



West University Neighborhood Association
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October 1, 2009 REGULAR Board Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday October 1, 2009, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard in Tucson.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

Vice President Gal Witmer calls the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Secretary Margaret Bly calls roll.

The following board members are present: Lori Boston, Gal Witmer, Margaret Bly, Cheri Wiens, Carolyn Niethammer, Judy Sensibar, Noah Sensibar, Dave Boston, Richard Mayers, Patricia Pinzon Pitts, Teresa (Bommarito) Vasquez, Roy Chamberlain, Dave Croteau, Chris Gans, Sandra Morse, and John Patterson,

The following persons are in attendance:

Ford Burkhart, Roger Wiens, Jill Bielawski **Residents.**

Jim Glock, **Tucson Department of Transportation**

Kevin J. McElheny, **CDT Parks**

Lori Aldecoa **Pima County Neighborhood Reinvestment**

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report.

The September minutes and Treasurer’s Report are approved as submitted upon motion by Dave Croteau and second by Patricia Pinzon Pitts, Chris Gans abstaining. After discussion and motion the Board unanimously agrees to rollover the certificate of deposit.

III. Announcements:

Lori Boston reminds the Board about the Neighborfest to take place on October 25 from 1 to 4:30 p.m.

IV. Call to the Audience

Cheri Wiens asks if any other neighbors have been bothered by the presence of “The Party Bus” parked in front of Pancho Villa.

Chris Gans states that transients are once again using the former Education Building of the church located at 5th Street and 6th Avenue and their occupancy is becoming problematic. The Board is encouraged to call the City and TPD to encourage them to step up patrols of the area.

V. Catalina Park Splash Pad

Kevin McElheny and Lori Aldecoa present the preliminary sketches for the new splash pad and other amenities to be added to Catalina Park. The complete elements for the addition will be presented at the November 2009 meeting. Mr. McElheny and Ms. Aldecoa reassure the Board that the monies have been allocated and are available. He further states that parking continues to be an issue; he will talk to ParkWise and let the Board know how many spaces they require.

Dave Croteau on behalf of the Board states his appreciation to Judy Sensibar for her continued efforts in getting this project moving forward.

Lori Aldecoa makes statement regarding her efforts to make this project possible and asks that residents come to a public meetings and tell them how much we appreciate her efforts as this will reconfirm the Mayor and Councils support of Neighborhood Reinvestment projects.

VI. City of Tucson Department of Transportation.



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Mr. Glock states that the two-way conversion of 6th Avenue continues to be viable and requests that letters be written to Lynn Skelton of the Regional Transportation Authority as well as Ward VI, Nina Trasoff. Further that the November agenda will include an item to lower the speed limit on 6th Avenue.

Judy and Noah Sensibar move to write a letter in sport of lowering the speed limit. The motion carries with two nays.

Mr. Glock further states the Modern Trolley line segment 3 (4th Avenue to Main Gate) is slated to begin immediately after the 2011 Spring 4th Avenue Street Fair. Further that on 11\11\2011 a pilot modern streetcar will travel all four segments of the track.

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VII. **Historic Signage projects.** Mr. Sexton not being present the issue is tabled.

VI. **2010 WUNA Board Nominating Committee**

Lori Boston states that a committee of at least two people need to be set up to be the nominating committee for the 2010 WUNA Board as there will be at least two vacancies for the coming year. Patricia Pinzon-Pitts and Dave Croteau state they will be happy to head up that committee. Lori Boston and Gal Witmer will not be seeking re-election.

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IX. **Standing Committees.**

A. **CCRC.** John Patterson reports the findings of the Red Tag Pilot Program.

2006-2007 165 tags were issues, 80 to students

2007-2008 382 tags were issued, 159 to students

2008 –2009 222 tags were issues, 85 to students.

The Dean of Students' Office is attempting to connect with students and Big Parties in an attempt to help them with crowd control, stating that they will be issuing warnings as well as verbal reprimands. Mr. Patterson notes that in several cases, the Party Hosts are the ones who phone and ask for police backup for out of control parties.

The University continues to use its Car Share programs with 11 cars in the Tyndall Garage, and states that the program is available to anyone wishing to participate. There is also a bike share program operating out of all parking garages. The Olive Street tunnel is now open to bicycle traffic.

The Purchasing Warehouse is being relocated.

Capital Improvement Plan has monies set aside for a 1.1-mile segment of the Modern Streetcar line.

The next CCRC meeting will be held October 13, 2009. In the Student Union Building.

B. Planning Sub Committee.

Richard Mayers states the land and hole where the former Y \ Muse building stood is in escrow and a multiple use building is being proposed. Members interested in the architecture of the building are advised to keep a look out for additional information.

C. **Parking Committee.** Richard Mayers agrees to be the temporary chair of this committee.

D. **Downtown Neighborhoods and Residence Council.** Richard Mayers states that Barrio Kroeger Lane has joined the DNARC. He further states that there have been several changes in the Administration of the DNARC.

8:10 p.m. Upon motion by Margaret Bly and second by Sandra Morse and there being no further matters to discuss, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Bly

Secretary