

WUNA Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall

4th Avenue and University Blvd

6:34 p.m.

I Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome

The following board members are present: Lisa Agababian, Margaret Bly, Brian Chaneka, Lisette DeMars, James Glock, Lenor Glover, Sophie Griswald, DeeDee Koenen, Elizabeth Koleski, Jan Labate, Jane McCollum, Rick McDonnell, John Patterson, Jasmine Pierce, Tamara Prime, Sabrina Rigas, Sally Rusk, Judy Sensibar, Rev Mack Sigmon, and Willem Van Leeuwen. The following board members are absent: Richard Fifer, Daniel Kirk, Fred Ronstadt, Henry Werchan and Matt Williams.

There is a quorum.

In the interest of time management the welcome question is dispensed with.

II Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report.

Jim Glock makes brief remarks regarding the success of the Spring street fair beer booth sales and thanks everyone who was able to volunteer over the weekend. Further he states that the Zuckerman street tree planting donation has been spent down to zero. Also, proceeds in the sum of \$774 in tips from the beer booth will be donated to the Roskrue K-8 Dual Language School library. **Margaret Bly** thanks the members for their generosity and is very appreciative. Students at Roskrue will benefit from this donation.

The minutes and treasurer's report are both accepted without need for a motion.

III Announcements and Call to the Audience.

Lisette DeMars makes statements regarding the Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition and invites everyone to look into their many activities either via Facebook: historic fourth avenue coalition; Instagram: historic4thave, or Email: historic4thave@gmail.com. There will be a meeting every month.

Jane McCollum announces Friday Night Live at Main Gate Square
When: Alternating Fridays at 7:30 p.m. from April 12th to August 30th.
Where: Geronimo Plaza at Main Gate Square, between Park Avenue and Euclid Avenue on University Boulevard

Cost: Free, parking validated in Tyndall Garage after 5pm. The complete schedule of musical events follows:

12-Apr Zona Libre Latin Jazz

An eclectic suite of musicians with a flair for hip arrangements of contemporary Latino Urbano music, and popular Americano. A group led by Hiram Perez who began his musical journey at the age of five in Nogales Arizona and Nogales Sonora Mexico where he spent his early childhood playing saxophone. At the age of twelve his parents moved to Tucson Arizona where he continued to study music. Hiram started his professional music career in 1991. While playing in the local music scene he also studied music at The University of Arizona & Pima College.

26-Apr Neamen Lyles Smooth Jazz

Tucson saxophonist Neamen Lyles offers a simple guide: “Nee-Amen” and he replies.”Nee-Amen... with the accent on the A.” On top of his self-described brand awareness efforts, Mr. Lyles untiring quest of a musical career on the national stage is paying increasingly handsome dividends. Regular performances with Prime Example, one of southern Arizona’s best-sounding smooth jazz ensembles, keep him busy one or more evenings per week. In recent months, the group has shared the stage with nationally-known musicians Greg Karrukas, Jeff Lorber and others. And, Neamen has also been privileged to share concert billing with another smooth jazz superstar, saxophonist Dave Koz. Neamen’s career seems always to be starting anew, fueled by his fresh, energetic style of playing and his love of music, his fellow musicians and life itself.

10-May Triple Threat Jazz Vocal Standards

Triple Threat has entertained audiences for almost a decade with their three-part Jazz Vocal harmonies. Triple Threat features the iconic voices of Kathryn Burns, Crystal Stark and Julie Ann who, as soloists, are show stoppers themselves. When their forces are combined they truly are a triple threat of jazz entertainment. Pete Swan is a bandleader, drummer, educator, vocalist and composer. Pete is the leader of Big Band Express and has been an educator in Tucson for over 25 years including the Director of the Pima College Jazz Program for five years.

24-May Reno Del Mar Latin Acoustic Trio

Reno del Mar is a dynamic acoustic instrumental group that performs beautiful, original guitar and violin music in a wide range of styles that include Latin jazz, Americana, western swing, tango, gypsy, flamenco fusion, bebop and blues. The trio is usually violin and two acoustic guitars. Beth Daunis plays the violin, Phil Lipman plays an acoustic steel string, and Mark Wilsey plays an acoustic nylon string, Spanish style guitar.

7-Jun Haboob Traditional Jazz

Haboob, formerly Jazz Telephone, plays original music- music that elicits feelings of ennui and hubris. Sax, organ, bass and drums provide a resonate palette with which to paint a vast and visceral landscape of love and hope.

21-Jun Butch Diggs Smooth Jazz / Saxophone

Smooth Jazz saxophonist/flutist/keyboardist Butch Diggs has worked with Eddie Henderson, Paul Jackson, Jr., Chaka Khan, Joe Henderson, Brian Bromberg, avant garde drummer Atma Anur, and progressive guitarist Craig

Easley. Was an original member of the pop/alternative group Question Men in the 1980s. Current album is Chapter 1 (co-produced by Steve Diggs). On his first solo release, Butch does all of the instruments (saxes, flutes, keyboards, drums, indian flutes, and effects) All songs were written and arranged by Butch Diggs. With his latest release Dry Heat he enlists the help of BDizzy (his son, Brandon) on synthesizer and vocal effects, and co-writing

5-Jul What's The Big Idea Modern Jazz

Formed in 2012, What's The Big Idea; is a Phoenix-based modern Jazz trio consisting of Drummer David Drew, Bassist Josh Kneisel, and Pianist Michael Kleinschmidt. Aside from traditional and contemporary jazz influences, "WTBI" transforms modern rock classics from Tool, Green Day and Pink Floyd into a modern jazz instrumental experience.

19-Jul The Muffulettas New Orleans Jazz

Formed in 2011, their repertoire was entirely composed of music from the funky vocal tradition of New Orleans. Not Dixieland, but rather vocal music, originated by artists such as The Meters, Professor Longhair, King Floyd, Dr. John, Irma Thomas. Music from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Music to make you happy, move your hips, tap your feet, drink, dance, sweat. Plus, not only are they stewards and curators of music for the soul, they also

contribute to the tradition with Muffuletta originals. The Muffulettas. Funky vocal music for the masses.

2-Aug Little House of Funk Funk / Soul / R&B

Little House of Funk is all about keeping the dance floor full. They play a unique blend of fun, funky music best described as Sonoran Soul. Little House of Funk is comprised of band leader Connie Brannock on vocals and sometimes cajon, Marty Perry, Mike Polletta or Manny Brito-guitar, Gary Love-sax, Carl Cherry or Troy Martin-bass and vocals, Richard Katz on keys, Josh "PNut" Moore on drums, Tyrone Williams on piano, sax and vocals, and a host of other funky folks including: Mitzi Cowell, Sabra Faulk and Evan Arredondo. The music they play is funky, deep-fried in the blues and all about groove.

16-Aug Purple Spectre Modern jazz/fusion quintet

Is a Modern Jazz fusion quintet featuring The University of Arizona School of Jazz, Director of Jazz Studies, Dr. Angelo Versace on Rhodes Organ along with electric bass, sax, trumpet, and drums.

30-Aug Rezonators New Orleans Brass Band

Inspired by the Second-Line brass bands of New Orleans and driven by the goal to create random acts of music, The Rezonators Brass Band is here to take music to the streets of Tucson when and wherever possible. Along with drums, you get a double dose of saxophone, trumpet, trombone and tuba! Come experience the sounds of Bourbon Street here in Tucson area from television spots, to nightclubs to city events and festivals. They are also available for private parties and corporate functions.

Lenor Glover is congratulated for her efforts in organizing the Plant Exchange which was a great success **Willem Van Leeuwen** was the "winner" having brought the greatest number of wonderful plants to exchange.

IV Expert of the Month Tucson Police Department

Tucson Police Department Officers Hould and Pope are present to ask the neighbors how we would like them to respond to our needs. They acknowledge that much needs to be done regarding the parks, and alleys, and side streets that have once again become health hazards. The neighbors are asked to tell the police what their priorities are, whether they

are willing to prosecute when arrests are made, and just exactly how much enforcement they are willing to support.

There were many conversations concerning blocking of alleys, east west access and the space behind the Circle K on Speedway and 6th Avenue. The representative from Ward I, Nathalia Untiveros. states that Ward I will not oppose alley closures. Ward I is looking into some Big Picture Solutions to the problems in the neighborhoods. She further states that the Stack House Development is a done deal and will look very much like upright manufactured homes.

Carlos Estrada, owner of the Circle K in question, states that they too will work with law enforcement to ensure that the property and the adjacent areas are presentable for all customers. He further asks that people NOT give cash to the panhandlers.

Further the Circle K has an events board in the form of a television and they offer to help WUNA advertise its many events.

TPD presents a 29 page report of calls made to them in the month of March 2019. Their message is best reduced to NOT CALLING IS NOT HELPING. So please continue to call and make your formal complaints.

They further suggest that a letter of trespass be filed with TPD. This document will give the police permission to come onto private property without needing immediate approval of the homeowner, or resident, and allows police to make arrests more quickly. Judy Sensibar will make a copy of the document available to any who want one.

V Community Events

Brian Chaneka from Pima County Public Library reminds everyone about the Downtown Community Focus Group taking place on Saturday April 13 from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. and Tuesday April 16 at 6:30pm at the Joel Valdez Main Library. Spanish translation services will be available. The purpose of the forum is to get to know the adjacent neighbors and neighborhoods and determine what needs they have and how PCPL can help. **Jan Labate and Lisette DeMars** agree to attend the gathering as the WUNA representatives.

Friends at Ben's Happy Hour is scheduled for April 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 Please register online to help Gentle Ben's set up properly. The University of Arizona Museum of Art will be the presenter.

VI Committee Reports

Campus Community Relations Committee (CCRC)

Henry Werchan is absent. His written report is included below:

Tom Litwicky (CEO of Old Pueblo Community Services) provided an excellent presentation on homelessness in Tucson, what has been found to work, and what Old Pueblo Community Services is doing to combat the problem. Henry has asked for a copy of the slide show presentation which was very detailed and filled with useful metrics and other pertinent information. Jode Barnes followed Tom and provided an overview of the City of Tucson's efforts in this area. The Banner UMC hospital representative stated that 22 April was the "go live" date for the Banner hospital annex. The April 7 Cyclovia event will start at the hospital and the first three floors will be open to the public.

Officer Turner of TPD states that they are still working the DeAnza park issues, which are likely drug related. She said they have also started a Circle K initiative, since there seems to be a trend of issues at Circle K's, including the one near DeAnza park.

Development Committee:

Jane McCollom states that part of the problem needs to be addressed at the legislative level as the current laws favor the builders.

Rick McDonnell and Judy Sensibar met with Councilman Steve Kozachik who is supportive of our request to limit the height of buildings surrounding our neighborhood. The HPZ/IID Height Amendment will be an agenda item on the M&C agenda April 23, 2019.

VII Discussion of Future Meeting Agenda Items

Judy Sensibar asks for suggestions. From whom would the members enjoy hearing? Living Streets Alliance? **Jim Glock** will send out a note asking for suggestions.

Judy Sensibar further suggests that monies be allocated to help defray the cost of watering the 101 newly planted trees during the hottest summer months for this first summer while the trees are getting established. Trees for Tucson has the necessary equipment and have stated they could help water the trees and the plantings in the traffic circles. No motion was made in this regard. **Jim Glock** suggests that the Board has funds which could be used to buy watering hoses to assist with upkeep of the plantings in the traffic mitigation circles.

8:05 There being no further business before the Board, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Bly
Recording Secretary