

Special Meeting of the TRRG Board November 27, 2018

Meeting called to order at 6:30PM by Bonnie Poulos.

The following members of the Board were present when Bonnie called the roll: Ruth Beeker, Oscar Gandy, JD Garcia, Joan Hall, Barbara Lehmann, Tina Pacheco and Kristine Yarter.

Bonnie indicated why we were having this special Board meeting, noting that the transportation study group had requested meeting with the Director of DOT prior to the scheduling of her participation in TRRG's Annual Meeting. She suggested that meeting with the Director scheduled for the 7th of December was a positive development, but it was important that this initial meeting with TRRG would be successful. The special meeting of the Board was called in support of that goal. Bonnie noted that JD had offered the first half hour of the scheduled hour-long meeting for an introduction to TRRG that Bonnie would provide.

Oscar was invited to provide additional information to the Board beyond that which was presented at the Quarterly Board Meeting on November 1st. His comments emphasized the character of the activities that he and JD participated in, noting that they were of the sort engaged in by other study groups. He described the committee's meeting with Rebecca Roupp, including her recommendation that they meet with Ladd Keith, an instructor at the UofA, who led the Planning Commission's public participation process for Plan Tucson. He noted that he and JD were planning a survey of the members of BCCs and other formal groups that had been involved in transportation planning.

Bonnie noted that TDOT has no requirement for public participation. Discussion then turned how to best take advantage of this upcoming meeting with the new Director of the TDOT. Tina noted that Ms. Alarcon is very task oriented, and it would be important that we identify both challenges, and opportunities for making progress in public participation with our assistance.

One such goal, which might be advanced by a survey, are suggestions about how the public would be able to gain greater opportunities for participation in transportation planning efforts.

Tina commented about Alarcon. She is concerned about metrics/outcomes, best practices, etc. Alarcon is task oriented and we should be coherent about what we are presenting to her.

Bonnie provided a list of the BCC's which are under the direct purview of DOT. She noted concerns about committee formation and appointments and their functioning and performance.

Bonnie presented plans for introducing Director Alarcon to TRRG that will include the kinds of things we have been doing with regard to neighborhood plans. Transportation was identified as one of 4 major topics of interest by the participating neighborhoods.

Ruth agreed to serve as a back-up if Bonnie is unable to make the meeting with Ms. Alarcon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Oscar Gandy