



## RillitoBend Neighborhood Quarterly Meeting (virtual)

21 August 2021 || 1pm - 2:30pm

### Attendance:

- Mary Bird (VP)
- Larry Bird (Advisor)
- Leslie Eldenburg
- Sue DeArmond (Advisor)
- Estelle Stern-Eilers (B)
- Catlow Shipek (Sec)
- Stephen Brigham (P)
- Lindy Brigham (Advisor)
- Patricia Kelly
- Matthew Vasquez
- Rachel Hopkins
- Lisa Fabrizio (B)
- Leila Gass
- Paula Datsko
- Kathleen Miller
- John Kovacik (B)
- John O'Hare (joined at 1:15pm)
- Barry Shulman (joined at 1:30pm)
- Terry DeCarolis (joined at 2pm)

### Meeting Notes:

*\* See website presentation slides for more detail except where noted below*

1) Host welcome and Zoom instructions - Catlow Shipek, Board Secretary

2) President's report - Stephen Brigham, Board President

- Review of Board Officers and members
- Follow-up to the May meeting on the RBNA History initiative
  - Nominated Larry Bird to be the lead
    - Larry suggested: need someone familiar with real estate to help in researching and recording transactions.
    - Potential folks:
      - Nancy Fung - former board member is in real estate
      - Kimberly MacDonald lives in River Wood
      - A few other names were suggested but not captured in the notes

3) Board Reports

- Communications - Mary Bird
  - Newsletter coming soon in September to your mailbox; thanks to Malice for the graphic design of the layout
  - Website was updated to include a page on the Rio Vista Natural Resource Park
  - Mailing list: be sure to sign up via website to receive important announcements
- Treasurer - Terry DeCarolis
  - \$2,270.33 (as of July 31, 2021)
  - Expenses: website hosting and printing of new mural cards as a fundraiser (~\$1500 net profit expected) for RBNA

4) Neighborhood Enhancement Projects

- Cactus Rain Garden - Estelle
  - 25 neighbors and 15 Watershed Management Group River Run Network volunteers helped to weed and implement erosion control features today (8/21/21); wire cages were placed to protect small native plants as they grow
  - Update of project funding proposals: Tucson Clean & Beautiful did not select RBNA application for Cactus Blvd funding; A meeting is set up for the end of

August to meet with Ward 3 and Tucson Dept of Transportation and Mobility Director to see what City can assist with to enhance this area

- Allen Road/Meadow View - Paula
  - Plants are doing well with all of the rain after a long season of watering with help of 8 volunteers; 3 homeowners helped to supply water during dry season
  - Two trees were lost during the cold winter and have been replaced and are growing well
  - Currently, the focus is on weeding
  - Fall plans: conduct additional plantings and address any maintenance needs
- Allen Road Opportunities - Matthew & Catlow
  - Current focus is on Allen Rd neighbor engagement to review and ID opportunities
  - Ideas or concerns please chat with Matthew and/or Catlow
- Rio Vista Natural Resource Park Planning - Lindy Brigham and Mary Bird
  - Actively meeting to identify and move forward on current issues with Ward 3:
    - Parks & Rec has never defined a “Natural Resource Park” and is communicating with Pima County to create a definition for the City before planning process starts
    - Public input will be part of the definition process
    - May include funding for a restoration ecologist to help with park enhancements
  - Questions and Suggestions:
    - Patricia: suggested that we should look at other Natural resource park definitions from other regions
    - Leila: how does this relate to the Friends of Rio Vista group? -- these are separate groups/efforts and all voices will be part of the public process

## 5. Upcoming Events

- November 20, 1-3pm: RBNA Annual Meeting (virtual or outdoor venue TBD)
  - Estelle suggested the lawn at Valley of the Moon + offer a tour following the neighborhood meeting
  - Other potential venues:
    - Racquet Club - outdoor ramadas
    - Tucson Organic Gardeners - outdoor ramada
- November 7, 2-4pm: Social at the Hitching Post (Formerly Gentleman's Acres) - Sue DeArmond; Ice cream social; outdoor venue

## 6. Board Nominations

- Seeking Volunteers for board and special project leads - Murray DeArmond
  - Let's network and engage residents across the neighborhood to get more involved!

## 7. Closing Remarks & Future Neighborhood meetings - Stephen Brigham

- Discussion:
  - Matthew - is there desire for additional content for the neighborhood cards? He has photos he would be willing to share for future generations of cards if needed
    - Mary - there is still a high demand for the mural cards

- Estelle - put a call out to resident artists to contribute towards a collection of cards
  - Sue - hospitality committee has a banner "Rillito Bend Neighborhood" that can be used for these neighborhood projects
- Future meeting interest:
  - History?
  - Social events/services?
- Future Meetings:
  - February 19, 2022
  - May 21, 2022
  - August 20, 2022
  - November 19, 2022 (Annual)