

West University Neighborhood Association Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 5, 2018 6:33 p.m.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 4th Avenue and University Boulevard

I Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome

The following members are present: Henry Werchan, Richard Fifer, Elizabeth Koleski, Jan Labate, John Patterson, Carolyn Niethammer, Lisette DeMars, Lenor Glover, Jim Glock, Mike Barker, Judy Sensibar, Fred Ronstadt, Margaret Bly, and Michael Moore. It is noted that Jane McCollum has been absent. It is suggested that she be contacted to confirm her desire to continue as a board member.

All present share the name of their favorite non-restaurant business in West University. The list is long and varied, but not surprising as the neighborhood is very diverse. Everything from 4th Avenue Yoga and Antigone Books to Rogue Theater were mentioned.

II Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Jim Glock explains the break down of the beer booth sales and states that check lists, as a way of keeping everything pertaining to the beer booth running smoothly, are a great tool. Discussion ensues. Carolyn Niethammer moves that the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. Jan Labate seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A few minor adjustments regarding definitions and format of the February 1 Meeting Minutes are mentioned. Jim Glock moves that the minutes be approved with the minor adjustments. Henry Werchan seconds the motion. Discussion ensues. The motion passes with one abstention.

III Announcements and Call to the Audience

Jan Labate states that she would like someone to share her responsibilities as the Area One representative. Judy Sensibar agrees to help Ms. Labate approach neighbors to find a co-representative.

Mike Barker states that there have been several drug issues recently requiring a call to 911.

Jim Glock states that the splash pad is now open and asks everyone to be vigilant and to call 911 ANYTIME there is a problem; there may not be an active police response due to limited resources, but the call will be registered.

Lisette DeMars states that there was a car break in at 7th and University. Again, calls to 911 are encouraged.

It is suggested that WUNA@Yahoogroups.com is a good place to post informal reports regarding the neighborhood.

Judy Sensibar is asking that more people propose agenda items in the spirit of making the meetings more inclusive.

Lisette DeMars suggests that the meetings be more aligned with the academic calendar. Carolyn Niethammer moves that the June meeting be moved to May 3. Jim Glock states that a motion is unnecessary as the president has authority to change meeting dates. Nevertheless, **the next meeting will be MAY 3, 2018** in the spirit of Ms. Niethammer's motion.

IV Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Grant Request

Karen Greene, representing Dunbar Spring neighborhood and who is currently President of Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association, presents a formal request for \$350 to help pay for printing of a brochure and map for the neighborhood's 100 + year house outdoor walking tour. She further states that the Historic Commission has granted their request for \$700 to help put the brochure together..

Jim Glock moves that WUNA support Dunbar Spring's request for \$350 so long as WUNA is given credit for the donation in the brochure. Lisette DeMars seconds the motion.

Discussion ensues. The motion passed with one dissention.

V. Pima County Library

Brian Chanecka from Pima County Public Library (PCPL) states that one of the many programs being developed is called a Community Needs Focus Group and invites the membership to investigate joining the Group. Further, he states that a free event, **An Evening with Noam Chomsky, with space for 500 chairs is scheduled for April 13, 2018 from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Jácome Plaza, Joel Valdez Main Library.**

VI. Upcoming Community Events

Claire Bunch, on behalf of her husband Adam Milnor, invites the neighborhood to the next WUNA sponsored event: **a talk with noted historic preservationist Corky Poster, April 19, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at EXO Roasters, 403 N. 6th Avenue.** Members are invited to check on social media sites for more information. The event is being posted as Hey Neighbor Happy Hour!

Laffs Comedy Cafe is hosting a fundraiser on April 15 in support of the Broadmoor Broadway Village Neighborhood. They are seeking to attain Historic Neighborhood status. Jim Glock explains the differences between property tax breaks and becoming a designated historic neighborhood. The process is costly, involved, and arduous. Members are encouraged to attend.

The Plant and Sweet Exchange was a great success, other than 1 person mixed up the date and attended on Saturday. All plants exchanged at Catalina Park were collected by neighbors and are being nurtured.

VII Committee Reports

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Spring Fling runs Friday April 13 - Sunday April 15, 2018. John Patterson presents a copy of the University of Arizona's Strategic Planning Overview dated March 2018. Tucson Police Department's Alarm/Red Tag Unit's website is being updated but can be accessed via TPDAlarms@tucsonAZ.gov and RedTag@tucsonaz.gov .
Development Committee

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Judy Sensibar passed out notes from a meeting with EdR, who is developing the Flycatcher site. The notes were taken by Chris Gans, head of the committee, who could not attend tonight's meeting. Judy states that she's asked 3 new members to become involved with this committee in order for WUNA to remain more informed about

construction in the greater West University and surrounding neighborhoods. Henry Werchen, Lisette DeMars and Barbara Macri have agreed to join.

There is considerable concern regarding how the two properties: The Union at the Flycatcher Site and "Maloney's- Partners on 4th" will be developed regarding retail, parking, housing, usage, impact, etc.

Jim Glock explains that the Infill Incentive Development is already in place for the Union and therefore neighborhoods' ability to influence decisions are limited. There will be a hearing before the Mayor and Council on April 17, 2018 about the Maloney's site where the current owners are asking for a PAD, or a rezoning.

Jim Glock moves that the Development Committee be delegated the authority to represent WUNA and to act on behalf of the Board with respect to this specific hearing, Partners on 4th. Jan Labate and Henry Werchan second the motion. Considerable time having already been given to discussing this agenda item, the matter is put to a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned without a formal motion having been made.

8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Margaret Bly
WUNA Secretary.