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West University Neighborhood Association

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June 3, 2010 REGULAR Neighborhood Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday June 3, 2010, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard in Tucson.

IV. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

President Chris Gans calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Teresa Vasquez calls roll.

The following board members are present: Chris Gans, Richard Mayers, Cheri Wiens, Lori Boston, Bridget Werchan, Adrienne Perry, Jenn O'Connor, Carolyn Niethammer/Ford Burkhart, Brian McCarthy, Dave Boston, Patricia/Robert Pitts, Jane McCollum, Jerry Juliani, Dave Croteau, Sandra Morse, John Patterson, Kurt Tallis, Teresa Vasquez, Roger Wiens.

The following **Residents** are in attendance:

Jeff Thomas, Paul Wilzdach, Mindy Bernstein, Sam Sanders, Ricky Williams, A.W. Copeland.

Guests:

Donovan Durband, **City of Tucson, Ward 6**

Keith Bagwell, **Pima County, District 5**

Lori Aldecoa, **Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment**

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

Richard Mayers moves to approve the May meeting minutes. Jenn O'Connor seconds. Minutes are approved as submitted.

Brian McCarthy moves to approve the May Treasurer's Report. Richard Mayers seconds. Report is approved as submitted.

III. Announcements

Kurt: remember to come look at the mosaic mural at Winset Stage on 4th Avenue.

Teresa: neighborhood Ice Cream Social is June 27th from 4-6pm. It is free for all WUNA residents. The flyer will be emailed to the board to distribute.

IV. Call to the Audience

Mindy: do non-profit organizations have the ability to waive fees at credit unions. No.

V. Catalina Park Splash Pad Update – Kevin McElheny

Kevin is unable to attend the meeting. Chris reads a letter from Kevin that explains the plans and status of the park improvements. 95% plans should be submitted by June 11, 2010. WUNA can use current funds designated for tree's around the park.

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When should the group meet with COT Parks & Rec? Soon. Then develop an overall concept for the park, and then focus on the specific tree species.

VI. Area Rep/Member-at-large job descriptions – Chris Gans

Chris states that in January at the Board retreat it was decided to keep all members on the same page/clarify roles and responsibilities. Chris would like to see more people involved, interested, and knowledgeable about all current and future events/issues.

Member-at-large – need to include constituents/special interest groups (4th Ave, Main Gate, schools, etc)
Should support the area reps

Area Reps – seem too burdensome, like answering the questions and going door to door
Could we change the wording so distinctions are evident between the two roles but less demanding and more like suggestions?
Could/should be better liaisons
Generate a form of issues to leave at doors which allows for contact and ability to let people know when meets will be held
Help find “block” reps to assist in outreach, especially for key issues

Way too few meetings required – need to attend more than 4 of 9 meetings.
Find out who new house owners are so we can give them a Welcome Kit.
Print a newsletter 4 times a year for Area Reps to distribute – this is good physical outreach and necessary task due to loss of COT mailing
Increase personal attention to all neighbors

Chris and Jenn O. will revise and bring to the September meeting.

VII. Review of Mike Noonan letter to Board

Chris reads letter aloud. Jenn discusses the general points and changes that Chris, Richard, Teresa, and she recommend.

The Board adds/changes the letter as necessary for all 5 points.

Next step: the planning committee will rewrite draft with changes and clarify each point, then they will email it to the board for review.

Board will have a special meeting during the summer to discuss this issue.

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. **CCRC** – John: UA put out RFP for private student housing developers; need 2500-5000 beds. Proposals are due August 4, 2010. Rincon Heights neighborhood is fighting UA demolition of housing within their expansion boundary. Tyndall Avenue improvements will be constructed next summer.
- b. **Parking** – Richard: ParkWise sent out a flyer. The RPP will increase on Aug 1, 2010. WUNA options are M-F 8-5pm for \$48 or 24/7 for \$72.
- c. **Planning** – Jenn: The charrette was 2 weeks ago – only 9 people from WUNA and 10 others. Good progress/learning was made. Hope to have a few more meetings this summer. Look for days/times.

Keith introduces himself as our new Pima County District 5 representative.

Dave Boston moves to approve the January Annual meeting minutes. Jerry seconds. The minutes are approved as submitted.

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IX. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Teresa Vasquez
Secretary