

Thursday, September 1, 2022-6:30 PM  
West University Neighborhood Association  
September Board Meeting, Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Blvd. and  
Via Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84584666599>

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

At 6:34 p.m., Judy Sensibar called the meeting to order. The following members were present: Betsy Besenik-Larson, Jim Glock, Andy Pongratz, Judy Sensibar, Holly Vaden, Henry Werchan, Lex Wilcox and Dave Zipps. Absent: Lisette DeMars, Jane McCollum, Rick McDonnell, Shannon Riggs, Erec Toso, and Willem Van Leeuwen. Also present: Diana Amado (Ward 6), Judy Dare, Julie Jones, Lt. Belinda Morales, and Samantha Neville (Pima County District 5).

II. Consent Agenda: Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

There being no objections or corrections, both the Treasurer's Report and the August 2022 Minutes were approved in accordance with the provisions of the consent agenda.

III. Announcements and Call to the Audience

Judy Sensibar stated that brush & bulky was scheduled for the week of August 29; she had seen collection in Rincon Heights earlier that week.

Holly Vaden stated that Grace Lutheran Church will be having a pig roast on October 22 and neighbors are invited.

Belinda Morales stated that she does not have current crime figures because TPD is transitioning databases and she is unable to pull current information. Looking at calls, however, she was not seeing much activity in West University. She noted that property crimes generally and larcenies in particular are up everywhere. Jim Glock asked if the cameras in Catalina Park are operating. Belinda stated the cameras are operated by Parks & Recreation and are tools that TPD uses if there's a crime. She was under the impression that the cameras are up and running/recording. Andy Pongratz confirmed the cameras are running per a recent meeting between neighbors who live around the park and the head of Parks & Rec. He also described a recent swatting episode involving a neighbor who lives across from the park.

Betsy Bensenik said she saw a recent email from Steve Kozachik to Sol y Luna demanding responses to problems in the building. Diana Amado stated that management will be providing portable AC units to address AC problems and most major problems have been addressed. She said that Code Enforcement was at the building on September 1 checking doors and the Fire Chief found no violations. In a recent visit, however, she noted that residents let her and Steve in their rooms, where there were issues with temperature, mold, and non-working lights.

#### IV. October 24 National Neighborhood Night Out

Judy Sensibar stated that October 24 is National Neighborhood Night Out and proposed a dog show in Anza Park on October 26 at 5:00 p.m. Jim Glock stated that he knows a comic who he would contact to MC. Belinda Morales stated she is hoping to have about a dozen TPD officers attend. Betsy Besenik stated that she would contact Where's the Foodtruck with a request for a truck and Judy stated we should start advertising the event.

#### V. Pima County District 5 Report: Samantha Neville

Samantha Neville stated that Supervisor Grijalva recently attended the funeral of Deborah Martinez-Garibay. She observed that there is a Board of Supervisors Meeting on September 6 at 9:00 that can be attended in person or viewed on the Pima County Youtube channel; the agenda is largely administrative items. She also noted that the County has pop up and permanent Covid vaccination sites that are listed on the Pima County website (<https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=669257>). Samantha stated that there have been 38 probable confirmed cases of Monkeypox in the County; there is a form on the County website for those who want to express interest in getting vaccinated against monkeypox (<https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=866432>). She also stated there is a Diaper Need Awareness Drive that is taking place from August 27 to October 2.

#### VI. Committee Reports

##### A. Development Committee

Judy Sensibar stated that Capstone was at the most recent WUHZAB meeting in connection with its student housing project on the southeast corner of Speedway and Euclid. Judy stated that Capstone was supposed to present both elements of its proposal (to move existing homes at the intersection to other locations in the neighborhood and to build a high rise in their place), but Capstone only wanted to address the houses. As a result, WUHZAB didn't get enough information to vote and they are currently in a holding pattern. Judy stated there were 20 community participants at the meeting with a half hour of written comments from the neighborhood. Jim Glock stated that he hasn't gotten on WUHZAB yet, but he intends to do so.

##### B. Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition

Judy Sensibar stated that H4AC is working on a grant from the Drachman Institute, which has values in line with the Coalition's. The grant would be used for bathrooms and a shade corridor.

##### C. CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee

Henry Werchan stated the next CCRC meeting has not been scheduled. Henry did note that he has a group in his Capstone class that will be working on a project in which information for historical placards for the neighborhood will be placed in a database which can be accessed via a QR code. Judy Sensibar stated that it might be better to use an app rather than a QR

code. Judy also noted that we previously talked about our favorite houses, which are listed in the May minutes, and that Betsy Besenik suggested we start with the oldest houses.

#### D. Streets Committee

Jim Glock stated that the Streets Committee has not met since the August board meeting, but there has been a lot of email traffic, handicaps ramps are a priority, and he is hoping to get an audience with the City about matching funds. Judy Sensibar stated that she recently heard from Jesse Soto (a City transportation manager), they have a meeting from 10:00 to 12:00 on Tuesday, and she will follow up with him about matching funds. Jim Glock observed that the traffic circle at 5th Avenue and 4th Street is still below the \$30,000 budget and we received \$1000 from H4AC for that project; he then moved that we authorize 2 x 2 Construction, which is co-owned by the President of WUNA, to install landscaping at a price not to exceed \$2000 for labor, which was seconded by Betsy Besenik. Following discussion of the motion, the motion was put to a vote and passed by a vote of five in favor (Besenik, Glock, Vaden, Werchan and Wilcox), one opposed (Pongratz), and two abstentions (Sensibar and Zipps).

#### E. Parks Committee

Henry Wechan stated that the cleans-ups at Anza and Catalina by UA Cares and Eller Makes a Difference will be October 21-22. Henry stated that he will get in touch with the churches for tools and Lex Wilcox stated that he could help with that. Lex didn't think we'd need a roll off, but he will look into that further.

#### VI. Adjournment

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46.