

**CGNE Leadership Meeting #4:** 10/07/2022; 5:00 PM: <https://www.cgne-tucson.org/>

**Attendance:** **MG:** Michael Geddis, President: 2253 E. Mitchell St, 396-0761; [Michael.G.CGNE@gmail.com](mailto:Michael.G.CGNE@gmail.com)

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**BE:** Ben Elias, Secretary, 2625 N. Wilson Ave. (520) 260-8007; [BenEliasTucson@gmail.com](mailto:BenEliasTucson@gmail.com)

**AL:** Andy Laurenzi, Treasurer, 2142 E. Water St, [alauren33@gmail.com](mailto:alauren33@gmail.com)

**Discussion:**

1. Follow Up with Neighborhood Volunteers BE to pull contact info for follow up with neighbors that self-identified for specific tasks at our last neighborhood meeting at Conner Park
  - a. Chula Robertson - Volunteered to be walk street along Water St & can connect us to Pima County houseless resources
  - b. Cullen Fisher - Volunteered to walk streets along the NW area of the neighborhood (stravenues)
  - c. Alanna Gonzales - Volunteered to work on website
  - d. Georgia O'Neill - Volunteer to walk streets along Spring and Water
  - e. Cathy Rex - Volunteered to put together Halloween Map (Halloween Night Trick or Treating from 6-9PM?)
2. Roll Off Bins BE reached out to Environmental Services about reserving Roll-Offs for neighborhood cleanups but they are blocked out until Jan 2023. MG noted that we can use Brush and Bulky in Winter and Summer and schedule a Roll Off in Apr 2023. BE to inform neighbors via listserv
3. Website & Domain MG let us know that the domain is set and website can be worked on when ready. Alanna Gonzales self-identified at the last neighborhood meeting that she could work on website updates,
4. Pre-Approved Expenses MG and AL discussed the concept of having financial expenses pre-approved through leadership. If neighbors need to be reimbursed for an item or task, they would need to run the idea past the officers first. Vicki printed a number of paper items for distribution with Welcome Packets which means we should be set for a while, before re-printing we should consider providing a digital option (website or small printed QR codes with same info).
5. Next Meeting and Annual Picnic All officers agreed to set a date for the next bi-monthly neighborhood meeting and annual picnic. Saturday, Nov 12 from 11AM-3PM at Conner Park. Plan for 15-30 minutes of meeting business at 11AM, followed by grilling and picnic activities. BE to request Ready, Set, Rec van. AL authorized to purchase hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, condiments, ice. BYOB utensils, plates. BE to supply reusable plates, utensils, cups, cooler, and potentially beverages. CS may supply additional coolers and water.
6. Neighborhood Dues AL to provide list of members who paid dues in the last 3 years. Note to mention dues at annual picnic. MG to set up Venmo (e.g. @CGNE) with his personal cell number.
7. Ward 3 Neighborhood Associations Meeting MG noted his participation in a meeting with other Ward 3 Neighborhood Association presidents at the W3 Office this past week. Everyone present needed to identify goals and success related to the neighborhood association. MG noted that his goal is to properly represent the neighbors with the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) and the City along the Grant Rd widening project (Grant Rd Phase 5%). A recent success was the Wilson Wash Clean Up that was a combination of neighbors cleaning up trash out of the earthen wash up to the first concrete tunnel and calling in Old Pueblo Community Services (OPSC) to finish up the clean up at Wilson and Water St. With everyone having a little skin in the game a lot can get done!
8. Grant Rd Coalition MG noted that the responses from neighbors on the listserv related to Grant Rd was great and mainly focused on the area of Grant Rd between Norris Av and Plumer Av with the focus being on what might be best for neighbors along Spring St whose back fences will face Grant Rd in the future. These ideas from neighbors fell into 4 general categories:
  - a. Build Noise Wall similar to Campbell Rd (likely not to be pursued by the RTA)

- b. Xeriscaping and detention basin in buffered “green space” between properties and Grant Rd
- c. Take remnant parcel and develop them into office space to buffer residential properties from Grant Rd noise and light pollution (e.g. Community Garden, Urban Farm, Single Family, Multi Family - Reference: Tucson Unified Development Code 4.8.5. Permitted Uses: Office)
- d. Use remnant parcel and develop them into some smaller commercial use (e.g. ice cream parlor) to similar effect, might require the adoption of an Overlay Zone (in discussion with Tucson Mayor & Council).

MG: How do we get involved in what the public art for this stretch looks like? BE Attend for updates from the Public Art and Community Design Committee and the Grant Road Corridor Planning Task Force.

BE: Conversation regarding these options should also consider the current conditions of those neighbors along Spring St and if they want more eyes on their alleys and stormwater options when flooding is an issue during major rain events

- 9. Beyond CGNE MG looking to expand conversation to neighboring areas that are currently not represented by a neighborhood association to make sure they feel like they have options to have their voices heard.