

WUNA Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015

I—Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

- A. Gans calls the meeting to order at 6:39 pm.
- B. Roll Call for board members. Attending: Gans (President), Mayers (Vice President), Storey (Secretary), Barker (Area 2), Chaffee (Area 3), Jones (Area 8), Williams (Area 9), Morse (At Large), Patterson (At Large), Niethammer (At Large), Tanzillo (At Large)
- C. Guests: Keith Bagwell (Pima Co Sup Elias' Office), Trey Thomas and Clay Mundiger (Beta fraternity), Jeanne Downer (resident), Alison Miller (Ward 6 Council office)

II—Approval of Minutes and Treasurer's Report

- A. *Jones moves to approve March 2015 meeting minutes, seconded by Morse. Passed by all attending with Williams, Mayers, and Gans abstaining.¹*
- B. No Treasurer's Report this month.

III—Announcements

- A. Keith Bagwell says a \$653M Bond package is proposed. His office suggests putting it on the ballot. Next step will be an April 21 meeting. Bond includes funding for open space, affordable housing, parks, neighborhoods, cultural sites, etc. An audience member asks how much is for the Sonoran corridor project? Bagwell: \$20 million, but his boss opposes it (a new roadway from I-19 to I-10). An audience member asks: Why would we attend this meeting? Bagwell says: This proposal is the result of nine years of work. The board needs to put it on the ballot, and at least one person will vote against it. Funding comes from new bonds, as old ones are returned. Doesn't increase costs for housing.
- B. Alison Miller says that Councilmember Kozachik wants opinions on proposed changes to the city's urban agriculture codes that limit small farm animals like chickens and goats. How do we ensure these aren't a nuisance to neighbors while allowing for food security? The current code requires 50 foot set-back from all property lines for animal structures, and few properties are that large. Odor, waste, noise, and insects are already in code.
- C. Alison Miller: Broadway Citizen's Taskforce met last week to evaluate narrower design alignment and is proposing a blended approach, which staff is working on. They put together guidelines and priorities, including saving buildings, narrowing bike lanes and sidewalks. April 21 Meeting on this, info TBD. It does not dedicate transit lane. Mayers: I don't think it is a great compromise. Making this a 6-lane road will make it difficult to cross and tough for pedestrians and bikes. Keith Bagwell: My boss supports narrower Broadway design. Mayers: We need to talk about the wider implications of expanding this road and the citizen taskforce for evidence of process functioning.
- D. Barker: Speed humps installed in our neighborhood seem to be working. Seems to have re-routed party vehicles. Chaffee: Also seems to be slowing traffic on my street.

¹ *All board motions and votes are indicated in these minutes by an italicized font.*

- E. Storey: April is bike month
- F. Neithammer: The 2nd/3rd traffic circle landscaped, working on art plans. Gans: No permits or barricades costs after all, as WUNA did the work. Total planting cost was \$500.

IV—Street fair update

- A. Gans: Thanks to our managers and volunteers. We had a slow location. We'll be on another corner in Dec., hopefully with food vendors nearby. We had \$9,700 in sales and sent \$721 to the food bank from tips. We don't know how much we will get from FAMA.

V—Downtown Links Update

- A. Mayers is on the Citizen council for the Downtown Links (the road being built from Broadway, along RR tracks, through neighborhood, and to I-10). He is going to vote against the design. The project is meant to encourage all modes of transit, but this design puts significant barriers for pedestrians and bicycles at 7th. We'll lose a lot of connectivity to downtown. Does anyone oppose my vote plan on this?
- B. Neithammer asks, can it be modified to be better? Mayers replies that he is on the bike and pedestrian committee and they have been modifying, but cars are the priority.
- C. Gans asks the board if there are any objections to WUNA voting, via Mayers, in opposition to this design? There is no opposition. Go Mayers.

VII- Proposal to convert WUNA files to Digital Archives

- A. Gans notes that our neighborhood information is only on paper. He is interested to digitize everything. Clarifies this includes historical survey and design documents, and that paper copies will be kept. Board is supportive, Gans will bring quotes in May.

VII—Arizona Party Wagon

- A. Gans: WUNA and Councilmember Kozachik and his office met with the party wagon owner today. He was unclear that they are using residential streets; he understands the concern over noise. Gans suggests WUNA gives them history of the neighborhood to tell people about the area. The party bike demographics tends to be folks in later 20s to 50s.
- B. Niethammer: We can do a script if we know route.
- C. Alison Miller: He will implement changes and come to WUNA to see how it works.

VIII—Updates - Proposed “Illegal Pete’s” Restaurant at Main Gate, CCRC, and Misc.

- A. Gans: New restaurant being built – Illegal Pete’s – at Main Gate Square. Original design included a balcony, which is now cut. WUNA opposed it and we asked for a determination from the State Historical Association. This is a small chain from CO, and they pay above minimum wage. They will have an upstairs, inside music space.
- B. Gans: There's also another proposed restaurant at 4th & 4th, on SW corner. Someone wants to open a Thai restaurant with a full bar, but there are no details available yet. She says she will come to our May meeting to discuss her plans. Mayers adds the site is zoned C3, in IID, and in historical preservation zone.

- C. Gans hands out 1991 Design Guidelines for WUNA. He asks if we should we propose to WUHZAB (West University Historic Zone Advisory Board) to update and mail these design guidelines to the neighborhood? We have a historical fund account, and we get \$2,500/year for 15 years for this work (we are a few years in). We can use those funds for this flyer and for digitizing the WUNA archives, etc.
- D. Audience member notes that the mailer is only an abbreviated version. Gans adds that all of it will be online and linked via the city website. An audience member asks when guidelines will be formalized? Gans replies: hopefully April 7. Morse asks: where are these funds? Mayers says that these funds are restricted. Gans asks if there is support to go forward with this? Many on board say yes.
- E. Gans: Portable toilet at Catalina Park not maintained. Also sidewalk on NW corner is being cracked by service, park, and police vehicles accessing the site. Can we put in a gravel strip to have service vehicles use? Maybe we can pay for gravel and city for installation? If board is open to that suggestion, Gans can propose it to Peg Webber from the park dept. Do gravel at 1st St, north, toward portable toilet. Maybe it would cost \$400.
- F. *Niethammer moves that we allocate up to \$500 to buy gravel to make a new road at the park, seconded by Chaffee. Passed by all attending with Mayers and Gans abstaining.*
- G. Gans says the fourth tower near campus is starting construction. It will be 6 stories; 83 feet. We have \$50,000 from mitigation. Let's send it to a designated mitigation account.
- H. *Morse moves to create a designated mitigation account and send funds to it, seconded by Chaffee. Passed by all in attendance, with Gans, Mayers, and Williams abstaining.*
- I. Patterson: Ironhorse Junction housing presented about what makes it an effective property. They offer special rates to students with good GPAs. They only have 230 residents. They don't allow amplified sound, they do background checks, they have security. Also, police changes in advance of NCAA seemed effective – the temporary police watchtowers, intermingling, not using riot gear.
- J. Gans: Patterson and I met with the District managers about traffic going the wrong way, putting cyclists and pedestrians at risk. Residents just run through barriers. Also we spoke about a WUNA resident being threatened by the students living in the house near the District resident when she asked him to turn down the noise.
- K. Chaffee: Did anyone see the buses of riot troops parked in the neighborhood waiting to move into Main Gate Square on Saturday during NCAA match? Mayers: A proposal to council would have allowed police to declare martial law for small gatherings. It was pulled as apparently it didn't go through mayor's agenda committee.
- L. Williams: We had Main Gate DRC committee meeting this week about the Landmark Building that will be the restaurant (Illegal Pete's). Good changes to design.

IX-- Adjournment

- A. Meeting adjourned by Gans at 8:00 pm.