

TRRG Planning and Development Services Committee Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2022 10-11:30am

Ft. Lowell Park, ramada #3 (off Glenn St)

1. Introductions. The meeting started at 10:05am. Present were Beth Grindell (Chair), Bonnie Poulos (notetaker), Colette Altaffer, Kris Yarter, Steve Poe, Bill DuPont, Amanda Maass, John Kovacik, Diana Lett, and invited guests, Rebecca Ruopp and Koren Manning from the City Planning and Development Services Dept (PDSD).
2. Neighborhood Plan Updating. Rebecca Ruopp discussed the status of neighborhoods in the process of updating their plans. Broadmoor-Broadway, Sam Hughes & the Grant-Alvernon plans are going through the process. Menlo Park is writing a new neighborhood plan and it was not part of this discussion. She made several observations about the process that she has learned since our last workshop in 2019.
  - a. The process takes a lot of volunteer hours to complete
  - b. The process takes longer than anticipated
  - c. PDSD has limited staff and Covid has slowed things down causing frustration
  - d. The 11"x17" list of steps should be customized for each neighborhood/area plan
  - e. The vision for updates is not a lot different from the original vision; land use and transportation are still big issues to neighborhoods
  - f. It is important to track changes to the original documents; formatting and map making presented challenges for neighborhoods working on updates
  - g. Coordination with the responsible ward has been varied
  - h. Capacity for public notification is very difficult for neighborhoods

The group discussed ways to address the observations. PDSD can assist in the future by making sure volunteers understand the time commitment, coordinating with various departments who need to be in the process, making sure the ward offices are aware of the plans being updated. Future collaboration with TRRG was brought up with regard to workshops dealing with such things as (1) the mechanics of editing and formatting and map preparation, (2) understanding what are land use elements and appropriate language, (3) methods for engaging neighbors in the process, (4) resources available to accomplish neighborhood goals that do not involve a plan update such as vision statements, a list of neighborhood accomplishments, cultural asset assessments, community work performed by neighborhoods & historical documentation, and (5) a more formal arrangement with the university to enlist student help. Rebecca closed this section with the good news that a lot of neighborhoods are reactivating themselves all over Tucson.

3. Plan Tucson. Koren Manning indicated that the new General Plan will take direction from recent City plans with regard to Sustainability, Equity and other initiatives. PDSD made a presentation to Mayor and Council at the March 9 study session about the progress made since Plan Tucson 2013 and they received direction from them. She mentioned the Growth Scenario map and its importance for mapping future options with regard to growth. That generated a discussion about the perceived exclusion of neighborhoods and residents in the crafting of the 2013 Growth Scenario Map. It was decided to call another meeting of the

PDS committee in April or May with the focus on Plan Tucson 2023. The TRRG-PDS committee members were assigned some "homework" for the next meeting: to watch the March 9 study session on Plan Tucson and the Feb 22 study session on the Climate Action Plan to get an idea of what Mayor and Council are directing staff to do with regard to the new plan.

4. Bonnie Poulos discussed the status of the code changes with regard to Electric Charging Stations and Expansion of Premises and the Individual Park Plans. She also presented committee members with the educational piece just approved by the TRRG Board with regard to understanding the process for responding to Design Development Options (DDOs). The hope is to have it printed on card stock for distribution to Council offices and neighborhood associations.
5. Beth Grindell concluded the meeting with a proposal to try to get the PDS committee together again before the April 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting with the focus being on the next General Plan.
6. The meeting concluded at 11:40am.

Respectfully submitted by Bonnie Poulos