

BNC Meeting Notes: January 13, 2020

Action Items:

- We need to respond to the Mayor and City Council's decision to revive the Metropolitan Housing Commission instead of creating an Anti-Displacement Task force. Email Karen Greene if you can help with some aspect of the response (which may include speaking at a call to the audience, writing a letter to the Mayor & Council, planning a demonstration, etc).
 - The next Mayor and City Council meeting is January 28th.
- The city has extra HUD money and will buy land for future affordable housing projects, in gentrifying areas and/or areas that are already not affordable. Email Liz Morales at liz.morales@tucson.gov if you want to suggest locations where the city should buy land.

Discussion:

- The Pima County Community Land Trust is meeting on Wednesday January 15. The topic is zoning, redlining, and code with Betty Villegas. They are also looking for an expert on GPLETs who can speak in February or March.
- The Mayor and City Council walked back their commitment to create an Anti-Displacement Task Force at the January 7 study session. They plan to revive the Metro Housing Commission instead.
 - The MHC has not met in 2.5 years
 - Members are appointed by the Mayor and Council, no representatives from the community
 - Reviving the MHC would probably take around a year
 - Lane Santa Cruz brought up community representation at the meeting
- We discussed how the BNC will respond to the loss of the task force. Many ideas proposed and it was agreed that multiple avenues should be pursued.
 - If you're able to help with the response, email Karen.
- We passed around early drafts of potential logo designs for the BNC.
- There will be a GPLET conference on March 1st from 2-3:30 at Capilla de Guadalupe. There is a kick-off party for this event on February 16th from 2-3:30 at S. Tucson City Hall.
 - We voted in favor of BNC endorsing these events.
- We discussed the plans for the BNC website.
 - We voted in favor of the domain name "bnc Tucson.org"
 - The website will help people find us, find resources, find actions and events
 - We discussed having a social media person to spread resources and events/actions info on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc as well as on the website.
 - The 4th Ave Coalition is looking to hire a social media person. We discussed working something out with them and PCCLT if they hire someone

- We have been focused on the Task Force and waiting to see what happens for that. We want to move to a more proactive mode and we discussed the importance of identifying our key next steps.
 - Is our main function to help other groups? To start our own projects? To bring the many coalitions in Tucson together?
 - If all of the above, how do we make sure we do them all effectively?
 - We could/should set concrete goals for the BNC this year
 - We want to be a resource for people who feel overwhelmed and lost in the face of gentrification
- We unfortunately ran out of time for the “Why” exercise with Aly. It’s moved to the next meeting.

Other events/meetings

- The Historic 4th Ave Neighborhood Coalition is meeting at the Surly Wench on **January 14 from 6 to 8** for their big annual meeting. There will be time to mingle, they will talk about the past year and plans for this year, vote on board members. There will also be tacos!
- The Pima County Community Land Trust is meeting on **Wednesday January 15 from 5:30 to 8** at the Pima County Housing Center large meeting room. They’ll discuss zoning, redlining, and building code with Betty Villegas. They are also looking for an expert on GPLETs who can speak in February or March.
- The next M&C meeting is **January 28th**. We can’t find more details because the city page directs to an error message.
- There will be a cultural asset mapping workshop on **February 12th at 6 PM** as part of a course this semester.
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