



**West University Neighborhood Association**  
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**02 October 2008 Board Meeting Minutes**

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday, 02 October 2008, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard in Tucson.

President, Lori Boston, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The following board members were present: Lori Boston, Gal Witmer, Cheri Wiens, Brian McCarthy, Dave Knudsen, Adrienne Parry, Jenn O'Connor, Chris Nichols, Mary Nichols, Jane McCollum, Teresa Bommarito, Dave Croteau, Chris Gans, John Patterson, and Matt Williams.

**MOTION:** Pending submittal, hold off on approval of September minutes until November meeting.  
Motion passed unanimously.

**Announcements:**

- Retreat for board members to be scheduled for November 8, 2008, Saturday morning for 3-4 hours.
- Tree planting in April, with grant for trees from "Trees for Tucson". Neighborhood is encouraged to consider forming a committee to organize and possibly coincide with a neighborhood clean-up the same day.
- Workshop for tree pruning to be scheduled. John Patterson offers to organize, and adds that people may also be interested in a coinciding seminar on raising chickens.
- Lori is working with Matt Tauten from HDR on "charrette" focusing on modern streetcar.
- Concert Friday, October 10, 2008 in courtyard at Trinity.
- Volunteer Food Bank potluck scheduled for breakfast Saturday at 9 a.m. (date?)>
- Move of item #8 in agenda from discussion of bus stop, to be replaced by discussion of board member attendance.
- Jeff di Gregorio of Iron Horse neighborhood announces a joint event of WUNA, FAMA, Iron Horse, Downtown Alliance (??) of a chili and pie cookoff to benefit the Badger Watch Foundation, event at Tucson High School in the courtyard on October 26, 2008. The event is free but a \$5.00 donation is suggested. Go online at Badger Watch to register for chili or pie contest.

Jenn O'Connor: Update on Tyndall/1<sup>st</sup> St proposed 12-story development (refer to prepared handout).

A meeting is scheduled with Nina Trasoff and staff to discuss further.

A rezoning will be required for the project to proceed, and it is pointed out that WUNA can protest at any point in the process. Discussion ensued regarding writing a formal letter of protest, but it was decided by the group without a vote to postpone such a letter in order to continue discussion with the developers and the city.

Jane McCollum stated that all parties should be at the table throughout the upcoming discussions, and that it would be wise to stay in the process. She also related that she had researched stackable parking, as suggested by Gal Witmer, and that the initial cost is approximately the same, but that maintenance costs are significantly higher than standard parking. She pointed out that a higher density useage of this area is a requirement for federal funding of the streetcar.

Brian McCarthy and John Patterson both state their preference for a formal opposition to the proposed 12-story development, reiterating that it is not appropriate or compatible with single, story, single family homes right next door.

Jenn O'Connor wrapped up the conversation stating that the next step is to meet with Nina Trasoff and then meet withing the neighborhood planning committee and then with the developers.

Presentation from Corky Poster on Downtown Links project (see website for details).

WUNA discussed their relationship with Trinity Church. A few of the board members from Trinity attended. Overall they are very excited about working with WUNA. It was identified that WUNA is renting space from the Church. We do hold joint events, but neither is an attempt to gain members to either organization. It was identified that our one common goal is to do "good work" for the area although one organization is religious based and the other is not. Mary Nichols raised the issue of WUNA getting the word out of what the relationship is exactly with Trinity. Jill Bielawski suggested an article in the newsletter. Mary said she would work on some thoughts. Lori will possibly provide the information in her president's address in an upcoming newsletter. A suggestion was made that the history of the church in the area be included in the article. T. Perrault made a suggestion that WUNA have one meeting a year somewhere other than the church complex.

WUNA discussed that a few board members will have missed three consecutive meetings at this meeting and per the bylaws will be off the board. It was late in the meeting and we were behind schedule. There were a lot of issues to discuss before a decision could made. One point raised is if the special meetings over the summer counted toward required attendance.

<p><b>MOTION:</b> Discuss board member absences at the November board meeting. Properly amended to include notification of affected board members in case they are unaware. Motion passed.</p>
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John Patterson reported on University issues. There were 382 red tags issued this year citywide. 159 were students; the University has scheduled a meeting about the 6th St. dorms 10/6/08 at 4:30 pm at the University Services Bldg. at 888 N. Euclid Rm. 407. This is not a CPAC meeting. The other affected neighborhoods have been invited; the UA Farmer's market has moved to Main Gate Square; a recent UA event on Main Gate square was very loud. Jane McCollum noted she agreed and did ask them to turn down the music but she was ignored. She was glad the police were called to bring the event to some order.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adrienne Parry and Gal Witmer