



WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

WUNA Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, September 5, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM

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

Minutes

I Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

The following Board members are present: Lisa Agababian, Margaret Bly, Brian Chaneka, Lisete DeMars, Lenor Glover, Daniel Kirk, Elizabeth Koleski (Vineyard Church), Jan Labate, Rick McDonnell, John Patterson, Sabrina Rigas, Sally Rusk, Judy Sensibar, Mack Sigmon (TrinityPresbyterian), Willem Van Leeuwen, Henry Werchen's absence is excused. There is a quorum.

II Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report

The August minutes are approved as submitted. **Jim Glock** is still in Idaho but reports, via **Judy Sensibar** that there was one expenditure, \$325.00 to the web designer. The treasurer's report is approved as submitted.

III Announcements and Call to the Audience

Amanda Monroy, Special Staff Assistant to Richard Elias, Pima County Board of Supervisors District 5, introduces herself and states that she is the person to contact with concerns about Sonoran Conservation, Pima Animal Control Center (PACC), WasteWater issues, Superior Court, and Pima County Health.

Jan Labate states that she is collecting signatures for the "dirty money" campaign and invites people to sign the petition if interested to do so.

Rev. Mack states that paving of the parking lot between the church and Time Market is scheduled to begin Tuesday, September 10 and that the building is scheduled to open

December, 2019. El Rio Health Center will be occupying as many as two floors. He further states that the build out of the former education building has until April 2020 to begin. **Rick McDonnell and Rev. Mack** will discuss the issue of the PAD more thoroughly and have a better report at the next meeting. At present the zoning has been changed and the property is no longer part of the West University Neighborhood historic zone.

IV Living Streets Alliance 6th Ave Update

Daniel Kirk makes a report about the proposed changes to the intersection of 6th Avenue and University Boulevard and outlines the seven task stages which will be required to complete the project under the supervision and utilizing the expertise of Living Streets Alliance. The design will be similar to that at the intersection of 6th Avenue and 7th Street by the EXO coffee shop. The project launch is scheduled for December 6 - 8, 2019. **Daniel Kirk** makes a motion to approve an amount not to exceed \$22,000 to cover the costs of this worthwhile project, **Lisete DeMars** seconds the motion. Discussion follows. The motion passes unanimously.

V Community Events.

Lenor Glover states that there are plans for:

1. West University Friends at Ben's, the happy hour at Gentle Ben's September 11, 2019 from 5:30 - 7 pm is confirmed. Postcard size flyers are distributed. Johnathan from the Tucson Audubon Society will be the guest speaker sharing information about their Habitat at Home program.
2. There will be alley walk beginning at 6 pm September 18 in Catalina Park, bring a beverage, a flashlight and join your neighbors for an interesting walk. Jim Glock will lead the event.
3. The progressive porch party November 2, beginning at 6 pm in confirmed. Please contact Lenor directly if you are interested in hosting. The idea is to have 3 - 4 near to each other neighbors host so that there is not too much walking, WUNA is fairly large.
4. Yard signs will be designed and distributed by area reps to advertise events.

Lisete DeMars moves that funding for signs and stands be allocated to purchase 15 18 x 24 signs at a cost of \$21 a piece. **Jan Labate** seconds the motion. Discussion ensues. There being no objection the motion is approved.

VI Water Harvesting Grant

Adam Minor makes statements regarding the progress he has made over the summer with regard to the idea of getting water off the streets and into gardens via curb cuts, upstream planting and other methods. Catalina Park, the intersection near Grace Lutheran Church, as well as areas east of Euclid are prime areas for project. It is suggested that two grants be written. When **Barbara Macri** returns from vacation this project will begin again. **Judy Sensibar** states she has been in discussion with Katie Gannon from Tucson Clean & Beautiful who has suggested the 2 separate grants. Part of the application is to get a letter of support from the Ward 6 office. **Matt Williams, Adam and Judy** will meet with Steve K and Crystal D at Ward 6 Tuesday at 4:30.

Committee Reports

Park Committee

Lisete DeMars makes statements regarding the trouble at the parks, both Catalina and DeAnza. Everyone on the committee has agreed to bring a friend to advocate for the people in the parks as well as for policy regarding the parks. The next meeting will be September 26, 2019 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Royal Room. Please spread the word and invite everyone who is interested in the topic of how to continue to be better neighbors. Recently there was a similar meeting at the Valdez Library which included the neighbors of Jacome Plaza Park and a code of conduct was agreed upon.

CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee

Henry Werchan present by proxy states he still needs an alternate. **Daniel Kirk** will be able to cover when Henry can't attend. The next meeting is Tuesday September 10, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Student Union.

The Livable Communities Forum is scheduled for September 29, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Seven neighbors will attend: Lisete DeMars, Rick McDonnell, Chris Gans, Sally Rusk, Judy Sensibar, Henry Werchan, and Danny Kirk. If you would like to attend, please email Henry.

Another issue to be on the lookout for is the new electric scooters. They are banned on campus, but not in the city. The UofA is working with the rental vendors to geo-fence the scooters in such that they will stop working once they hit the campus perimeter. One

concern is that we might expect to see scooters dumped in the neighborhood at the campus perimeter.

Development Committee

Rick McDonnel states that the inventory of historic properties being prepared by Logan Simpson has been completed. The parts that were missing from the inventory were parts of 4th Avenue, the report should be available in the next ten (10) days. The issue was to insure that the properties on the perimeter of our neighborhood also be included in the historic preservation zone so as to best protect the homes inside the perimeter.

The West University Historic Preservation committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Neighbors are encouraged to email Capt. Chris Denison Christopher.Dennison@tucsonaz.gov of Tucson Police Department regarding speeders in the area of 5th Street and the building named The District. TPD has agreed to send motorcycle patrolmen to help in that area but more neighbors emailing will help get the enforcement to be a priority.

VIII

Judy Sensibar moves that the Board provide a light dinner to the members on meeting nights. **Jan Labate** seconds the motion. Discussion ensues. There being no objection, the motion is granted.

7:59 pm.. There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned. Next meeting: Thursday October 3, 2019.