

Welcome!

VIA ZOOM

November 20, 2021 ANNUAL MEETING



The neighborhood with a NATURAL RESOURCE PARK!



Meeting Agenda–November 20, 2021

1:00pm Welcome and Zoom instructions

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Meeting ID: 765 0774 5307

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1. President's report - Stephen Brigham, Board President
 - City projects update
 - History project – need a leader
 - Security
2. Board Elections – Murray DeArmond
3. Treasurer's Report – Terry DeCarolis
4. Communications – Mary Bird
5. Neighborhood Enhancement projects – Estelle Stern-Eilers
6. Rio Vista Natural Resource Park Planning - Lindy Brigham and Mary Bird
7. Closing Remarks / Next Meetings - Stephen Brigham

1:30pm NEW Board Business Meeting

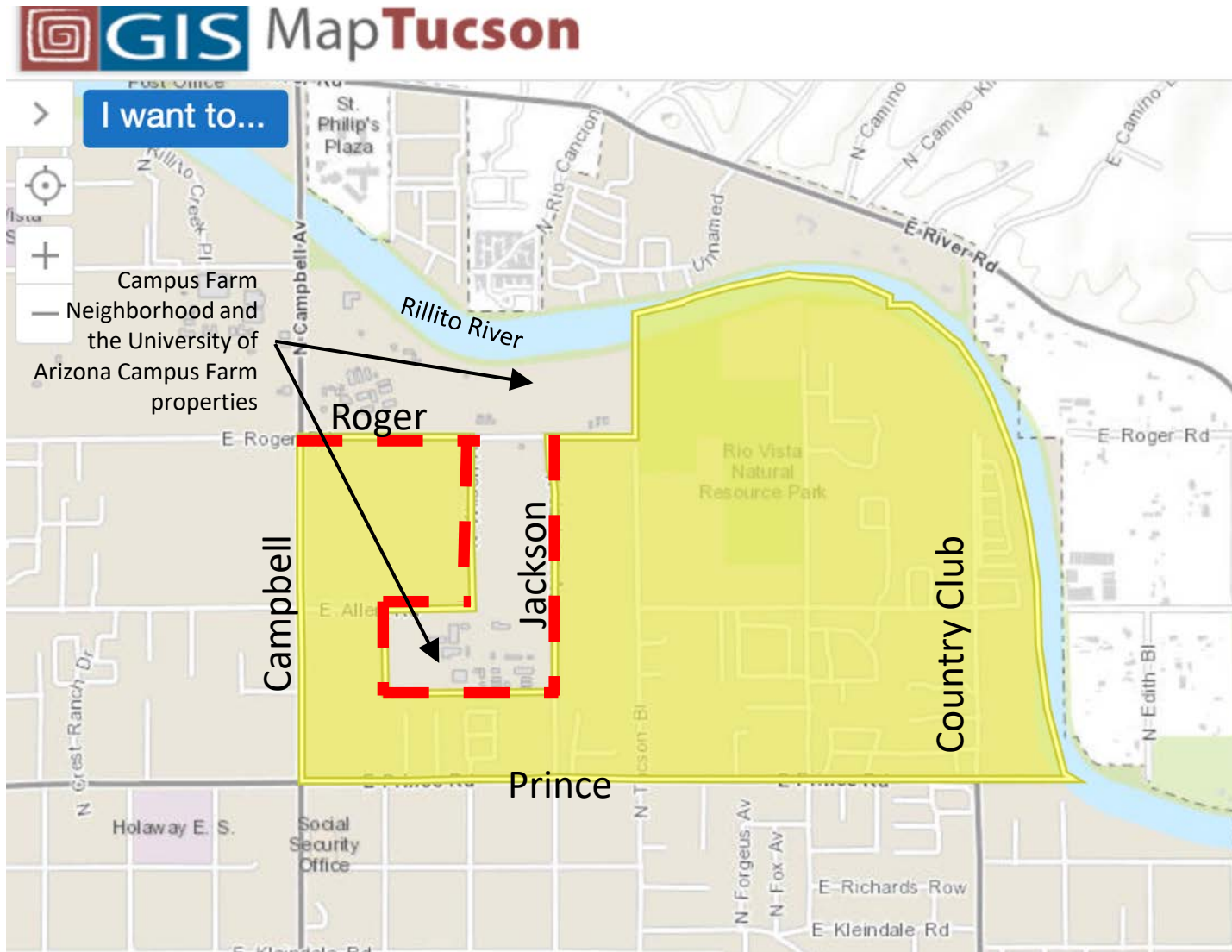
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City of Tucson - Rillito Bend Neighborhood Boundary



<https://maps2.tucsonaz.gov/Html5Viewer/?viewer=maptucson>

Search for "Rillito Bend"



City of Tucson/Rillito Bend Road Projects



- ❑ The “Right-of Ways” all need attention and partnerships with the City of Tucson
 - “Complete Streets” consideration
 - Landscape improvements
 - Pedestrian, Equestrian, Bicycle and Dog-walker safe passage
 - Stormwater management
 - Utility design and engineering coordination
- ❑ Current partners:
 - Ward 3 Council Office
 - Transportation Department
 - Tucson Clean & Beautiful / Trees for Tucson



Prince Road – **ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Neighborhood
Project Leader: Larry Bird



- The UA School of Landscape Architecture (SoLA) has accepted the Rillito Bend Neighborhood Association's goals and criteria for the East Prince Road improvements and will conduct a Landscape Architecture Studio to develop design proposals for Prince from Campbell to Country Club.
- Adjunct Professor Travis Mueller's LAR Studio IV class, beginning January 8th. The students will complete the assignment in eight weeks (ending March 5th).
- The School recognized the benefit to the community by having the students engage in a design competition, with a cash prize to the winner(s). An anonymous neighbor donor has posted the prize money of \$1,000. The prize will be known as the Rillito Bend Prize. There is no cost to the RBNA.



Treat Ave to Cactus Blvd crossing – STILL PENDING:



HAWK* crossing signal proposed for Treat Ave Bike Blvd extension to Cactus Blvd in RillitoBend

*High Intensity Activated Crossing



RillitoBend History Project



- RillitoBend is a Neighborhood rich in natural, artistic, and political history
- **Natural** – Rillito is the valley’s significant riparian corridor through Tucson
- **Artists** – Maynard Dixon, Ted DeGrazia, Linda Ronstadt and many others
- **Political** – Mayor George Miller, Councilmember Paul Durham and many other civic leaders
- **RBNA History Committee:**
 - **Need a leader**
 - Need volunteers to serve on a committee
 - Review our archives
 - Research
 - Summarize, document and conduct workshops



Security Report

John O'Hare – RBNA Neighborhood Security



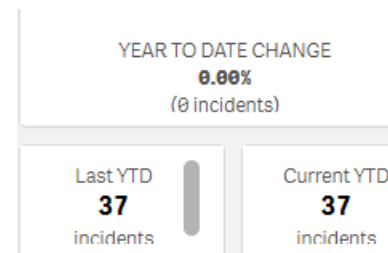
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- For any concerns or questions regarding general community interest information, please feel free to contact me.

- **Crime Statistics**

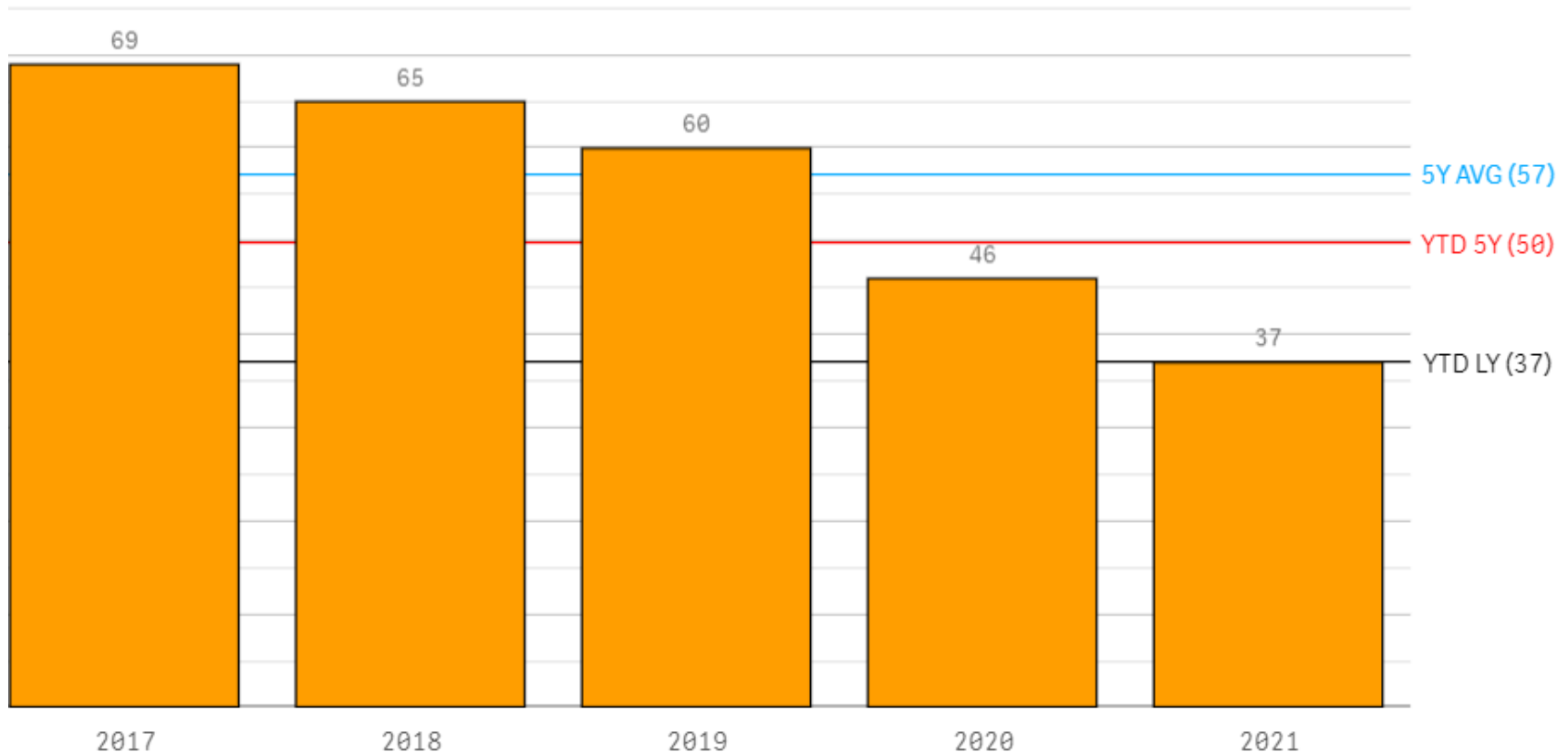
I compared Part 1 Crimes (homicides, sex offenses, robbery, assault, burglary, larceny, motor vehicle theft, arson, and aggravated assault).

I compared RillitoBend's numbers to Operation Division Midtown's numbers and found **Midtown had an increase of 8.25% in Part 1 Crimes (YTD) while RillitoBend had 0% change.**



Security Report - *continued*

The graph below compares these crimes to years past. You will see that this year and Year to Date Last Year (YTD LY) both totaled 37 incidents. The Five-Year YTD totals 50 incidents, with the Five-Year Average being 57 incidents. **The downward trend is encouraging.**



Security Report - *continued*

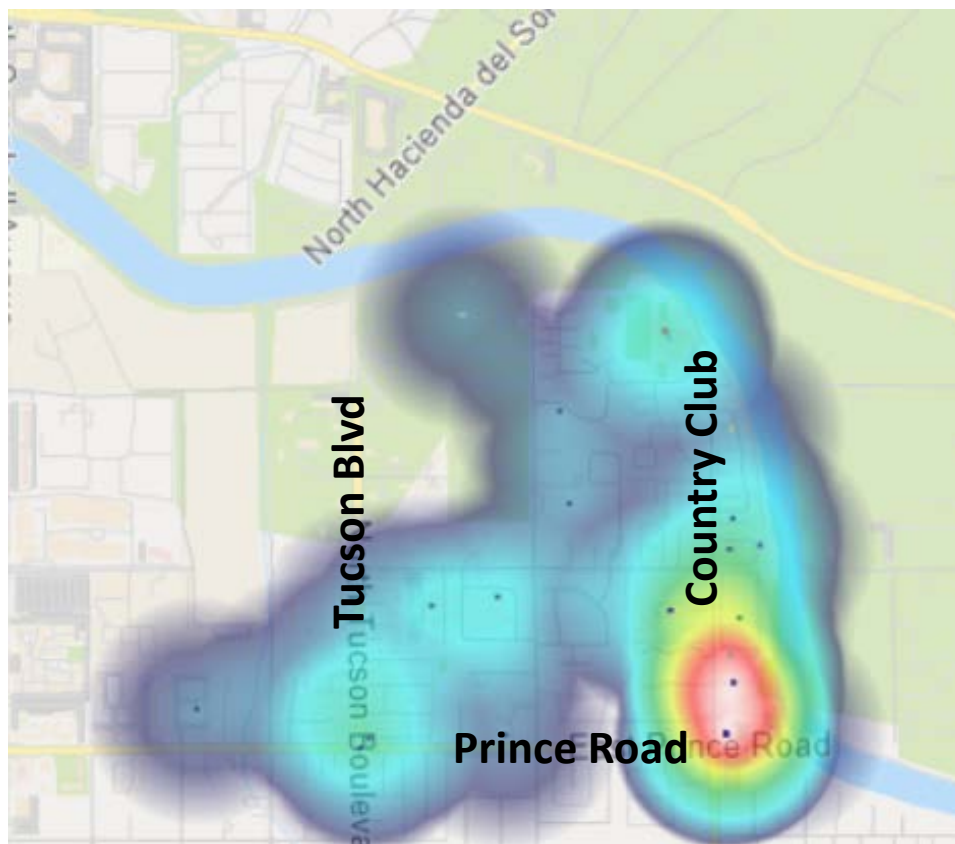
The table below provides details on what kinds of incidents were reported. Throughout the 3-year history, Larcenies have topped the list. The decline in Motor Vehicle Theft (from 7 to 2) is a **hopeful sign that residents lock and secure their cars.**

	2021	2020	2019
	37	46	60
⊕ 03 Robbery	-	1	-
⊕ 04 Assault, Aggravated	1	2	-
⊕ 05 Burglary	5	7	8
⊕ 06 Larceny	25	25	43
⊕ 07 GTA	2	7	1
⊕ 08 Arson	-	-	-
⊕ 09 Assault	4	4	8



Security Report - *continued*

Here is a map that highlights the concentration of incidents. Larcenies from Motor Vehicles again tops the list (same as last year). Following those are Auto Parts & Accessories thefts (anything attached to the motor vehicle, including the license plate). They were **concentrated at Cruise America, on the NE corner of Prince Rd/Country Club Rd. Incidents Concentration Map:**



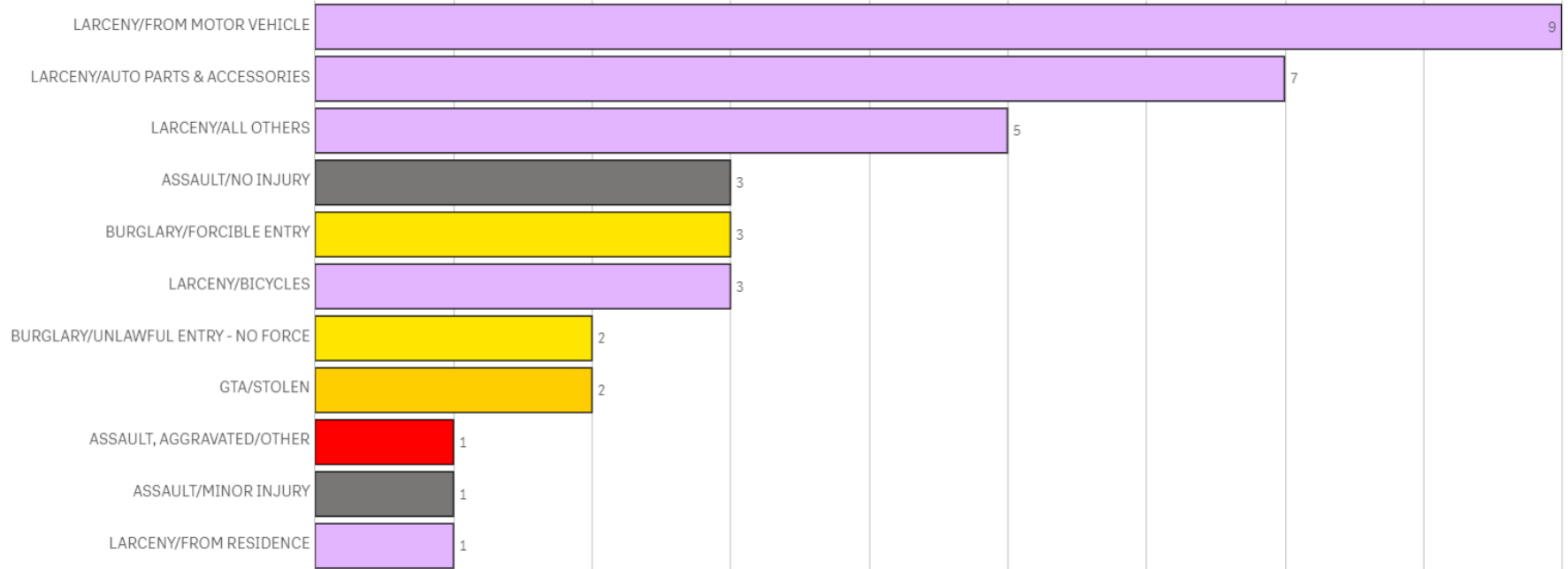
Rillito River



Security Report - *continued*

RillitoBend Crimes Graph:

Leading in the Larceny category is Larceny from Vehicles (9). Lowest is Larcent from Residence (1).



When and Why YOU should call the Police Department – What is Suspicious?

If it's suspicious to *you*, it's worth reporting to 911, for example:

- Unusual noises, including screaming, sounds of fighting, breaking glass
- People in or around buildings or areas who do not appear to be conducting legitimate business
- Unauthorized people in restricted areas
- Vehicles driving slowly and aimlessly through the neighborhood or parking lots
- Abandoned parcels or other items in unusual locations
- People dressed inappropriately for the weather or occasion (i.e., heavy coat in hot weather)
- Abandoned vehicles parked backed in/windows broken out/rolled down/damaged steering column
- Claiming to represent a utility company but not wearing a uniform and does not produce identification upon request
- Subjects sitting in a parked vehicle for extended periods of time or conducting transactions from the vehicle

Remember, when you see something, say something!



LOCK IT or LOSE IT!

Keep thieves Out of Your Car

- Offenders target unsecured vehicles over 60% of the time
- Simply locking your car can reduce the chance of being victimized
- Items taken are usually those that are easy to grab and run away with
- Offenders try doors to find the open ones so they can quickly hit many targets on a single street or an apartment complex parking lot

How to be “Streetwise” and Safe

Knowing how to protect yourself- and joining with your neighbors to make your streets safer places to be – can reduce the opportunity for muggers, purse-snatchers, and other street criminals to strike.

3 Basic Rules:

- **DO** stay alert. Don't get distracted. Keep your mind on your surroundings, who's in front of you, who's behind you. If you're worried about crime, ask a friend to accompany you when you go out.
- **DO** communicate the message that you're calm, confident, and know where you're going. Stand tall, walk purposefully, and make quick eye contact with people around you.
- **DO** trust your instincts. If you feel uncomfortable in a place or situation, leave.



Security Report - *Conclusion*

- **Harden the Target:**

1. Do not have an open-door policy – lock your front door/s, *even* when you are at home
2. Install solid core doors with deadbolt locks
3. Use a radio/light timing device when on vacation
4. Have a neighbor pick up your mail/newspaper (or have it temporarily stopped), and check on your house periodically when you are on vacation
5. Utilize the dog door locking mechanism on your doggie door cover when you're away from your home
6. Secure access to the side and rear yards
7. Make landscaping work for you – trim trees and bushes so that neighbors and the police can see your doors and windows
8. Plant cactus and thorny plants to keep criminals away from your windows
9. Clearly display your house number so emergency personnel can find you; both in front and to the rear of your home
10. Register with Foundrop.com to manage your property both BEFORE and after it is lost/stolen

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- President:** Stephen Brigham – *Project Review*
- Vice-President:** Mary Bird - *Communications*
- Treasurer:** Terry DeCarolis - *Social*
- Secretary:** Catlow Shipek – *Special Projects*
- Members:** John Kovacik - *Streets & Traffic Safety*
Estelle Stern-Eilers - *Enhancement & (Project) Maintenance*
John O’Hare - *Neighborhood Security*
Lisa Fabrizio
Cassandra Peel
- Advisors:** Larry Bird – *Prince Road*
Murray DeArmond – *Nominating and Project Review*
Sue DeArmond – *Nominating and Social*
Lindy Brigham – *Communications*
Estelle Stern-Eilers - *Nextdoor*



Bylaws: ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

- A Board of Directors, numbering up to fifteen (15) members shall constitute the governing board for the Association. The Board members will be elected for two-year terms of office by majority vote of the membership attending the Association Meeting.
- The terms of all current Board members expire in November 2021.
- All RillitoBend neighbors are invited to become active volunteers and advisors to projects and areas that capture their interest. Hopefully, such engagement will lead some to join the RBNA Board in the future.

Nominations:



Lindy Brigham



Vicky Strome



Rich Young

PROPOSED Board of the Rillito Bend Neighborhood*

CONTINUING MEMBERS:

Mary Bird

Terry DeCarolis

John Kovacik

John O'Hare

Cassandra Peel

Catlow Shipek

Estelle Stern-Eilers

NEW MEMBERS:

Lindy Brigham

Vicky Strome

Rich Young

DEPARTING MEMBERS:

Stephen Brigham

Lisa Fabrizio



VOTE!



NEW Board of the Rillito Bend Neighborhood*

Mary Bird

Lindy Brigham

Terry DeCarolis

John Kovacik

John O'Hare

Cassandra Peel

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Board Officers and Advisors to be selected by the Board



Treasurer's Report

Terry DeCarolis - Treasurer



Bringing in the cash!

- Balance (end of October) = \$2,000
- Annual Expenses
 - Website hosting = \$200/year
 - Zoom account = \$150/year
- Projected income*
 - New Mural Cards
 - Social event

*Note that RBNA does not currently have a Neighborhood Membership dues

HOW WE COMMUNICATE

Mary Bird – Vice President and Communications

As a designated Tucson neighborhood association, we need to communicate with you and with the City.

The main avenues of communication are:

- **RBNA Neighborhood Mailing List** – make sure you are signed up!
- **RBNA Website:** <https://rillitobendna.org>
- **Annual Newsletter** – the City mails once/year to every resident
- **Nextdoor**
- **Email:** rbna@rillitobendna.org
- **City of Tucson Neighborhood Resources:** <https://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/neighborhood-resources>

HOW TO REACH US

- **RBNA Website:** <https://rillitobendna.org> - Questions & Comments, HOME page
- **Email:** rbna@rillitobendna.org
- **In person.**



Enhancement Projects Update

Estelle-Stern-Eilers



Cactus Boulevard Mesquite Bosque Enhancement



Boulders proposed for Cactus right-of-way

UPDATE: Tucson Ward 3 and Transportation has funded \$4,000 of boulders and rock protection to be placed along Cactus - starting Monday 11/22!

- Rio Vista Natural Resource Park – outside and perhaps inside workdays
- Cactus Blvd “Rain garden” workday
- Cactus Blvd boulder and rock placement – when the City delivers the materials
- CONTACT: estellestern@gmail.com
- Check website and look for emails for updates:
<https://rillitobendna.org>



Rio Vista Natural Resource Park

Lindy Brigham

“RNAG” – RBNA Advisory Group

Formed to Advise the neighborhood and City Parks and Recreation on Issues pertaining to the Rio Vista Natural Resources Park

Linda Agen

Burke Beaumont

Mary Bird

Larry Bird

Sue Ann Breems

Lindy Brigham

Stephen Brigham

Melanie Carter-Campbell

Murray Dearmond

Sue Dearmond

Terry DeCarolis

Estelle Eilers-Stern

Leslie Eldenburg

Lisa Fabrizio

Shirley Foerster

Nancy Fung

Trica Hawkins

Malice (Mary Alice) Keller

Wallace Kinkade

John Kovacik

Kay Matthews

John Ohare

Cassandra Peel

Catlow Shipek

Vicki Strome

David Tiers

Justin Turner

Linda Turner

Rich Young



Rio Vista Natural Resource Park: New Master Planning Process



Rendering by Stephen Brigham

The RillitoBend Neighborhood Advocacy Group (RNAG) has pared down the issues for the Park:

1. Restoration
2. Paths
3. Maintenance

Current Issues:

- RNAG is currently commenting on the Parks and Rec Draft Definition of a Natural Resource Park
- We are awaiting clarification on the ways the Prop 407 funding can be used in the Park
- Planning Process update from the City is pending

PROPOSED DEFINITION:

“A natural resource park is defined as park land that is actively managed by the City of Tucson Parks and Recreation Department to restore, protect, and maintain native natural resources such as ecological systems, biological communities (flora and/or fauna), and water resources; and to provide nature-focused recreational and educational opportunities for the public. Development and management at natural resource parks shall in all cases enhance the integrity of the park’s natural resources, restricting human management activity to interventions or structures needed for public safety and/or delivery of specific natural resource park-related public services.”



Planning Process: What You Can Do

- Sign up to our mailing list to receive notifications and updates at:
<https://rillitobendna.org>
- Read the RBNA proposal, “Rio Vista Natural Resource Park: A Plan for Its Future” at:
<https://rillitobendna.org/rio-vista-park>
- Show your support or concerns, by emailing us at:
rbina@rillitobend.org





April 2019 RBNA Art Fair Social Event

- The Social Committee has not been active this past year since the dedication of the RBNA mural celebration due to restrictions related to the COVID pandemic.
- The Committee hopes to plan a resumption of the ice cream social in the Spring. This will depend on public health recommendations at that time.

- Please provide feedback via our website comment section
- What would you like to see discussed in future meetings?
 - History
 - Social events
 - Social services
 - What else?
- Quarterly meetings – third Saturday from 1 PM to 3 PM:
 - February 19, 2022 – Quarterly Meeting
 - May 21, 2022 – Quarterly Meeting
 - August 20, 2022 – Quarterly Meeting
 - November 19, 2022 – Annual Meeting
 - Agenda includes election of new Board members



Happy Zoomers –2021 Annual Meeting!

Time left 07:10 Upgrade



THANK YOU!

- The NEW Board will now go to a different Zoom link for their Business meeting to select officers and discuss advisors and priorities for 2022.
- The Board Business meeting starts immediately following this meeting at:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72819950575?pwd=Szl6VWtZcXBkY0crcnV6eWlBSFMxZz09>

- Note that this link was in the Announcement sent via email on Friday, so you just have to click the link in that email. We will also try to send an reminder during the Annual Meeting so check your email for the Link.
- You should not need the following, but is included for reference:
 - Meeting ID: 728 1995 0575
 - Passcode: LW8nqB



- 1:30 – 2:10 PM via Zoom
- Mary Bird - presiding
- Selection of Board Officers:
 - President – Lindy Brigham
 - Vice President – Mary Bird
 - Secretary – Catlow Shipek
 - Treasurer – Terry DeCarolis
- Committee Leads:
 - Streets & Traffic Safety – John Kovacik
 - Enhancement & Project Maintenance – Estelle Stern-Eilers
 - Neighborhood Security – John O’Hare
 - Next Door – Cassandra Peel
 - Nominating – need volunteer
 - Social – Sue DeArmond and Terry DeCarolis
 - Project review – Murray DeArmond and Stephen Brigham
 - Fundraising – to be determined



- Priorities for 2022:
 1. Upgrade Zoom account
 - Pro Version - \$150/year
 2. Rio Vista Natural Resource Park Planning
 - No more physical changes to the park without a plan!
 3. Cactus Boulevard Mesquite Bosque and Rain Garden
 - Complete placement of boulders and check dams
 - Coordinate maintenance with Rancho Morado
 - Create "Zocalets" with paving and seating
 4. Prince Road improvements
 - January 8th UA School of Landscape Architecture Studio IV class with Adjunct Professor Travis Mueller
 - Clarify City of Tucson's Improvement Project Funding Priority
 5. History project
 - Identify a leader
 6. Others to be determined at the next quarterly Board meeting
- Next quarterly meeting – via Zoom: February 19, 2022, 1 PM to 3 PM

