



West University Neighborhood Association
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06 March 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday, 06 March 2008, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard in Tucson.

President, Lori Boston, called the meeting to order at 6:29 p.m. and Secretary, Joe Wasiak, called roll. The following board members were present: Lori Boston, Gal Witmer, Joe Wasiak, Cheri Wiens, Brian McCarthy, Jan Labate, Adrienne Parry, Jenn O'Connor, Carolyn Niethammer, Chris Nichols, Mary Nichols, Teresa Bommarito, Dave Croteau, Chris Gans, Sandra Morse, John Patterson, and Matt Williams. The following were also in attendance: Patrol Officer Angel Ramirez, Philippe Waterinckx, Sally Rusk, and Richard Mayers.

Cheri Wiens reported on the \$500 loss during Street Fair cash disbursement. Investigation by the bank revealed WUNA actually lost \$500.

MOTION: Excuse the \$500 lost during December 2007 Street Fair Beer Booth operation.
Motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that two people should count and accept all Street Fair Beer Booth monies during any transfer of custody, including pick up at the bank.

MOTION: Accept the WUNA February 2008 Treasurer's Reports.
Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the WUNA February 2008 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion passed.

Lori Boston made the following announcements:

- The Kennedy's reached a settlement with the UofA to vacate their home by May 31. If the Kennedy's relocate outside West University, a new Area Representative is needed. It was suggested that a UA or Marshall Foundation representative might be good for that area. It was recommended that UofA be contacted about salvaging historic building materials from the Kennedy home during demolition.
- The Community Food Bank will begin using Trinity Presbyterian Church as a food distribution center in the near future. Anyone interested in helping with this endeavor should contact Lori.
- The Spring Egg Hunt is rescheduled for Saturday, March 22, at 10 AM. Volunteers are still needed to coordinate the event. WUNA has invited Casa de Los Ninos children in the past and is considering it again this year if there is enough volunteer help. Margaret Bly, a retired teacher, has volunteered to create activities for the children and also requires volunteers to assist her. Contact Lori if you are interested in assisting on this event's committee.
- The WUNA Office, located in Room 10 of the Trinity Presbyterian Church Mission Center, is now open Monday thru Wednesday 3 – 6 PM, Thursday and Saturday, 9 – 11 AM. The physical address for WUNA is

now 401 E. 4th Street, Suite 101, Tucson, AZ 85705. WUNA will also still receive mail at their post office box address.

- Jan Labate reported that last Thursday she was in court and received a do not trespass order within 100 feet of properties along 1st Street between Seventh Avenue & Arizona against Kimberly Bowens, a psychologically disabled, middle-aged, 5' 10", 170-180 pound, black woman. Portions of DeAnza Park fall within the zone, so if this woman is spotted in DeAnza Park, police should be called. Jan is working to get DeAnza Park added to the do not trespass order.

Jenn O'Conner of the WUNA Neighborhood Area Plan Revision Group discussed an upcoming survey. The group is soliciting opinions on social, physical, geographic, and other values of the West University Neighborhood to guide the group during WUNA Neighborhood Area Plan revision. The survey and Neighborhood Area Plan are the focus of an upcoming newsletter. Conduct of the survey is still being decided from among several methods: mail out, website, or Area Representative canvas.

Joe Wasiak sent around a worker sign up sheet for the Fourth Avenue Spring Street Fair WUNA beer booth. To save cost, Joe will be using his own tent and tables from Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Philippe Waterinckx of Tucson Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) addressed the group. He explained that CSA is a partnership between CSA members and local farmers, supporting the farmer and encouraging local food production. Started in 2004 with 15 members, Tucson CSA has grown to 500 members, plus a waiting list of around 250 toward the end of each 3-month membership cycle. Tucson CSA operates out of the Historic YMCA property at Fifth Avenue and University Boulevard. Members pick up their weekly produce during a three-hour period Tuesday and Friday evenings. As Tucson CSA membership has grown, their members are experiencing parking issues along University Boulevard. Though the average pick up only requires 5 minutes, the members find it difficult to park.

The parking issues led to a broader discussion about residential parking along University Boulevard near Fourth Avenue. There were reports of cars being ticketed by a local resident because of issues with Epic Café patron parking. Lori Boston agreed to contact ParkWise to investigate this report. The discussion resulted in a desire to open discussions with ParkWise about residential parking in West University.

<p>MOTION: Form a Parking Committee. Initial members to be Teresa Bommarito, Cheri Wiens, Richard Mayer, and Dave Boston. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

Lori apologized for not preparing a letter in support of Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association's request for further study of the Downtown Links' Ninth Avenue/6th Street underpass alignment. Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association received a response from Jim Glock, Director of Tucson Department of Transportation. The letter was circulated among board members. It provided a detailed explanation of the Downtown Links project and engineering issues encountered with the Ninth Avenue/6th Street underpass. A March 11 presentation and public comment opportunity on the new alignment was scheduled. This is part of the process to inform the CAC before their recommendations, which ultimately must be approved by Tucson Mayor and Council. Chris Gans and Lori Boston also met with Jim Glock and Jim agreed to do a walking tour of the proposed realignment in the near future. The board recommended Lori still writes a letter voicing appreciation for Tucson Department of Transportation's response and express WUNA's continued interest in this matter.

Gal Witmer led a discussion on WUNA connection with neighborhood residents. During the last few years it has been a concern that WUNA truly represent neighborhood residents. She posed the question, "How do Area Representatives make connections with area residents?" Answers included:

- Perhaps the Neighborhood Area Plan revision survey offers an opportunity for Area Reps to go door-to-door.
- A WUNA brochure explaining WUNA and the Area Representative concept could be made and delivered to all residents.
- How do Area Reps get a list of residents in their area?
- Area cleanups, block parties, or area competitions might bring the residents of an area together.

The principal goal of any action would be to build a more representative voice for WUNA.

Carolyn Niethammer announced that a neighborhood rummage sale was in the works for May. She asked that folks start collecting items for sale. It is likely the rummage sale would be held in the Trinity Presbyterian Church parking lot on a Saturday or Sunday.

John Patterson gave the CCRC report. He reiterated that an agreement had been reached between the Kennedys and UofA. John passed around a conceptual drawing for bicycle safety enhancements at the Highland Avenue/6th Street intersection. He reported UofA is discussing a Phenology (the science dealing with the influence of climate on the recurrence of such annual phenomena of animal and plant life as budding and bird migrations) Demonstration Garden on Helen near the Chilled Water Plant. John expected a New Residence Hall CPAC meeting sometime in March. Construction of the New Residence Halls is expected to start in October 2008 with an August 2010 completion date. He also announced that the Old Main renovation was completed.

Dave Croteau gave a report on the Neighborhood Support Network, a group organized last year in an effort to stir collaboration among the nearly 175 neighborhood groups in Pima County. Organization leaders in November and January meetings represented over 100 neighborhoods. The network created sub-groups to focus on development, crime, and transportation issues. The crime group has formed an alliance with Tucson Police Department to get crime statistics out to the public. The network's next crime committee meeting is 6 PM, Thursday, March 13, at the Martha Cooper Library. The Neighborhood Support Network's website is nsn.soa.info

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Wasiak
Secretary