



West University Neighborhood Association  
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November 5, 2009 REGULAR Board Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday November 5, 2009, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard in Tucson.

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome**

Vice President Gal Witmer calls the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. Secretary Margaret Bly calls roll.

The following board members are present: Gal Witmer, Margaret Bly, Cheri Wiens, Bridget Werchan, Bryan McCarthy, Jan Labate, Jenn O'Connor, Carolyn Niethammer, Judy Sensibar, Noah Sensibar, Dave Boston, Richard Mayers, Robert Pitts, Jane McCollum, Tom Warne, Teresa (Bommarito) Vasquez, Chris Gans, Matt Williams, John S. O'Dowd, and John Patterson,

The following **Residents** are in attendance:

Ford Burkhardt, Roger Wiens, Sam Sanders, Henry Werchan, Eileen McGrath, and Mindy Bernstein.

Jim Glock, **Tucson Department of Transportation**

Kevin J. McElheny, **CDT Parks**

Lori Aldecoa **Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment**

Walt Rogers, **Olsson Associates**

David Copley, **The Auld Dubliner Irish Pub**

Kurt Tallis, **Fourth Avenue Merchants Association.**

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report.**

Upon motion by Carolyn Niethammer and second the October 2009 minutes are approved as submitted.

Brian McCarthy thanks the Board for the generous acknowledgement of his birthday. Jane McCollum moves that the Treasurer's Report be approved as filed. Brian McCarthy seconds the motion. There being no opposition, the Treasurer's Report is approved as submitted.

**III. Announcements:**

Brian McCarthy thanks Margaret Bly for her good note taking skills and minutes preparation.

**IV. Call to the Audience**

Matt Williams inquires into the status of the historic neighborhood signage project. Gal Witmer

states that she has calendared the matter for discussion with the person who will be installing the signs and assures the Board that the matter has not been forgotten.

Robert Pitts asks about whether or not TPD will continue to be vigilant with regard to couches, etc., along 5<sup>th</sup> and Euclid. He is assured that they will continue their patrol of the neighborhood.

Brian McCarthy asks if anyone else received a letter regarding the effect of the historic neighborhood overlay. Only Jane McCollum had any knowledge of the matter.

Kurt Tallis, states that there will be valet bicycle parking and a shuttle service from the various parking lots surrounding the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair area. A general discussion is had regarding parking in no parking zones. Mr. Tallis states that last year over \$50,000.00 in parking tickets were issued. He asks that residents call him on his cell phone if parking problems crop up during the Street Fair.

Gal Witmer announces that Joe Wasiak has resigned from the Board as well as Beer Booth coordinator. and that a new volunteer coordinator is needed immediately. Carolyn Niethammer agrees to help find volunteers to work the Beer Booth. A sign up sheet is initiated and passed around. Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Carolyn Niethammer.

Margaret Bly moves that the Board purchase a new tent for the Beer Booth. Teresa Vasquez seconds the motion. The motion carries unanimously.

**V. Catalina Park Splash Pad**

Walt Rogers presents the complete plans for the Catalina Park renovation. 13 different water features will be installed. New playground equipment, shaded areas and café tabletops will complete the much-anticipated project. Architectural plans for the renovations are available for inspection at the WUNA office during WUNA office hours.

Gal Witmer asks if the plans have been presented for Historic Review. Lori Aldecoa will look into this matter.

Mindy Bernstein thanks Judy Sensibar for her efforts in making the improvements a reality but states also her concerns regarding the reasonableness of the improvements. Mr. Rogers states that all-possible precautions have been considered including a 6 foot tall fence with spikes on top and solar lighting to provide security lighting. He further states that the orientation of the structures took in to account the existing shade trees and that considerable design monies have already been spent. The idea of camera surveillance was dismissed as "it is not considered a good idea."

**VI. Auld Dubliner Series 6 liquor license.**

David Copley, Publican, states that because the pub did not comply with the Series 12 State of Arizona license requirements for food sales, they have been asked to obtain a Series 6 license. They hope to NOT make any changes to their current operation.

Tom Warne and Jane McCollum explain that the Auld Dubliner's lease with the Marshall Foundation is for 10 + 5 + 5 years. Further that the lease requires them, or any other lessee, to serve food.

Brian McCarthy moves that the West University Neighborhood Association take no position on this license. We will not oppose it but will not specifically endorse it. Teresa Vasquez seconds the motion. After discussion the matter is put to a vote. Three votes in favor, two abstentions, and nine in opposition, the motion does NOT carry.

Richard Mayers moves that the Series 6 license application be supported. Jan Labate seconds the motion. Three abstentions, and 11 in favor, the motion carries. Gal Witmer will write the letter in support and send same to Mayor and Council.

**VII Beer Booth**

Noah Sensibar renews his concerns about the profit split and asks if a better contract can be

negotiated with Fourth Avenue Merchants' Association.

Jane McCollum explains that the security cost is passed on to the beer booths because the fencing and security are required by the presence of the beer booths. Noah Sensibar and Mindy Bernstein will approach FAMA regarding this matter.

**VIII. City of Tucson Department of Transportation.**

Mr. Glock makes statements regarding the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue diverters.

John Patterson moves that the City Department of Transportation remove the temporary traffic diverters at 6<sup>th</sup> Street and 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. Richard Mayers seconds the motion. After discussion the motion is put to a vote, Four in favor, 6 opposed and 6 abstentions. The motion fails.

Noah Sensibar moves that the City conduct another traffic study to look into the possibility of installing a traffic circle. Jenn O'Connor seconds the motion.

Jim Glock suggests that the remaining monies be used to help with traffic mitigation. A Traffic Circle costs between \$8,000 and \$10,000; traffic counts cost about \$600. Mr. Glock agrees to check to see if a traffic count has already been done for this intersection.

The motion carries 13 in favor with one abstention. The matter will be placed on the December agenda.

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**IX. Standing Committees.**

**CCRC.** John Patterson will hold his report until the December meeting.

**Planning Sub Committee.**

Jenn O'Connor states that the Memorial Building (704 N. Euclid) will need a meeting to review the design guidelines.

**Parking Committee.**

Richard Mayers states that the land use code will be utilized as a guide in deciding how to better provide parking around Catalina Park once the renovations have been completed. Further that there is a waiver process available which may allow the current parking restrictions to remain. He assures the Board that only the minimum number of spaces will be used.

The Bike Boulevard will go down 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Parkwise's parking enforcement will increase soon because 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue is going to be metered parking.

Mindy Bernstein makes statements regarding the history of the no parking around the inside perimeter of Catalina Park.

8:10 p.m. Upon motion by Margaret Bly and second and there being no further matters to discuss, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Bly

Secretary