

Sunday, January 31, 2021-4:00 PM
West University Neighborhood Association
The Annual General Meeting, via Zoom <https://arizona.zoom.us/j/87152096098>

I. Pre-Meeting

Beginning at approximately 3:30 p.m., members of and nominees to the WUNA Board began to assemble via Zoom in advance of the WUNA Annual Meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m. During this time, an informal discussion ensued about the negative impacts on Fourth Avenue businesses resulting from road closures related to area road construction.

Jim Glock reported that the City official responsible for these closures has always ignored concerns expressed by neighborhoods and simply deferred to the contractors. He felt it was important to have the neighborhood speak with one voice, and to contact Diana Alarcon, the Director of Transportation & Mobility, with issues the neighborhood would like resolved. Cindy Doklan suggested that we also call the Ward 6 office and ask for their thoughts on getting the City to take back control of the closures from their contractors. Representatives of the Historical Fourth Avenue Coalition suggested that we create a map that showed the road closures that would demonstrate how the closures are impacting access to Fourth Avenue. Rick McDonnell concurred, suggesting that we create a map and talking points, and then request a meeting via Zoom with Ms. Alarcon to discuss how best to resolve the issues the neighborhood had raised.

II. 4:00 p.m. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome

At 4:00, Judy Sensibar called the meeting to order. The following members and nominees were present: Betsy Besenik-Larson, Lisette DeMars, Brian Chaneka, Cindy Doklan, Jim Glock, DeeDee Koenen, Jane McCollum, Rick McDonnell, Jasmine Pierce, Judy Sensibar, Willem Van Leeuwen, Larrie Warren, Henry Werchan, and Dave Zipps. Also present: Elizabeth Koleski, Shannon Riggs, and Lex Wilcox. Absent: Richard Fifer.

Judy began the meeting with a brief review of 2020, including highlights of two big projects in the neighborhood: the traffic calming at University & 6th, including the two speed tables on 6th, and the stormwater harvesting grant. Judy noted that we now have a contract with FAMA for watering the planters at University & 6th. She stated that the water harvesting project was chosen because of a larger flooding problem resulting from runoff from construction, power washing, and irrigation leaks in Area 5. She also noted the neighborhood's participation in the Hunger Walk in September, its \$1000 gift to the Food Bank, and its holiday gifts to workers in the Environmental Services Department.

III. 2021 WUNA Board Member Elections

The following Officers, Area Representatives, Organizational Representatives, and Committee Chairs were then duly nominated: Judy Sensibar (President), Betsy Besenik-Larson (Vice President), Jim Glock (Treasurer), Dave Zipps (Secretary), Larrie Warren (A1), Betsy Besenik-Larson & Jim Glock (A2), Cindy Doklan (A3), Henry Werchan (A4), Richard Fifer (A5), Lisette DeMars (A6), Willem Van Leeuwen (A7), Rick McDonnell (A8), Dave Zipps (A9), Jane McCollum (A10), Henry Werchan (CCRC), DeeDee Koenen, Jasmine Peirce & Jamie Leon-Guerrero (4th Ave. Business District), Rev. Mack Sigmon (Church Consortium), Jim Glock

(Traffic Committee Chair), Rick McDonnell (Development Committee Chair), and Lisette DeMars (Parks Committee Chair), Henry Werchan (CCRC Chair).

After the foregoing were duly nominated, all present approved.

IV. Individual Board Member Introductions and Committee Reports

Board members then gave statements regarding their reasons for joining the Board, their past work, the topics and projects that interest them, and what they hope to accomplish going forward. Projects of note included past and continued work with TPD to improve the quality of life in Anza Park, the creation of Instagram and Facebook accounts, traffic calming on 6th, the repainting of the speed bump on 4th Street, the replacement of burned-out street lights, participation in TEP's community outreach regarding the proposed 138 kV transmission lines, and first aid & mental health training, including how to intervene in & de-escalate challenging situations in the parks.

Goals included promoting street safety, capturing the interest of young people in the neighborhood, enhancing diversity both in the neighborhood and in our membership, increasing equity & access in the neighborhood (including sidewalk ramps), anything that enhances the quality of the parks, promoting bike lanes, traffic mitigation, traffic calming on 4th Street, improved walkability, getting historical markers for houses, increasing our neighbors' awareness of issues affecting the neighborhood (including Capstone's activities at Speedway & Euclid), preserving & enhancing the historic character of the neighborhood, and retaining 4th Avenue's cultural assets & character. Finally, updating the neighborhood plan and having it approved by Mayor and Council was on the goals for the year.

V. Meeting Announcement

Judy thanked everyone for their statements and then announced the next Board meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2021.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned shortly after 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Zipps