

# **WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

## **WUNA Board of Directors Meeting**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020, 6:00-7:30 PM**

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MINUTES 6:05 p.m.

### **1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome,**

The following board members are present Margaret Bly, Brian Cheneka, Lisete DeMars, Jim Glock, Lenor Glover, Daniel Kirk, Elizabeth Koleski, Jane McCollum, Rick McDonnell, Judy Sensibar, Willem VanLeeuwen, David Zipps, and Jan Labate. Also present are Diana Amado from Ward 6, Jamie from FAMA. Guests include representatives from Food Not Bombs, Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition and Tucson Transportation & Mobility. (If other members of the board were present, please advise. Technical difficulties made roll call via Zoom challenging.)

### **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report,**

The August minutes were not transcribed but were recorded and can be made part of the record. They are posted on our website. After a brief report by Jim Glock, the Treasurer's report is accepted in accordance with the consent agenda provisions.

### **3. Announcements and Call to the Audience**

Judy Sensibar states that she spoke with Katie Gannon from Trees for Tucson who informed her that because of WUNA's tree planting last year, where we paid 1:1 for every tree in WU so another tree could be planted in a neighborhood that couldn't afford street trees, Trees for Tucson is able to sponsor a Oct 17 street tree planting in Barrio Centro.

Julie Katsel representing the University states that they have instituted new procedures to manage students who might be in violation of the social distancing recommendations including better red tag enforcement and city code citations. Specifically, gatherings of more than a total of five (5) people is a violation.

Neighbors are encouraged to call the hot line - which goes directly to Julie's cell phone - to report any concerns: **520-282-3649**.

#### **4. Food not Bombs Presentation,**

Se Costich Collier from Food Not Bombs (FNB) makes a statement regarding the organization and their efforts to provide wholesome, nutritious, and delicious meals for anyone needing them. The organization is currently working out of the Tall Boys kitchen on 4th Ave, but will soon need a new location as Tall Boys is in the process of re-opening to the public. In addition, FNB distributes groceries on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The majority of the items used to prepare meals and to distribute are gleaned and would otherwise be destined for the landfills. Food Not Bombs' philosophy is to promote community connections. They are aware of the trash issues that have been noticed in DeAnza park and are committed to walking the park after the meals are served to collect trash and return it to the trash bins at Tall Boys. Please refer to [tucsonfoodshare.org](http://tucsonfoodshare.org) for additional information.

Lenor Glover states that she has participated with FNB at Tall Boys and encourages everyone to do so also; it is very satisfying.

#### **5. University Bike Blvd Update and Discussion,**

Ryan Fagan, the project manager for the bike boulevard project, makes statements and discusses the pros and cons of the options being considered. Jenn Toothaker, Donovan Durband, Kevin (traffic engineer) and Andy Bemis are also present and add their comments to the presentation.

A. University Ave. between Stone and Herbert:

Option 1 Protected Bike Lanes or Option 2 Buffered Bikes Lanes.

B. University Ave between Herbert and 4th Avenue:

Option 1 Parking + Bike Lanes or Option 2: Left turn lane + Bike Lanes.

The public is invited to take the survey by September 27, 2020, at <https://bit.ly/wunabikesurvey>. The City hopes to begin construction in Fall\Winter 2020. Ryan can be reached at 520 419 2245 or [ryan.fagan@tusconorg.gov](mailto:ryan.fagan@tusconorg.gov) The public is further invited to submit letters to the City detailing other suggestions.

#### **6. Community Events**

WUNA Walk, Sept 12 Walk for Hunger Donation. Elizabeth Koleski and four WUNA neighbours participated in the virtual walk. Elizabeth moves that WUNA

make a cash donation to the Community Food Bank. Lenor Glover seconds the motion. After a brief discussion the sum of \$1,000 is agreed upon and the motion passes unanimously. Mr Glock will issue a check for that amount to the Community Food Bank. Jamie from FAMA wrote in the chat that she would like to post something about the donation on social media.

Plant Swap, Oct 4, from 9 - 11 am There will be lots of plants, come even if you just want to look around. Please wear a mask.

Catalina Park Water Harvesting Grant workday is set for Sunday, October 25, beginning at 9 a.m. Please come and volunteer. Tucson Clean and Beautiful will be on site with tools, but please bring your own, including gloves.

University Blvd/6<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Maintenance  
Danny Kirk states that FAMA is watering the planters at 6th Ave and University. Danny moves that \$50 per month be allocated to reimburse FAMA for this effort. Willem Van Leeuwen seconds the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passes without objection.

## **7. Committee Reports:**

### **Parks Committee**

Lisete DeMars states that there has not been any activity to report.

**CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee** Henry Werchen is absent and there is no report.

### **Development Committee**

Rick McDonnell makes a lengthy report after having attended a nine (9) hour Mayor and Council study session and meeting on Tuesday, September 22 and a Development Committee meeting Wednesday, September 23. He states that there was a discussion regarding the awarding of development incentives (GPLETs) to businesses and the idea of revisiting the parameters of how the incentives are awarded.

WUNA will send a letter to the Mayor and Council lending support to the idea of open dialogue to see if we can revisit how awards are issued. The city manager has been asked to hold these public discussions and report back to M&C Dec 8. Other neighbourhoods and advocacy groups seem to be more committed to asking that the incentives be discontinued altogether. Diana Amado explains in more detail why Councilman Steve Kozachik voted as he did.

Jim Glock states that he hopes that modifications to the GPLETS will make it easier for existing families to remain in their neighbourhoods which will help with diversity and with all the benefits that come when there is multigenerational and multicultural living.

Rick further states that Ward 6 will hold a virtual meeting on Sept 28 at 6:00 pm. *by invitation only* to try to sort out the TEP Power Pole route amongst the neighborhoods. WUNA, Feldmans, Iron Horse and Pie Allen wrote a letter to M&C advocating that Campbell, not Euclid, makes more sense for the north-south route. He and Dave Zipps, our CWG reps, will attend the meeting and report back in October. Rick thanks everyone who answered the TEP survey and reminds us that yet another mailer should be arriving soon to announce another public meeting on the pole route Oct 6.

### **8. Future Meetings Discussion.**

Everyone agrees that it still will be too hot on October 8 to contemplate an outdoor meeting at the Vineyard Church, which Elizabeth Kowleski graciously offered to host. However, as 2nd Thursdays seem to be best for everyone, the remaining three 2020 WUNA Board meetings will be October 8, November 12, and December 10. The October 8 meeting will be via Zoom, a venue for the other two will be decided at the October meeting.

### **9. Adjournment**

7:35 p.m. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Margaret Bly, Secretary

