal for the incorporation of neighborhood plans into the upcoming revision of the Plan Tucson document. Discussion explored the question of who actually has the responsibility for incorporating what neighborhoods want to be included in the updated Plan, as "elements of a plan" rather than merely being limited to altering zoning regulations. An aspect of this relates to the relative influence of neighborhood, area, and city plans. Concerns about how we incorporate accountability into the process of developing the plans were also noted. This includes a determination of who actually has the right to participate and to initiate changes in plans. Ruth indicated that she sees the unit of participation as being the neighborhood association, rather than the individual citizen. She noted the establishment of October 1st as the date for the next meeting for neighborhoods involved in this process.

c. PSD committee- Ruth Beeker. Ruth noted that this committee is interested in the neighborhood plans, and the hiring of a zoning examiner. Bonnie will distribute the report from the PDS committee to the members of the Board.

d. Code enforcement update- Kris Yarter. Kris had an extensive report of developments in the code enforcement (CE) area. She indicated that she has prepared a report for the Facebook page, reporting that code enforcement, under Environmental Services is seeking greater involvement from neighborhood associations, including having an association member travel with the CE staff around the neighborhoods to identify a variety of problems Community Service Officers (CSOs) will pursue. Discussion included additional areas in which CE is currently working, including approval of sign code policies. It was noted that recycling is no longer the source of revenue for the city, but the need for public education was being approached in a variety of ways, including YouTube videos. Along these lines, Kris noted that Brush & Bulky (B&B) is also participating in efforts to address problems with trash, but also emergency procedures for dealing with housing code violations where residents are at risk are being developed. Kris indicated that she is preparing a detailed report on all of the changes in the area of code enforcement for posting on the TRRG website. There was also discussion about other media sites through which we might inform the public about the changes under way.

e. Proposal to form a transportation committee- JD Garcia and Oscar Gandy. JD described the concerns the relationship between DOT and neighborhoods with regard to transportation-related issues. The primary questions relate to what the requirements are with regard to effective public participation. It was suggested that the Department of Transportation is not likely to take advantage of the work of a committee or task force, in part because they have not yet hired a director for the department which does not have the staff to respond to issues of interest to a task force. Ceci moved that JD and Oscar acting as co-chairs should explore and develop an approach to studying this area of concern. The motion was approved without opposition.

f. Progress on Policy and Procedures Manual-Bonnie Poulos. Bonnie made reference to what the P&P manual should look like. She asked the Board to review the document that she distributed and offer suggestions. She noted that Joan and Bonnie will work on the manual for presentation at the next annual meeting.

6. Upcoming meetings involving TRRG

a. Ward 6-sponsored meeting about Form-based codes in September with TRRG as co-sponsors was reported. Ruth discussed the meaning of “form-based codes” and “overlays” as part of the land use codes, that became part of the uniform development code. Steve Kozachik suggested that Dan Bursuck could develop this presentation and is exploring the availability of representatives from other cities in the region with experience in this area.

b. Sustainable Neighborhoods through Planning meeting— Ruth noted that the next meeting has been scheduled for October 1st in the Sentinel Room. We should expect a larger audience. The activities will be focused toward moving the city toward enabling the neighborhood associations to take control over this review process.

7. **Adjournment:** With no audience in attendance the Board meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted, Oscar Gandy, August 3, 2018