



WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
2024 ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
Saturday January 20, 2024 – Noon
Catalina Park

MINUTES

I. Picnic and Potluck Lunch

Around 50 neighbors attended the West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) annual neighborhood meeting picnic and potluck starting at noon.

II. Annual Meeting

a. Welcome and Call to Order

Betsy Larson, 2023 Board President, called the annual meeting to order at about 1:30 pm, and welcomed all attendees.

b. Announcements

Betsy noted that was Jim Glock's birthday. Attendees sang "Happy Birthday" to a grateful Jim, who was still busy burning hamburgers and boiling hot dogs.

c. West University Historic Zone Advisory Board (WUHZAB)

Betsy introduced Rick McDonnel, Area 8 representative, Chair of WUNA Development Committee and Chair of the West University Historic Zone Advisory Board (WUHZAB).

Rick noted that WUNA and WUHZAB are separate entities. WUHZAB members are appointed by Mayor and Council and have a specific role in the review of development within the West University Historic Preservation Zone that entails improvements or exterior modifications to ones properties. He emphasized the need for Historic Review of these exterior modifications to properties within the West University Neighborhood. The City has a historic review process through the Planning & Development Services Department (PDS) permitting system. Any modifications, which includes new fences, windows or any changes to the exterior appearance of structures on ones property, require owners to submit a permit request. The Historic Review process includes various levels of review by the City's Historic Preservation Office staff and as needed, the WUHZAB, the Tucson-Pima Historical Commission Plans Review Subcommittee (PRTS) and the PDS permitting staff. More information regarding this process can be found at the WUNA website.

Rick noted that the WUHZAB needs additional members. To be a member, one must be a resident or property owner within West University, or have special qualifications in such areas as archaeology, architecture, architectural history, local history, historic preservation law, landscape architecture, planning, construction, or other related field. At this point in time, members who meet the special qualifications category are in particular demand. If you meet these criteria and are interested in becoming a member, please send an email to WUNATUCSON@GMAIL.COM.

d. Election of Officers -- All

Betsy introduced Chris Gans, at-large member, who read the names of the Board and officer nominees for 2024:

President	Betsy Larsen
Vice President	Henry Werchan
Treasurer	Jim Glock
Secretary	Megan Schrag-Toso (Back up - Corey Shaver)
Historian	Jeanne Dowen
Past President	Judy Sensibar
Area 1	Erec Toso
Area 2	Andy Pongratz
Area 3	Joel Ireland
Area 4	Henry Werchan
Area 6	Amy Kelly
Area 7	Corey Shaver
Area 8	Rick McDonnell
Area 9	Vacant
At Large Members	Lisette DeMars Sam Ireland Chris Gans Jeanne Dowen

A voice vote was taken on the foregoing slate of Board and Officer nominees for 2024, and all voting members of the WUNA approved.

Note: Ex-Officio non-voting members are sought representing the following entities affiliated with the neighborhood:

University of Arizona – No representative at this time

4th Avenue Business district – Shannon Riggs represents the Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition, and an open position is offered to the Fourth Avenue Merchants Association

Church Consortium – Mack Sigmon, Trinity Presbyterian Church and Elizabeth Koleski, Vineyard Christ Church Community. A representative position is open for the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

III. February and Upcoming Board Meetings

Betsy announced that there would only be four Board meetings held in 2024. The meeting dates are: February 1st, May 2nd, October 3rd and December 5th.

The meetings will be held at 6:30 pm at Trinity Church's Fellowship Hall. They will be hybrid and the zoom link will be imbedded into the agenda when posted. The meetings are public events and neighbors or business owners from West University are encouraged to attend.

Betsy noted that as the number of Board meetings are reduced, the role of committees will be increased. She encouraged folks to sign up for one of six committees:

- Development
- Traffic (Transportation)
- Parks
- Events
- Crime Prevention (Public Safety)
- Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRS)

IV. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 pm.