

## Meeting Minutes for RPNA Board Meeting - July 15, 2021

### **Top Takeaways**

**Subject:** Top Takeaways from RPNA Board Meeting (7/15)

The RPNA Board met via Zoom on 7/15. Key takeaways are as follows:

1. RPNA needs more Neighborhood Patrol volunteers to deter crime. Get a free vest to keep and wear it when walking or biking the neighborhood (e.g., when walking your dogs). If interested, text Justin Wisely at (925) 216-7732.
2. (\*\*I will adjust this bullet at the end of the week if Union Pacific does their cleanup this week as it promised to Joe\*\*). The Board agreed to review a letter that would be sent to Union Pacific, requesting it remove dead brush and trees from its property that creates a fire risk. The Board would also like to invite a representative from Union Pacific to join an upcoming meeting to discuss the ongoing issues.
3. A commission will be redrawing City Council boundaries in coming months using updated Census numbers. RPNA may send a comment letter due to concerns that the commission may consider revised boundaries that modify District 3 to include part of the downtown grid, potentially drawing attention away from issues of interest to RP.
4. Interested in participating more in RPNA to make RP a great place to live? We are calling for candidates to fill our 2022-23 Board seats. See instructions in the August RP Review

Our next board meeting is 8/19 at 730pm via Zoom. All residents are welcome to join, and we will distribute an agenda in advance with instructions for how to join.

### **Additional Minutes**

#### Upcoming City Council Redistricting

Phil Pluckebaum joined to discuss the 2021 redistricting, which will change the City Council districts to align with the updated census. The City established a commission to draw new Council boundaries, and is expected to deliberate for 2-3 months after it gets the data in coming weeks. There have been concerns about District 3 potentially incorporating part of the downtown grid, which could draw attention away from issues of importance to RP. Phil has been tracking the issue and stated he will keep the RPNA Board updated. The RPNA may want to send a comment letter to the Commission after the Census data has been finalized.

#### Neighborhood Watch

Justin Wisely provided an update, including the fact that RP is experiencing the typical summer issues. Also activity at Erlewine, with the gate vandalized, where individuals could get in but

couldn't get out. Please join Neighborhood Watch. Justin has many vests; you can get a hold of him through text at (925) 216-7732.

#### Fire Hazards on Union Pacific Property

Joe Balesteri joined to discuss dead trees and bushes on Union Pacific property that create a fire risk for RP. The Board agreed with Joe's concerns and agreed to help by reviewing a letter he was willing to draft for RPNA to send to Union Pacific.

#### July 4 Recap and Feedback

The Board discussed the July 4th festivities, which were considered a success. Potential improvement opportunities include not having the parade on as many streets with speed humps, blocking the street/lot for classic cars to park, and focusing events in the shade where possible.

#### Election of New Vice President

With the resignation of current Vice President August Wissmath (due to move outside of RP) the Board discussed filling that vacancy.

#### 2022 Board Elections

The Board adopted a timeline that includes calling for candidates by October 15 (date reflected in August RP Review).

#### Re-Starting In-Person Board Meetings

The Board discussed the invitation from the church to restart in-person meetings in September, contingent upon it securing janitorial staff. The Board expressed an interest in having both in-person and virtual attendees, if sound could be established.