

Feldman's Neighborhood Association (FNA) Meeting May 5, 2022

FNA Officers in attendance: Logan Havens President; Cade Shaw/Morgan Oster, Historian; Beau Peterson, Secretary; Diana Lett, Treasurer, Chair Neighborhood Preservation

Guests: Elvira Suarez District 5, Pima County, Ian Sansom COT DOT
12 total in attendance

Feldman's President, Logan Havens, called the Meeting to order at 7:19 p.m.

Tucson Police Department (TPD)

- **Not in attendance**

Norte Sur - Ian Sansom Presenting

- Hi capacity transit from airport to Laos, Ronstadt, and up to Tohono Tadaí
- #16 oracle bus is 2nd busiest route and #18 down 6th is 3rd busiest, served by route
- Encompasses ~½ of the jobs in Tucson
- Street car or bus rapid transit - Transit oriented development (TOD) or Equitable TOD focusing on more accessibility and affordability to transit for those who really need it
- Community engagement activities can be found on:
<https://www.tucsonnorte-sur.com>
- Collective feedback and spreading information through Community ambassador program
- Determining how to improve multimodal connections and developing multi-income housing around transit
- Preservation of local culture and businesses through incremental development, additional amenities, and mix of multifamily housing
- Diana asked about the potential for HAWC funding and Ian let us know that that may be available in Design phase, we're currently in a planning phase
- Logan asks what is in our power to affect as a neighborhood, just our region or zoning in general - Ian states all of the above is influencible. Let council members know preferences, take survey on the website, and attend the open house.
- More information on the differences between bus rapid transit and street car, etc at open house.
- Miranda raised concerns with displacement of people from the development and is curious about the specific policies to help build and support communities already in place - Ian states taking ideas now and that they need to act quickly. Somewhat starts with identifying locations for new affordable housing now, land-trust model may help, need to evaluate further.

- Rent caps and inclusionary provisions in zoning are currently prohibited by state law but restrictions still apply and neighborhood has some influence.
- Logan asks if we have any power in moving bus stations away from speedway toward Helen or somewhere more desirable for users. Ian says we definitely have influence and that PCC will definitely contribute to that goal.

Treasurer's Report

Diana Lett, Treasurer

Presented in the meeting.

General Fund/Checking Account: \$ 3245.49

Legal Fund/ Savings Balance: \$ 8498.94

Total Bank Account Balance: \$ 11744.43

Petty Cash: \$ 45.55

Green Funds: \$ 806.03

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented.

CCRC, Historic Preservation, Neighborhood Updates report:

CCRC:

- Campus community relations committee, neighborhoods ancillary to the universities meeting to be informed and have influence on university and student issues
 - o Most recent issues is the changes in the student body, expected that the student body would decline. Now different people are gaining access due to remote learning, professionals, etc.
 - o Being told there wont be a return to massive amounts of student population in the neighborhoods due to decrease in enrollment due to demographic shift.
 - o Ellen asked if the road noise issue has ever been presented at the CCRC and that it's a danger to student body and surrounding areas. Traffic enforcement is coming back to the area, still not much influence due to noise regulations and enforcement

Historic Preservation:

- Northwest corner of Speedway and Euclid: In negotiations for the city to buy this parcel, halfway through the 60 day appraisal and inspection period. No appraisal yet.
 - o Seems like it will sell but currently no party has brought a deal to the table
 - o Some lawsuits are rolled into this deal based on passage of the NPZ and Group Dwelling Code Amendment having incurred damages to Goodman, the property owner.
 - o If and when the city acquires it, an RFP will be issued by the city aligned with our neighborhood goals of multi-use development.
 - o Arizona Commons would be an example to emulate with multi-income housing

- Asarco Speedhump is in work.
 - Need signatures from owners or resident to approve - only 3 properties
 - Diana requested help, Miranda and multiple others volunteered
 - Owner has agreed to pay for the speedhump

Neighborhood announcement:

- Speedhumps on 4th have been installed!
- There are grant opportunities for small scale neighborhood infrastructure grants available - Logan called to audience to ask if there was interest and willingness to write grants for green infrastructure in the neighborhood
 - Madonna is a professional writer!
- Return to in-person meetings at St. Luke's?
 - Closed for the last few years due to the pandemic
 - Are we comfortable meeting in person again?
 - Some reticence due to safety in the pandemic
 - Hybrid solution proposed by Morgan, particularly beneficial to improve access to entry for new members and those outside the neighborhood, as well as those concerned to threats from Covid 19
 - A few people expressed interest in meeting in person, and expressed hybrid could be helpful with work-life situations
 - There are technical barriers that need to be resolved to make this work as well as organizing barriers, a concerted effort must be made to make it happen
- Secretary position must be filled since Beau is leaving the neighborhood:
 - Leslie has volunteered into the role - would like to be more involved and passionate about taking more of an acting role in the neighborhood.
 - Vote called at 8:19pm - Vote unanimous - Leslie elected!

Ward 3: C.J. Boyd

- Not in attendance

Call To Audience/ Announcements

- Question about neighborhood programs or other options for trees and native plants besides Trees for Tucson and TEP.
 - Logan shared contact info to help connect Katie with neighbors and resources to plant trees!
- Elvira Suarez Din - District 5:
 - County changed voting to vote centers instead of precinct based voting. Most people vote by mail. Vote centers are the new norm, you can vote wherever is most convenient to you:
<https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=844938>

- A menstrual product donation drive is being hosted by their office. Updates will be added to their website.

Feldman's President, Logan Havens, adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.