

Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association 3/20/22 Meeting Minutes

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Election of Officers
3. Discussion of Neighborhood Concerns
4. Any other Business

17 people present at 5:10pm when the meeting was called to order.

Introductions: Round-robin self-introductions were made

Election of Officers: A description of the open positions was offered, then nominations were accepted for each position. A voice vote was called. All positions were filled with unanimous support. The newly elected officers are:

Chair: John Pendelino

Treasurer: Judith Weiser; Co-Treasurer: Allison Bradford

Secretary: Adrian Wurr

Social Media Coordinator: Heather Yanchick

Discussion of Neighborhood Concerns: The following topics were raised and discussed:

- Emergency Preparation (e.g., shelter in place) planning is needed
- 5G phone towers are being installed in the neighborhood with little opportunity for discussion or dissent by residents.
- Blacklidge Ave. Bicycle Blvd planning was raised, and a summary of the online forum discussion was offered. The portion of Blacklidge Ave that runs through HANA may have a hawk light at 1st avenue, but no traffic circles are planned as far as was known by residents. More information can be found at <https://tucsondelivers.tucsonaz.gov/pages/blacklidgebb>
- Homeless camps in Navajo Wash Park were discussed at length. The camps present flood, fire, public health, and safety risks. The Ward 3 representative, C.J. Boyd, said the long-term solution is housing, but that takes time to purchase and prepare. TPD, UArizona, TDOT, Tucson Clean & Beautiful, and HANA all have roles and responsibilities for different portions of Navajo Wash Park.
 - TPD recently said they cannot enforce a no-camping ban because Navajo Wash Park isn't a city park, but a neighborhood pocket-park. So one idea discussed was transferring the park to the City's Park & Recreation. This needs to be investigated more by Ward 3, but the narrow shape of the park and steep slope of the wash are potentially problematic.
 - The City's liability in allowing camping in a FEMA designated flood zone was also discussed. The area has flooded before, and debris from the camps adds to the risk of storm drains clogging and the area flooding again.

- It was understood that the city would request that FEMA reassess the area after drainage upgrades were made to Mountain Avenue, but this has not happened in HANA yet.
 - TPD will respond if enough reports of criminal activity are received, so neighbors were encouraged to report all suspicious activity. If you see something, say something. Call 911 for emergency, serious crimes, or those in action, and report homeless camps to Sgt. Julsing of the TPD Homeless Outreach Team (TPDHOT@tucsonaz.gov) and, for additional leverage, the Ward 3 office (tel. 520-791-4711).
- Barking Dogs was raised by a resident in absentia. Be a good neighbor and don't let your dog(s) bark incessantly. Your furry friend is unhappy and wants your attention. Your neighbors will appreciate it if you heed their call.
- An update on the status of mural repairs was raised. Glenn Perkins was taking the lead on this, but wasn't present at the meeting to give an update. Adrian said he would try contacting Glenn again to get more information.