

***WUNA Monthly Board Meeting Minutes***  
***March 5, 2015***

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

- A. Meeting called to order by President Gans, 6:34 pm
- B. Board members attending at roll call: Gans (President), Glock (Treasurer), Storey (Secretary), Labate (Area 1), Chaffee (Area 3), Marsh (Area 4), Agababian (Area 7), Jones (Area 8), Patterson (At Large), Niethammer (At Large), Tanzillo (At Large).
- C. Guests: Sam Alboy (Mama's restaurant), Karen Nygard, Trey Thomas (Beta Theta Pi), Henry Wercha, Kurtis Childs (Beta Theta Pi)

**II-- Approval of meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report**

- A. Glock moves to approve February 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Niethammer. Passed by all attending with Gans abstaining.
- B. Treasurer's Report. Glock notes income from members, payment of beer booth December fundraising to food bank, rental payment, and upcoming insurance payment. Reminder last month board approved the use of funds for the traffic circle at 5<sup>th</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup>.
- C. Labate moves to approve the March 2015 Treasurer's Report, seconded by Jones. Passed by all attending with Gans abstaining.

**III- Announcements and Call to the audience**

- A. TPD Officer Clark asks if there are any issues to bring to TPD's attention.
- B. An audience member notes their concern over noise and drinking on the Arizona Party Bike, and inconsistent responses from TPD in response to complaints. Another audience member notes the bike is categorized as a livery vehicle (like a limo) which permits drinking. Officer Clark says he will follow-up with his senior officer on this. Councilman Kozachik's office staff in attendance note that they will also follow-up on this.
- C. Labate asks if there are plans for tent city in DeAnza Park. Officer Clark says he does not know, but after the park closes it is illegal to be there and you can call the police.
- D. Gans notes concern about safety in the neighborhood, as there have been two incidents of people being beaten-up in the neighborhood after bars get out. Officer Clark replies that TPD begins to prepare at that time (as bars let out) as we can.
- E. Kurtis Childs, President of Beta Keta Thi (their house is in the neighborhood) is at the WUNA meeting to apologize and note that, following complaints, they have eliminated activities on their lawn and won't use loudspeakers. They are hosting a BBQ for the neighborhood and will have a fraternity member at WUNA meetings. He invite neighbors to contact him directly with any concerns.
- F. Niethammer asks if WUNA should host an Easter Egg Hunt. Someone had offered at the picnic to assist. WUNA decision to go ahead with event. Fraternity can assist.
- G. Councilmember Kozachik's staff notes that on Wed. March 11, at 6:30 pm, at Ward 6 Office there will be a Charter Review Committee meeting. Proposal shifts powers of mayor and council. You can also comment online about proposed changes.

**IV—Traffic Circle 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave and 2<sup>nd</sup> St Permit fees**

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- A. Gans notes that WUNA needs to provide permit and barricade fees; city requires barricades when planting is occurring. Niethammer notes that approved \$500 covers adequate rocks, trees, plants, etc., but not barricade rental and permit fees.
- B. Niethammer moves to fund barricade and permit fees, seconded by Glock.
- C. Glock notes possibility of using funds from student housing for this project. Amendment proposed: request funding from TDOT first, then cover with WUNA funds if necessary. Amendment approved by Niethammer and Glock.
- D. Passed with amendment by all in attendance, with Gans abstaining.

### **VI—Mr. Heads Bar Discussion**

- A. Item removed from the agenda. Mayers and Gans will meet with Micah Blatt instead.

### **VII—IID Update**

- A. Gans notes that the previous IID (Infill Incentive District) language allowed the District, the Junction, and the Cadence buildings to be built. For the last few years WUNA has been working to get updates to the IID. In the proposal, historic zoning trumps IID and also prevents infill when sites are adjacent to historic or residential spaces. All group dwelling proposals will now have to go through a public process for approval (before mayor and council). This will offer new protections for our neighborhood, and prevents development on historic or historic-eligible properties.

### **VIII—Annual Budget**

- A. Glock talks through the annual budget line items, including restricted and unrestricted funds. A major possible expense would be regarding historic preservation project. Gans notes possible access in the fall to County Bond funds for bathroom upgrade at park.

### **V—Beer Booth for Spring Fair March 20-22**

- A. Gans notes that emails have been sent to get people to sign-up for the booth. We need approximately four people per shift and Thursday set-up. Jones has volunteered to be overall manager, plus individual day managers. Tips are donated to the food bank.

### **IX—Parking and Mitigation Issues**

- A. Gans notes six new speed humps installed in the neighborhood, the last one going in tomorrow. There is also about \$26,000 in the traffic fund for future projects.
- B. Gans adds that parking meters are going in on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, and some streets are having their parking limitations changed to allow evening parking without discussion with neighbors. At some point in time there will be a large neighborhood meeting about parking issues.
- C. Agababian says that there are new parking restrictions on Arizona.
- D. An audience member adds that there have been changes on Tyndall at 1<sup>st</sup>, but still traffic problems due to diagonal parking. Gans will check with TucsonParks on this.

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**X—Broadway Coalition Support Letter**

- A. Gans notes proposal to widen Broadway will take out almost 30 historic buildings north of Broadway, including Lerua's. Rincon Heights and Sam Hughes neighborhood associations asking for support for an alternative proposal for narrower lanes, current alignments, and other changes to maintain neighborhood and business environment. As individuals people can write-in with comments about changes.
- B. Niethammer says that it seems that there has been significant and on-going citizen opposition to the plans, but the proposal has ignored this.
- C. Glock counters that individual property owners' sentiment might differ from the neighborhood associations and he opposes WUNA taking a stand on this. Suggests we should act as individuals on this matter.
- D. Gans states that it seems from the meetings that property owners along Broadway want certainty. I think having support for other neighborhood's position is important.
- E. Glock says we need capacity on other streets if we ever want 6<sup>th</sup> Street downgraded. Downtown may still need expanded capacity.
- F. Discussion with the audience about changes and complexity of the situation.
- G. Glock makes a motion to ask the Tucson City Department of Transport to come present to WUNA at our April meeting on the Broadway plans. Seconded by Chaffee.
- H. Discussion: Gans notes the deadline for comments is March 11<sup>th</sup> so this would miss it. Getting City transport here will mean we have just one side, but we should also invite the Broadway Coalition. Glock: Amend motion to include invitation to Broadway Coalition to present to WUNA meeting. Chaffee: Approve amendment to motion as second.
- I. Discussion from the audience about salience of our actions on WUNA, bringing information to the board, salience of presentations versus available information already.
- J. Call to vote on motion. Aye: 5. Nay: 6. Motion fails.
- K. Gans says he will send information to board members about TDOT and Broadway Coalition so that people can act as individuals if they would like.

**XI—Misc. Items: CCRC, Neighborhood Quiet Signs, Circle tree**

- A. UA President Hart will be at a future meeting of CCRC, she had to cancel for the March meeting. Banner Health will be moving on plans for construction right away.
- B. Desert Palms building proposed for area near UMC, will be 20 stories.
- C. Continued interest in neighborhood quiet signs. We would need design, TDOT funds.
- D. Traffic Circle at 2<sup>nd</sup> St and 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. Have plans for ironwood tree. Glock moves that we approve budget for 15-gallon ironwood tree for this site, seconded by Patterson. Motion passed by all in attendance, with Gans abstaining.
- E. Sam Albo appointed as Area 5 rep.

**XII--Adjournment**

- A. Meeting adjourned by Gans, 8:18 pm.