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TRRG's Recent Accomplishments 2023 - 2024

- Organized "Neighborhood Associations Matter in 2023!", a four-hour interactive event held March 18, 2023, attended by 65 neighborhood leaders from 46 neighborhood associations; 15 neighborhood associations expressed regret they could not attend but asked to be kept current.
- Compiled "TRRG Request for Action" booklet, using the ideas gathered from "Neighborhood Associations Matter in 2023" attendees for distribution to Mayor and Council and shared in a meeting with the City Manager and acting head of PDSD
- Testified at Mayor/Council public hearing on the 2024 budget to advocate for increased support for Neighborhood Resources; followed-up with City Manager to implement that support when new PDSD director was hired.
- Held a follow-up meeting "Neighbors Unified for Tucson City Action" on September 9, 2023, for March event attendees to learn of progress made and assess what issues needed further attention.
- Advised neighbors on Design Development Option (DDO)
 concerns and met with PDSD staff to discuss those concerns
- Held "Review of Plan Tucson 2025 Forum Process to Date" meeting for invited neighbors who had indicated interest in Plan Tucson 2025 participation
- Forwarded Plan Tucson 2025 announcements of opportunities for input to neighborhood association leaders
- Wrote "Proposed Drafts of Neighborhood-centric Goals for Plan Tucson 2025 Text" for submittal to Plan Tucson 2025 staff, reflecting the ideas TRRG gained from its work with neighborhood leaders when holding the area/neighborhood plan update meetings in 2018-19 and revisited during the "Neighborhood Associations Matter in 2023" event

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TRRG's Past Accomplishments 2019 – 2022

- Hosted Workshop "Updating Neighborhood Plans: A Training Workshop - Learning From Your Peers" where neighborhoods presented their progress on updating specific plans
- Made Presentation to Mayor and Council Study Session about outcome of TRRG initiative, Sustainable Neighborhoods Through Planning, and the need to support strong neighborhoods and collaborative long-range planning
- Advocated for 4 future goals related to planning and development:
 - Planning as a Priority
 - Adherence to the UDC
 - True Public Process
 - Policy and Procedures for Updating Plans
- Collaborated with PDSD to enable neighborhood associations to undertake the updating of their area or neighborhood plans
- Assisted PDSD with a well-attended Training Session on "Using PDSD On-line Tools"
- Compiled the "Public's Guide to City of Tucson Land Use Development Proposals: Plan Amendments and Rezonings" for use by anyone who wishes to understand the processes used by the City for rezonings and neighborhood plan amendments. (Link to this booklet is on the TRRG home page)
- Compiled the "Understanding the Design Development Option (DDO) for Setbacks. A Guide to Neighbors and Neighborhood Associations" in response to the ordinance related to Accessory Dwelling Units that allows for reductions in regulations through the DDO process. (Link to this guide is on the TRRG home page)
- Compiled the "Understanding the Individual Parking Plan (IPP). A Guide for Neighbors and Neighborhood Associations" in response to changes in the parking ordinance that expands commercial and residential uses that can utilize the IPP to reduce parking. (Link to this guide is on the TRRG home page)

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TRRG's Past Accomplishments 2014 – 2018

- Built an organization with bylaws, Board of Directors, approximately 200 Members and Friends, annual meetings and special events, website http://tucsontrrg.org, and Facebook page.
- Interacted with Mayor & Council (M/C) via emails, calls to audience, face-to-face meetings; advocated for improved public participation during M/C & other City meetings; sponsored Open Meeting Law training workshop
- Established contact with City Manager (CM) holding special events to voice concerns & hear plans, working cooperatively on specific projects
- Advocated for improved City services in Code Enforcement & Neighborhood Services and worked with City staff to that end
- Provided education about City's Charter changes to community
- Served as catalyst for improvement of Boards, Committees & Commissions (BCCs) role in City government: improved visibility of BCCs by having them report on their work during M/C meetings and moving announcements of appointments to early in the regular session agenda; initiated modernization of City Clerk website to include updated BCC Handbook and listing of current BCC vacancies
- Advocated for a fair and impartial Zoning Examiner process
- Organized 5 Area and Neighborhood Plan workshops, with PDSD assistance, for residents to understand their use during land use changes; for Neighborhood Associations to self-evaluate approved Area and Neighborhood Plans to determine their relevancy today; to identify needed components of a valid plan
- Advocated for better public processes within Planning &
 Development Services Department (PDSD) including review of Sign Code; early neighborhood notification of proposed new development