

TRRG Board Members Quarterly Meeting Minutes
Saturday, May 8, 2012
11:25 am – 1:00 pm

1. Bonnie Poulos called the meeting to order at 11:25 am, noting that this is the first in-person meeting of the TRRG Board in a year.
2. Present: Bonnie Poulos (presiding), Joan Hall, Kris Yarter, John Kovacik, Ken Taylor, Barbara Lehmann, Ruth Beeker, Beth Grindell (recording). Ian Wan, Steve Poe, Amanda Maas, excused.
3. The minutes of the February 4, 2021 board meeting (via Zoom), were approved unanimously.
4. Treasurer's report and membership: See Minutes for the Annual Meeting of May 8, 2021.
5. Discussion of Bylaws and Board officers' positions: The position of TRRG chair is vacant for the coming year. Due to the complications of the past year, the board had voted to waive the term limits for officers and Poulos and Yarter served an extra year as co-chairs; both are available to serve as chair and vice-chair for the coming year, but hope other Board members will step up in the coming year to take over these leadership roles.
6. Election of Board Officers: Nominations to continue serving include Bonnie Poulos as Chair, Kris Yarter as Vice-chair, Barbara Lehmann as Treasurer and Joan Hall as Parliamentarian. Ian Wan was nominated as Secretary. Without objection the Board appointments will stand for another year. Amanda Maass will be joining the Board assuming a positive vote of the membership.
7. Reports
Code Enforcement: See Yarter's report in the Annual Meeting minutes.
Planning and Development Services (PDS) Committee: Beeker reported that PDS has been drafting sign code although neighborhoods have not been included in the discussions. There is a loophole in the ordinances that requires staff to make decisions even if advisory committees cannot meet to add public input. PDS Committee needs to decide whether to pursue this. In general discussion it was noted that Planning & Development Services Department is only doing development-related activities right now – issuing permits; no planning is really taking place. The case of possible CBD outlets along I-10 frontage makes clear the need to ensure that residential properties are fully included in policies. There is a role for TRRG to play in the re-draft and approval of Plan Tucson 2013, which comes up for voter approval in 2023. While neighborhoods are included in goals in Chapter 2 of the Plan, the policies spelled out in Chapter 3 makes hardly any mention of residential areas or neighborhoods. The City has indicated that only the climate action policies need to be updated but TRRG needs to make sure neighborhoods are specifically included in relevant policies.

8. Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): Plans for production of an informational video on ADU are on hold. The City is hosting public meetings on ADUs and TRRG encourages all members to attend at least one of the meetings. Everyone needs to understand what changes are being proposed to minimum lot size, lot coverage, and height requirements and what protections are available for Historic and Neighborhood Preservation Zones. An ADU ordinance will go to Mayor and Council in August or September for a public hearing and vote.
9. Plans for 2021-2022 TRRG Activities based on discussion at Annual Meeting: Poulos will circulate a survey, via email, to members to ask people to vote on the priorities discussed at the annual meeting and then to specify which they are willing to work on. Hall will work on an ADU working group document. Based on discussions, Beeker proposes that TRRG's PDS committee should continue and Grindell will chair for the year. Beeker will canvas the current committee to determine interest in continuing. Beeker suggests that the Transportation committee is dormant until someone expresses interest in taking it on.
10. Call to the audience: None present.
11. There being no objection, Poulos adjourned the meeting at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Grindell
TRRG Board member