



WUNA Newsletter

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- 3 Joel Ireland
- 4 Carolyn Niethammer
- 5 Brian McCarthy
- 6 Noah and Judy Sensibar
- 7 Dave Boston
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- 10 Barbara Kennedy

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Next Board Meetings

January 18, 2008

February 7, 2008

at 6:30 p.m. at

Trinity Presbyterian Church

Regular Meetings are held the first Thursday of the month.

President's Message

by Lori Boston

It seems such a short time ago that 2007 began! With an enthusiastic board and many volunteers, the neighborhood association saw a successful year. We had many volunteers come together for a neighborhood clean-up in February, the street fairs, the home tour and committee work. We also had many neighborhood-wide meetings to focus on neighborhood goals, discussion and votes on two grant opportunities and our most recent event, a neighborhood design workshop to take a look at values we would like to see in future development.

We also formed or continued many positive relationships with our Ward VI office, the TPD Operations Division Downtown, the University of Arizona, local business owners, Fourth Avenue Merchants Association, Trinity Church, The City of Tucson, TUSD, Tucson High and surrounding neighborhoods. We as neighbors enjoyed picnics, potlucks, an Easter egg hunt, a rousing game of softball with the Dunbar Spring neighborhood, caroling and a neighborhood Christmas Eve service.

Huge Catalina Park Grant Approved

Three years of work by our neighbor Judy Sensibar has resulted in approval for a grant of \$476,190 from the Neighborhood Reinvestment Oversight Committee (NROC) to upgrade Catalina Park. That is in addition to the \$25,000 of "matching" funds from the Mayor and

WUNA Moving Back to Trinity

I am pleased to announce that WUNA will be moving back to Trinity Presbyterian Church on the corner of University Boulevard and 4th Avenue beginning in 2008. WUNA will have an office located in Room 10 of the educational wing and we will be holding all meetings at Trinity beginning with our first regular Board meeting of the year on Thursday, February 6, 2008.

Thank you all for a good year! Your support, suggestions and involvement were invaluable.

Plans for Next Year

In the coming year, it is my hope that we continue to pursue grant opportunities and plan for neighborhood projects. We also need to keep abreast of what is occurring in the larger community and continue to move toward a revised neighborhood plan. I hope we also build upon the enthusiasm and involvement in the neighborhood that was prevalent this year.

Council's office. The next step is for the Board of Supervisors to give us the green light to continue the project. Kudos go to Judy and all the neighbors who wrote letters and showed up at hearings in support of the project. Look for a full report in the next WUNA newsletter.

Annual Meeting to Honor Volunteers

The WUNA Annual Meeting will be held on Friday, January 18, 2008, at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall at Trinity Church on the corner of University and Fourth Ave. (enter from parking lot). A catered Mexican dinner will honor all who have volunteered for WUNA causes during 2007. Everyone is invited, but **YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS** by e-mailing Lori at llboston@yahoo.com or calling her at 623-1664 after 2 p.m. **RESERVATIONS ARE DUE BY JANUARY 14.** Please mention how many in your family are coming. Fun and food for everyone. Come prepared to save time and a stamp by paying your \$10 dues for 2008.

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Vote on January 18 for 2008 Board

The Nominating Committee for the 2008 WUNA Board of Directors is delighted to announce that most of the 2007 volunteers have agreed to run for election to serve another year. Joel Ireland, representative for Area 3, who has served for many years, has asked to rotate off the board. His slot will be filled by Jenn O'Connor, leaving an opening for an at-large member. Teresa Bommarito, who has been active on WUNA committees, has agreed to run to fill that spot. Voting will take place at the annual meeting on January 18, 2008. Nominations may be made from the floor for any of the board positions.

Second Design Workshop on Jan. 26 Will Build on Views from Dec. 1st Event

by Jenn O'Connor

On December 1, WUNA held the first of two neighborhood and development design workshops, entitled "Envisioning our Future!" at Trinity Presbyterian Church. "Saturday's workshop was like a breath of fresh air, full of optimism and excited anticipation," said resident and WUNA board secretary Joe Wasiak, who attended the event.

Over 25 residents and property owners voiced their opinions about what they value in our neighborhood and what they'd like to see more of. Participants worked with local architects to learn about the constraints and considerations architects and developers face in their work and brainstorm ideas for what future residential and commercial sites could look like in our neighborhood.

The next workshop will be held on January 26, 2008 at Trinity Hall at 9 a.m.

All WUNA residents, property owners, and interested individuals are invited to come check out the architects' sketches based on our input from Workshop I and help us further refine our neighborhood values and design preferences. We plan to use the results of these workshops to engage developers in positive conversations about our vision for future development as they look to build in our neighborhood.

"I encourage everyone with an opinion (I know they are out there) to participate in this effort," Joe concluded. "It is far better to go into a new arena with a game plan reflecting the values of our neighborhood, than to thrash around searching for our identity when opportunities come knocking at our door."