

TRRG-PDS Meeting Report

August 24, 2019—10:00 AM

Members in Attendance: Colette Altaffer, Ruth Beeker, Candi Filipek, Ronni Kotwica, Diana Lett, Linda Schaub, Ken Taylor, Bonnie Poulos, ex officio; Kris Yarter, ex officio

Members Absent: Bill DuPont, JD Garcia, Joan Hall, Steve Poe

Interested Parties Absent: Josefina Cardenas, Chris Gans

Guest: Beth Grindell

Action Taken on Addressing Goals presented to Mayor/Council at May 21, 2019 Study Session:

“True Public Process” Write TRRG definition, in behavioral terms, of what constitutes ***“True Public Process.”*** All committee members are asked to send their ideas ASAP to Kris Yarter kyarter@msn.com Ken Taylor and Bonnie Poulos volunteered to help Kris in the compilation of our ideas to be brought back to the next meeting, Sept. 21, 2019.

“Policy and Procedures to Update Plans” Ruth Beeker will meet with Rebecca Ruopp, PDS Neighborhood Engagement Specialist, to review previous TRRG-PSD recommendations to determine how PDS and Neighborhoods can work together to complete updating undertaken by a neighborhood association(s). She will bring policy/procedures back to the next meeting, Sept. 21, 2019.

“Adherence to UDC” Compile information and community resources to address the most pressing problem of ***“Adherence to UDC”***—Mayor/Council use of “Basic Harmony” justification when taking action on rezonings which do not comply with the relevant area/neighborhood plan as required in the Unified Development Code.

Colette Altaffer will coordinate this data –gathering. Diana Lett, Linda Schaub, and Bonnie Poulos will share ideas and assist her. Any other members who have suggestions of resource persons with legal expertise who might be of assistance to TRRG in addressing this most serious issue, please contact Colette at cactus.altaffer@gamil.com Colette will give us a progress report at the Sept. 21, 2019 meeting.

It is agreed that TRRG will need the assistance of other organized groups in addressing this crucial problem. Diana Lett will share the list of such groups she has compiled on Sept. 21.

Information on ‘Planning as a Priority.’

TRRG-PDS will take an active role when PlanTucson is revisited for revision prior to its expiration date in 2023. We will be asking that Neighborhoods as a topic be removed from its current placement in Chapter 2, Tucson Planning Context—Neighborhoods: The Foundational Unit and added as a new Focus Area & Policies topic in Chapter 3.

Adjournment: 11:45