



## WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### WUNA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM

Trinity Church - Fellowship Hall (parking off 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Hoff Ave.)

### *Minutes*

#### I Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

The following Board members are present: Margaret Bly, Brian Chaneka, Lisette DeMars, James Glock, Lenor Glover, Daniel Kirk, Kolbe Henley (Vineyard Church), Rick McDonnel, Sabrina Rigas, Jan Labate, Fred Ronstadt, Sally Rusk, Judy Sensibar, Willem Van Leeuwen, and Henry Werchen. There is a quorum.

#### II Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The April minutes are approved as submitted. **Jim Glock** makes statements acknowledging the efforts of **Noah Sensibar** during the street fair. The Treasurer's Report is approved as submitted.

#### III Announcements and Call to the Audience

**Jack Shometa** is stepping down and retiring from the beer booth committee. **Jim Glock** states that there is a 3-ringed binder with helpful hints which can be used by the next beer booth committee person.

**Henry Werchan** makes statements regarding the lack of neighborliness on the part of the Mexicano-American restaurant on the corner of Euclid Street and University Avenue. He states that they have a sound system installed on their patio, facing the street and loudly play music until closing. When approached and asked turn down the volume after 10pm the restaurant manager informed Henry that perhaps he should have thought of the noise factor before deciding to live near a university and its surrounding businesses.

**Colby Henley** from the Rincon Heights neighborhood makes statements regarding the fireworks displays with concussive booms that have caused concern in his neighborhood. Rincon Heights is working with the UofA Athletics Department and states that they are seeking to quiet the noise while continuing to enhance the fan experience.

## IV Community Events

Downtown Neighborhood Focus Groups Summary.

**Brian Cheneka** makes statements. **Sally Rusk and Jan Labate** each attended at least one of the events at Joel Valdez Library. A lot of data was collected, but has not yet been reduced to concrete ideas of how the library can best serve its surrounding neighborhoods.

Future Friends at Ben's Happy Hours

**Lenor Glover** states the event at Gentle Ben's was well attended. Everyone is invited to contact Lenor at [lenorglover@gmail.com](mailto:lenorglover@gmail.com) with suggestions for future programs. Gentle Ben's is willing to continue to support these community events. Trivia Night at Gentle Ben's immediately followed the WUNA event and was most entertaining.

Summer/Fall Event Schedule

An Alley Walk is scheduled May 16, 2019. Please gather at Catalina Park by 7 P.M. for a lovely escorted walk. Did you know that there is a John Dillinger house in the WUN?

The beginnings of a conversation regarding a Progressive Porch Party ensued. Please let a Board member know if you are interested in participating in a TBA event for the Fall.

## V Expert of the Month: Living Streets Alliance

**Evren Somnez and Kylie Walzak** from LSA discuss the many ways our neighborhood can improve pedestrian and bicycle access and safety. At issue tonight is Sixth Avenue beginning at Sixth Street northwards to Speedway. Some ideas include curb extensions, intersection murals, refuge islands, mid block islands, speed tables, planters, oversized stock tanks which can be moved when the Downtown Links Project begins. **Jim Glock** states that there is some urgency to this idea as at present we might have some leverage to ask the City to mitigate our costs and ask them to accept as many traffic mitigation devices as the traffic will bear.

Petitions regarding proposed speed tables at 2nd St and 6th Ave and 5th St and 6th Ave have been approved by TDOT. Neighbors on 6th Ave have volunteered to walk the petitions for the needed signatures. Betsy Besnick, who lives on 6th Ave, spoke about the need for the tables and had posters to demonstrate how she envisions the traffic mitigation to work.

**Jim Glock** moves that \$20,000.00 be made available to support Living Streets Alliance efforts to address traffic concerns along Sixth Avenue. They will be asked to approach Tucson Department of Transportation to take on our interim project at Sixth Avenue and University Boulevard. A portion of the \$20,000.00 will be for Living Streets Alliance's costs and the remainder for implementation of the project. After much discussion, before and after the motion, **Lisette DeMars** seconds the motion and it is unanimously approved.

## VI Committee Reports

CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee

**Henry Werchan** states that the report was discussed during Call to the Audience. University of Arizona graduation is May 10.

#### Development Committee

**Judy Sensibar** states that the Development Committee met on May 1 for over an hour and assures everyone that they are on task. **Rick McDonnel** has agreed to take over from Chris Gans and is the new Development Committee Chair. Diana Alarcon, the director of TDOT, has announced that the City, in an attempt to mitigate traffic and to improve revenue in the several downtown garages, will make street parking more restrictive. There will be a cost on weekends, there are already half hour meter only parking spaces, and the cost of on street metered parking will increase.

#### VII Additional Committees / Goals & Assignments for Summer

These items are tabled

8:09. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. Next meeting: Thursday August 1, 2019.