

**WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**WUNA Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2020 6:30-8:00 PM**  
**Trinity Church - Fellowship Hall**  
**400 E University Blvd. (and Hoff Ave.)**

***March 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes***

I. Call to order, Roll Call, Pizza and Welcome

6:37. Judy Sensibar calls the meeting to order and asks the members to state what they are looking forward to this Spring. The overall consensus is that people are looking forward to Spring Break, the Street Fair, a dance performance at DeMeester Pavillion, the Bike Swap, the Book Festival and Springtime in general.

The following members are present: Margret Bly, Brian Cheneka, Lenor Glover, Daniel Kirk, Rick McDonnell, John Patterson, Sabrina Rigas, Judy Sensibar, Willem VanLeeuwen, Henry Werchan, and David Zipps; Mary Koenig is present in lieu of Elizabeth Koleski. Judy informs the members that Jim Glock's surgery went well, he is recuperating, on a strict vegan diet, and can be seen daily walking his 3.3 miles.

II. Approval of meeting Minutes and Treasurer's report.

The December, January, and February minutes are approved as submitted; the treasurer's report is likewise approved as submitted.

III. Announcements and Call to the Audience.

**Crystal Dillahanty** announces that the Mobility Master Plan presentation will be made March 18 at the El Pueblo Center, 101W. Irving Road. Further that Mayor and Council approved the E-Scooter initiative. She states that they were never meant to be a for profit type of transportation, rather to expand accessibility within the City of Tucson. \$300,000 has been earned thus far by the E Scooter program. Some of the revenue generated by the E-Scooters was used to paint parking spots for the E-Scooters. She estimates that this cost around \$14,000.

The 5 year HUD public comment period will begin soon. Any comments can be made on line; the link will be provided.

**John Patterson** announces that the Bike Swap will take place on April 19.

IV. Committee Reports

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**Henry Werchan** thanks Adam **Milnor** for sharing the responsibilities to this committee. Further he states that the Campus Pantry Benefit Dinner earned \$25,000 and that with the matching funds donation, they will help at least 160 students combat food insecurity for a full year.

Henry states that the Festival of Books will take place the weekend of March 13 - 14 and reminds everyone that the Science City and Culinary sections are awesome. **Sabrina Riggs** reiterates this and states that she will be participating.

Spring Fling is set for the weekend of April 3 - 5. Admission prices can be mitigated by bringing four (4) cans of food for the Community Food Bank and/or at least one NEW children's book.

The Mortar Board Society cleaned up around Catalina Park and adjacent alley. At least six (6) bags of trash were collected. Thank you to **Bridget Werchan** for her help.

A “tree czar” position has been created, but not filled. The person will be responsible for ensuring that Tucson’s tree canopy surrounding the WUNA will continue.

There is some talk regarding the ebikes, and pedestrians needing to become more tolerant of each other’s rights.

The historic preservation committee is working hard to identify the cultural assets of the neighborhood and to fight against overdevelopment and gentrification. A Smart phone app will be available after March 25 and interested folks can sign up and converse with others interested in this topic.

Lastly, on March 12 there will be a science speakeasy beginning at 6:30 at Sky Bar on 4th Avenue.

#### Development Committee

**Rick McDonnell** has several items to report on

1. The committee is continuing to update the neighborhood plan which has not been updated since 2011. The link will be added to the webpage for interested persons to access the work completed thus far. The overarching plan is the neighborhood preservation of buildings and tree canopies. Everyone is reminded that it will be an official document and will need the approval of the mayor and council. **Crystal Dillahanty** states she will help to write the plan in accordance with accepted protocols to insure that the document is accepted.

[https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdsd/plans/wunp\\_final.pdf](https://www.tucsonaz.gov/files/pdsd/plans/wunp_final.pdf)

2. The student housing project at Euclid and Speedway by Capstone is on track. The proposal will affect six historic bungalows; five are to be moved out of the neighborhood possibly into non historic areas, and then will no longer have protected status; one will be demolished. There is \$500,000 allocated to cover moving the houses, which is not enough. Again the overlay plan requires a zoning change for this to occur, everyone is encouraged to speak up. Four votes are required to defeat a zoning change. The greatest concern is that moving properties out of the area will be a “crack in the barrier” allowing this to happen more often in future. Please contact the mayor and council to express yourself.

3. TEP will upgrade power lines to the City. The path of the proposed lines will be run south either from Speedway along Campbell or from Speedway along Euclid. Informational meetings are set for March 17 and 18. Please refer to the information flyer sent out by TEP. The Arizona Corporation Commission will have the final say in the routes. The concern is that if the line comes down Euclid more historic properties will be removed. Unsightly “urban blight” is also a concern. Board members are asked to attend one or both of the meetings.

#### Parks Committee

**Judy Sensibar** makes a presentation on behalf of Lisette DeMars. TPD was well represented at the last meeting. These take place on the third Thursday. Neighbors with concerns, complaints, or needing to make an incident report are asked to email [Mickey.Peterson@tucsonaz.gov](mailto:Mickey.Peterson@tucsonaz.gov) ; the phone also works, but emails are monitored more often. Jennifer Hider, a parks officer, is also very aware and a presence in the parks. Judy Sensibar states that the signage for Catalina Park use will be adjusted to read Sunrise until Dark.

- V. *Tucson Clean and Beautiful Catalina Park* Grant is moving along. **Jon Chung Yee Choi** makes a presentation regarding the stormwater harvesting project. WUNA received the grant

for the north and south sides of Catalina Park. There will be 13 trees planted as well as installing check dams to hold soil and allow for the tree planting.

## VI Community Events

*A community paint party* will take place Saturday March 10. The intersection of University Blvd and 6th Street will NOT be closed, but the bollards and refreshed striping have been finished. Please come out and help make this happen.

*4th Avenue Street Fair.* **Noah Sensibar, Damon Turner, and Daniel Kirk** will be managing this event. The board agrees that the proceeds from the tip jar will be split 50/50 between Trinity Food Bank and Roskrug's literacy program. A link to the signup will be available soon.

Plant Swap is set for April 4 in Catalina Park. Most details will be provided at the April 2 board meeting. Brooklyn's Pizza will donate pizza for the event.

## VII Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. Next meeting April 2, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Respectfully submitted  
Margaret Bly  
Recording Secretary.

Addendum: There will be no WUNA Board meetings in April or probably May. All the March and April events we were looking forward to have been canceled due to the Corona Virus.