

**WUNA Monthly Meeting
September 5, 2013**

The meeting was held at the Trinity Presbyterian Church.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

President Gans called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm

Board officers attending during roll call: Chris Gans, President; Richard Mayers, Vice-President; Jim Glock, Secretary/Treasurer.

Board members attending: Janet Pitts Labate (Area 1); Jim Chaffee (Area 3); Albert Marsh (Area 4); Judy Sensibar (Area 6); CJ Jones (Area 8); Jane McCollum (Area 10).

At Large: John Patterson; Kurt Tallis; Barb Tanzillo; Matt Williams; Carolyn Niethammer.

Guests: Kassey Rodeheaver (PCPL); Christopher Berglund; Robert Wylie; K. Stratton Andrews (Beta Theta Pi); Evan Allan (Beta Theta Pi); Jill Bielawski; Lisa Asababian.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes (June 6, 2013) and Treasurer's Report

a. Niethammer moved, seconded by Chaffee to approve minutes of June 6, 2013. Motion passed by all attending with Mayers, and Gans abstaining and McCollum not yet in attendance.

b. Glock noted that he just received information needed to prepare a treasurer's report. Current balances are in line with last approved treasurer's report of March 7, 2013. An updated report and proposed 2014 budget will be prepared and sent out in advance of the next board meeting.

III. Announcements – Open

a. Tallis reported that a change in street car operating policy will allow smaller events to continue to happen on 4th Avenue in addition to the street fair.

b. Niethammer noted that the sour orange trees planted in memory of Jerry Juliani and Brian McCarthy in Mission Gardens are doing well.

IV. Call to the Audience

a. Rodeheaver provided an update on PCPL neighborhood liaison status. A liaison will be attending board meetings three times a year.

b. Marsh noted that cabs are waiting for calls for fares within the neighborhood

c. Officer Clark gave an updated on crime issues within the neighborhood.

V. Neighborhood Traffic Safety Plan

a. Gans report on status of safety plan. A map was presented showing existing and proposed traffic mitigation locations for consideration at the next safety meeting (September 12th). Plans will be finalized and approvals secured in anticipation of future funding.

b. Williams noted that Campus Acquisitions has circles at 1st Ave. / 2nd St. and 1st Ave. / 1st St. out to bid. He indicated they may be willing to fund additional measures.

VI. Neighborhood Tree Planting Plan

a. Gans noted that \$2,100 is available for tree planting.

b. A fall/spring neighborhood tree planting was discussed.

c. Sensibar noted that Living Streets Alliance map, presented in June is a good guide for where trees should go.

- d. Using funds to incentivize property owners to plant trees on their own property was offered as a suggestion.
- e. The Tree Planting Committee will meeting to develop options.

VII. Neighborhood Updates and Misc. Includes: Development updates, upcoming meetings, neighborhood cleanup, fraternity work days, elections etc.

- a. Gans led those attending to sing "Happy Birthday" to Williams
- b. Gans reported that the Baptist Church Annex (SE corner of 5th St. and 6th Ave.) is being converted into an office building for a carwash company.
- c. Core Campus was not the successful bidder to the city owner property presently occupied by DIRECT center for independent living. It is unclear whether land sale proceeds will go towards neighborhood improvements.
- d. A meeting was held August 20th to discuss development of the Trinity Presbyterian, Rabinovitz and Maingate Apartment properties. All are "H" zoned. Concern expressed that the Infill Incentive District may trump some of the existing protections.
- e. A Streetcar Maintenance and Storage Facility dedication scheduled for Sept. 6, the next Traffic Safety meeting is scheduled for September 12th.
- f. Beta Theta Pi representatives stated that they would like to participate in neighborhood projects. Members attending appealed to fraternity to be a good neighbor.
- g. West University Historic Zone Advisory Board will need five new members for 2014. They meet the third Thursday of the month.
- h. Niethammer brought up the idea of a home tour. Will need lots of help if we should pursue one.
- i. Gans suggested a combined art/music "Porch Fest."
- j. Niethammer recommended establishing a "premium" for neighborhood members. The preferred provider list as well as discounts from local businesses was offered as ideas.
- k. Gans noted that an election committee will need to be established for the October meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm.