Maryanne Corder Neighborhood Grant Application Name of Association Pepperwood Neighborhood Project Neighborhood Identification Signs location: throughout neighborhood Name of association contact: Email Phone: Tempe, AZ 85283 Address (& city/state/zip Name of <u>authorizing individual</u> (who can accept funds, sign contract - if different than above) ___ Address (& city/state/zip) Email: Phone: 1. Project description: Brief description of your grant project. Pepperwood Neighborhood Association is enjoying a renewal in its efforts to support the interests of the neighborhood. The residents lack a cohesiveness and unity and need something to identify the boundaries of the neighborhood. The residents voted to install neighborhood identification signs atop every stop sign throughout the Pepperwood block.

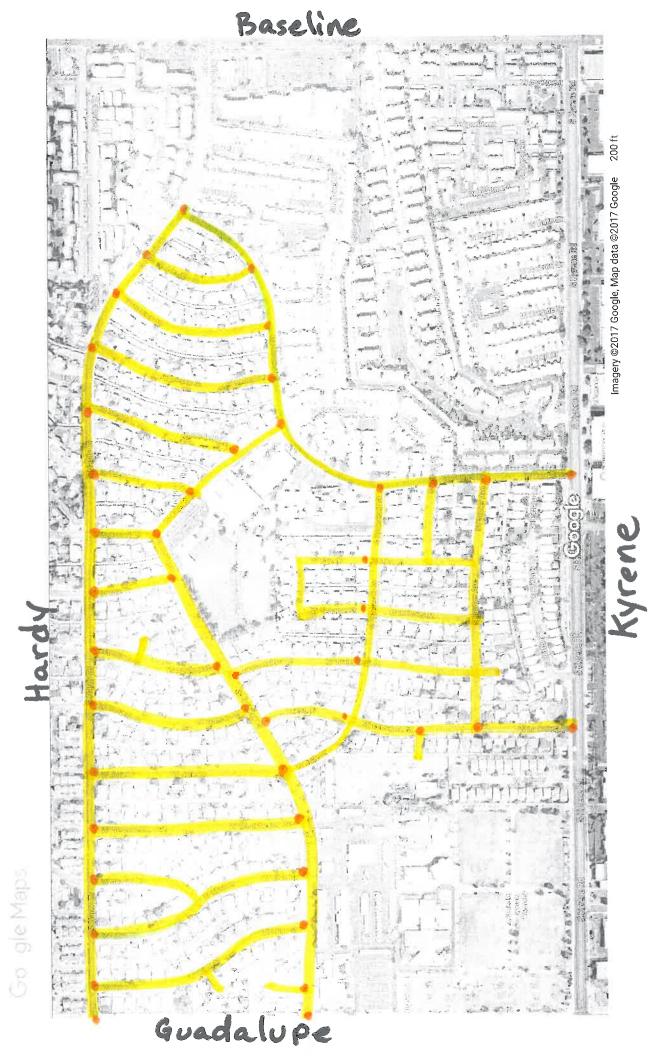
2. Project Budget

Expenses	Amount
Neighborhood Identification Signs (\$54x45 signs)	\$2,430
see attachment for placement of signs	\$
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	\$
Match (HOA and CFMH properties only)	\$
TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$

The Pepperwood Neighborhood is bound between Baseline Rd., Hardy Dr, Guadalupe Rd, and Kyrene Rd. The block contains a display of purposes including civil, educational, retail, and residential. Within the civil purposes, the Pepperwood Neighborhood possesses a city sports complex which plays host to a large number of soccer games with a few dog shows mixed in from time to time. Next to the complex, the southeast corner of the neighborhood contains a Tempe high school, district office and bus depot. In the past, the district office was a convenient place to cast your vote during an election. A district preschool and elementary school lie in the heart of the residential lots. The residential lots themselves are an exhibition of types and sizes. In the technical sense, the Pepperwood Neighborhood hosts 5 different density categories for residential housing. The newest category being R-3 for the condominium complex built atop a dilapidated golf course in 2008. In addition to the condominiums, the people of Pepperwood live in two townhome HOA's (with an additional development coming in 2017), two single-family detached housing HOA's, and two density ratings for single-family detached homes in the neighborhood association. The retail portion of the block made up of a grocery store, thrift store, and several smaller shops is concentrated to the north and largely separates the homes from the major intersection.

The assemblage of functions in the Pepperwood Block gives the area a lack of cohesiveness. The neighbors operate under different directions and associations. The schools operate under different boards of directors. Even the public land is used largely for outside groups. What the neighborhood needs is a name and identification. A title that identifies where the residents live, work, and play. The desire of the neighbors of Pepperwood Neighborhood Association is to promote unity by installing neighborhood identification signs atop street signs throughout the vicinity. Once the residents are united under a common name, the pride of belonging to something bigger than themselves may awaken and continue the effort of neighborhood beautification through other projects.

Neighborhood identification signs will meet the grant evaluation criteria on many points. First, the signs will enhance the aesthetics of the neighborhood through a cohesive look on every street and because of the spread of streets the signs will be accessible to all members of the community. As discussed earlier, the main concern of the residents is a deficiency of unity. The identification signs will serve to unite the neighborhood under a known name. Also, the Pepperwood Neighborhood has yet to receive funding for any neighborhood projects so this being the first proposal, neighborhood identification signs are a foundation to future projects and will complement any design to come. The signs require little, if any, maintenance and are covered under the city property. As far as engagement of the neighborhood, the neighbors were given ample opportunity over 5 months to cast votes on the project choices including postcards and social media, block party, and a neighborhood business meeting. The residents in attendance came from all corners of the 503 lots that make up the association. It is the hope of the Pepperwood Neighborhood Association that this application and proposal is found complete and in order.





Pepperwood Neighborhood **Association**

Neighborhood Meeting: Thursday, Feb. 2nd, 6-7:30 p.m. **Tempe Police Substation** 8201 S. Hardy Dr, Tempe, 85284

Dear Neighbors,

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming neighborhood meeting. We will hold our community meeting to:

- Finalize our Grant Selection
- Hold elections for our two co-chair positions. (steering committee is open to all who are interested).

Last year 20 people responded/voted in the process. The top three choices were:

- ⇒ Trees in front yards
- ⇒ sign toppers
- ⇒ speed bumps

Please find link to City web page for more information: www.tempe.gov/neighborhoodgrants

Pepperwood Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

9/8/2016 6:30 P.M. 852 W. Westchester Ave, Tempe, AZ 85283

of Westchester Ave, of Julie Ave, Alex of Sesame St in attendance

- 1. Development Review Commission
 - a. Meeting Tuesday, September 13 at 5:30
 - b. Review plans for development project at 6101 S. Wilson St.
 - c. will meet owner and new developer at the meeting and remind the owner of the agreed upon terms of the last project.

2. Grant process

- a. It was decided that it is best to garner more community involvement in order to be eligible to win a city grant.
- b. A project must be decided. Planting more trees along the sidewalks was a popular choice in the past.
- c. More aesthetically pleasing right of ways is an issue for the city.
- 3. G.A.I.N. Event
 - a. October 15, 4 p.m.
 - b. Smaller events in driveways throughout the neighborhood
 - i. will enlist neighbors throughout the neighborhood to host.
 - c. Join with other neighborhoods in their G.A.I.N. event
 - i. will contact other neighborhoods to find out when their event will take place.
 - d. Use the school facilities for our event as a central location
 - i. Fil will contact the school board to get permission.
- 4. Contacts for city services
 - a. Neighborhood Services- Elizabeth Thomas
 - b. Public Works Director- Don Bessler
 - c. Sanitation/Alleys-Tony Miano
- 5. Next meeting items
 - a. Stats for the neighborhood code compliance
 - b. Code enforcement
 - c. Postcard to neighbors to advertise G.A.I.N. event