

TRRG Board Members Quarterly Meeting Minutes
3:30-5:30 P.M. November 5, 2020
Remote Meeting via Zoom
Ken Taylor (ken@kmtaylor.com), Zoom Moderator

1. The Nov 5, 2020 Board meeting was called to order at 3:35pm.
2. Ken Taylor (meeting moderator), Joan Hall, Steve Poe, Beth Grindell, John Kovacik, Barbara Lehmann, Kris Yarter and Bonnie Poulos were present for the meeting. Ruth Beeker, Ian Wan, JD Garcia did not attend.
- 3. It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Aug 6, 2020 Board meeting as presented. Unanimous approval.**
4. Barbara Lehmann gave the Treasurer's report and membership update. There is \$1,884.79 in the TRRG bank account. We have 127 members of which 54 responded to the call for 2020 annual dues.
5. Reports from Board Members/Committees
 - a. Code Enforcement. Kris Yarter reporting. Although court hearings have resumed, there is a backlog of cases. Laurie Pumphrey is in charge of following up on CE cases. Household Hazardous Waste pick-ups are being coordinated on the 2nd Saturday of the month at different Ward Council offices. A list of acceptable items can be found on the ES website. There are still only 10 Code Inspectors, but 2 more positions are being interviewed. Neighborhood Protection Ordinance with regard to noise complaints needs updating. CE wants to handle noise complaints from construction sites, but TPD handles other noise complaints. They also handle junked motor vehicles and weed complaints.
 - b. PDS Committee. Barbara Lehmann was asked to talk about her issue with the City's online system for inspection of gas connections. The permit system (through PDSD) was designed for contractors, not for someone in the public who needs a re-hook up due to gas leak repairs. It took weeks for the repairs, inspections and hook-up to be completed. **The Board approved sending a letter from TRRG to the City about the process and need for a user-friendly system for the general public.** The second PDS committee item was about sending off the bookmarks advertising the *Public's Guide to COT Land Use Development Proposals* to Friends of TRRG, neighborhood associations involved in the Plan Initiative and elected officials.

It was moved/seconded to spend \$50 for mailing them out. Unanimous approval. Barbara Lehmann/Bonnie Poulos volunteered to do the mailing.

- c. Transportation. Kris Yarter reported on the "Slow Streets" program. To participate and put up signs (to slow traffic down) needs neighborhood buy-in (60% approval of residents). The Grant/Alvernon district is having some of them installed at strategic locations. Signs are being distributed by the Council offices. A discussion took place about the "Complete Streets" program by the Dept. of Transportation and seeming lack of coordination of projects with most impacted residents. Also lack of transparency about certain provisions of voter-approved initiatives such as Prop 407 (zoo acquisition of park property) and RTA (Broadway corridor). Bonnie said she would contact JD Garcia and see about writing a letter stating some of our concerns.
 - d. Individual Board Members had an opportunity to discuss concerns they have with City processes not covered by current TRRG committees. Steve Poe talked about frustrations working with Parks and Recreation Dept. He could not get a straight answer about intergovernmental agreements (IGAs) between the City and the school districts with regard to access to playgrounds and other amenities. That was echoed by Kris in her neighborhood working with Wright elementary. Seems that some projects being completed under Prop 407 are not accessible to the public.
6. Round-table Discussion about community issues arising from pandemic and where *TRRG* goes from here. All Board members spoke about their perception of the role of *TRRG* in our community and whether there is a future for the organization. There was a general consensus that *TRRG* plays a much-needed role in the City and that we face challenges ahead with regard to keeping and attracting members and finding those who are willing to be on the Board. *TRRG's* connection with neighborhood associations and assisting them in their interactions with City staff was mentioned as an important role by several members. Keeping the public aware and involved in the selection of certain positions was viewed as a *TRRG* achievement that needs to continue. Work is continuing in some neighborhoods on their plans and PDS is assisting them in moving forward. The nuts and bolts of how to hold a remote annual meeting in 2021 was also discussed. It was suggested that we use an online poll for members to vote when deciding on priorities for the next year. The annual meeting will be a topic for our next meeting in the new

year. The next Board meeting will be held remotely on February 4, 2021 from 3:30-5:30pm. Ken Taylor agreed to set up the Zoom meeting for us.

7. Meeting adjourned at 5:20pm.