



West University Neighborhood Association
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06 September 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met Thursday, 06 September 2007, at the Postal History Foundation, 920 N. First Avenue in Tucson.

President, Lori Boston, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Secretary, Joe Wasiak, called roll. The following board members were present: Lori Boston, Cheri Wiens, Joe Wasiak, Bridget Werchen, Brian McCarthy, Adrienne Perry, Carolyn Niethammer, Noah Sensibar, Dave Boston, Chris Nichols, Patricia Pinzon-Pitts, Michael Morse, John Patterson, and Matt Williams. The following were also in attendance: Varga Garland, Therese Perrault, Roger Carrillo, Laurel Irwin, Alene Fletcher, Kurt Minno, Scott Kaser, Paul Fisher, and Diane Kjos.

MOTION: Accept the WUNA June 2007 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the WUNA June 2007, July 2007, and August 2007 Treasurer's Reports.
Motion passed unanimously.

During review of Treasurer's Reports I was mentioned that WUNA should consider dropping voice mail services.

Lori Boston made the following announcements:

- Congratulations to Gal and Jim Witmer on the arrival of their son, Benjamin Chance Witmer. WUNA sent flowers and several members are providing the family a night off from cooking this month.
- Pima Association of Governments is sponsoring an Alternative Energy Expo at the TCC Friday, September 14, from 3-7 PM and Saturday, September 15, from 10 AM – 6 PM.
- TEP has provided 1000 Trees for Tucson to be planted on October 27 (Make A Difference Day). Anyone interested in getting a WUNA group together to help plant trees should contact Lori Boston.
- The WUNA Home Tour is October 14 from NOON – 5 PM. Ticket takers and home sitters are still needed.
- A West University Neighborhood meeting at the Postal History Foundation, 6:30 PM, September 20, for a city presentation on the Historic Overlay Zone Pilot Program, followed by general discussion.
- A design charrette (a final, intensive effort to finish a project, esp. an architectural design project, before a deadline) will be scheduled at the end of October to flesh out ideas for our Neighborhood Area Plan revision.

Brian McCarthy spoke during the Call to the Audience. Brian complimented WUNA member Marlena Hanlon on her recent *Daily Citizen* letters to the editor and suggested everyone take a moment to read them.

Scott Kaser and Kurt Minno from Phi Kappa Psi (PKP) fraternity addressed the board with a proposal to have their new residence at 1011 N. Tyndall recognized by the University of Arizona. They came seeking a letter of support from WUNA. PKP owns the property at 545 E.

University - purchased in 2003, outgrown, and now vacant. PKP intends to sell the property at 545 E. University to fund purchase/building of on-campus fraternity housing. PKP is currently renting and occupying the property at 1011 N. Tyndall (approximately 45 fraternity members live there). PKP's intention is to grow their membership, currently at about 60 brothers and 25 pledges, to over 100 members in order to obtain an on-campus housing site. PKP's lease is for two years and they claim to be on the waiting list for an on-campus housing site. UofA recognition of PKP's 1011 N. Tyndall residence would allow PKP to conduct sanctioned fraternity activities at the site, principally rushing new members and holding social events (i.e., parties). The social events are limited to three per year, under strict UofA guidelines.

Several people had comments about the PKP proposal:

It is a long-standing policy of WUNA to oppose fraternity and sorority activity in the neighborhood.

Policies can be changed.

The impact of a fraternity upon the neighborhood is different at 1011 N. Tyndall than at 545 E. University.

A current assessment of PKP residents at 1011 N. Tyndall: Parking - OK, Traffic - OK, Garbage/Trash - a significant problem (dumpster overflowing and refuse all around).

With UofA recognition, PKP falls under stricter oversight rules for their activities. Without UofA recognition, only City of Tucson rules apply to PKP activity (these are tougher to enforce).

Fraternities continue to come into our neighborhood. With recognition, at least we have a path through UofA to attempt issue resolution.

<p>MOTION: WUNA provide a letter of support to PKP in their effort to obtain UofA recognition of their property at 1011 N. Tyndall. Motion passed.</p>

Lori Boston gave a quick summary of Neighborhood Preservation Zone activities. The West University Neighborhood is being offered an opportunity to 'opt-in' for the pilot program. A separate meeting on the topic is scheduled for September 20 and a board vote will take place at the October WUNA Board Meeting.

The WUNA Home Tour is scheduled Sunday, October 14, from 12 - 5 PM. Tickets are \$15, \$12 in advance. The trolley is 25 cents during the tour. The merits of running an ad in the *Arizona Daily Star* were discussed.

<p>MOTION: Appropriate \$767 for newspaper advertising of the WUNA Home Tour. Motion passed unanimously.</p>

John Patterson reported his attendance at the August 14th CCRC meeting. Highlights of the meeting were presentations on the UA Capital Improvement Plan and Arizona Science Center. Of concern to WUNA is UA construction of additional residents halls at 6th Street/Euclid and 6th Street/Highland. John expressed his displeasure at needing to report to CCRC that WUNA has recognized PKP's residence in our neighborhood, after all his years of advocating against frats in the neighborhood.

Lori Boston reported the new UA dorm to be located near 6th Street and Euclid is a 600 student, freshman dorm. WUNA is involved in the CPAC process related to this new construction. Their next meeting is October 13.

Chris Nichols reported on Tucson High Magnet School activities. The summit meetings on neighborhood impact issues have been well attended by City officials, TUSD officials, and neighborhood representatives. The new THMS Assistant Principal, Chris Bonds, has been

responsive to the needs of the neighborhoods, especially discipline follow-up. Chris stated things are getting better, but problems are not all solved. Morning activities are much improved, but afternoons near the corner of 5th Street and Second Avenue and on the Vineyard Christian Church property continue to be an issue. The temporary traffic diverters are in place. Another board member quoted a letter from Jim Glock explaining that the temporary diverters will be revisited in 6 months and will require 60% approval to be made permanent.

Chris went on to report neighbors near the North bar establishment (Fourth Avenue & 5th Street) complained to him as their Area Rep about after-bar activities. There have been several fights and massive amounts of litter generated recently.

Lori Boston brought a letter before the board for WUNA's support of Feldman Neighborhood's traffic diverter proposal near the intersection of Speedway and Second Avenue.

<p>MOTION: WUNA should sign the letter requesting traffic diversion at the intersection of Speedway and Second Avenue. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Wasiak
Secretary