

WUNA Meeting minutes

October 4, 2018

Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall

4th Avenue and University Blvd

6:35 PM

I Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome

Following board members and former board members are present: Judy Sensibar, Lenor Glover, James Glock, Margaret Bly, Henry Werchan, Lisette DeMars, Chris Gans, John Patterson, Fred Ronstadt, Sally Rusk, Willem Van Leeuwen, Elizabeth Coleski, Carolyn Niethammer, Richard Fifer, Matt Williams, Henry Werchan, Dan Wilhelm, and C. J. Jones. Not present: Michael Barker, Jan Labate and Jane McCullum.

II Approval of August 2018 meeting minutes and Treasurer's report

Henry Werchan moves that the minutes and treasurer's report be approved as submitted, with the correction: Henry Werchan was present. Dan Wilhelm seconds the motion. The motions pass unopposed.

III Announcements and Call to the Audience

Jennifer Dent and Dan South from the Pima County Attorney's Office, representing the Community Protection Bureau make statements regarding the new more proactive changes that are being implemented by the Pima County Attorney. Their statements and presence are, in part, in response to the misdemeanor activities that take place in De Anza Park.

Henry Werchan, on behalf of the Trinity Presbyterian Church, announces that there will be a Red Cross Blood Drive on Sunday, October 28, 2018 between 9am and 2pm. The bloodmobile will be set up at the church parking lot.

Further, the construction in the church's parking lot between Time Market and the church is scheduled to begin in early December, 2018. The ground floor has been leased to TMC\El Rio Neighborhood Center and will be a full-service health clinic.

Adam Milner makes statements regarding the successes of the *Hey Neighbor* activities taking place at EXO. Future plans include a bicycle and walking event in November and a musical event in December. The hope is that all events will take place on Wednesdays. They also hope to give at least three weeks' notice before any event.

Matt Williams makes statements regarding the Main Gate meeting regarding the building which is now approved in the open space between the Marriott Hotel and the Marshall Foundation building immediately south of the Arizona Historical Society building. It is now approved as a hotel WITH a residential component: apartments. This will be up to a 15-story building with separate rooftop swimming pools for hotel guests and another for residents. There will be a restaurant and bar on the 15th floor. There will be mixed parking for the hotel and the residents in two different underground levels. Public space, which will be also provided, shall have valet parking. Further questions can be directed to the Marshall Foundation.

Judy Sensibar announces that Henry Werchan has agreed to replace John Patterson as the Campus Community Relations Committee representative. John is thanked and acknowledged for his twenty years of service in this capacity.

IV Trees for Tucson

Tom Ellis, Tucson Clean and Beautiful (TC&B) makes statements regarding a tree planting proposition. He states that the goal of shade for Tucson is 20%, currently Tucson is at 8%. They propose planting 80 trees in our neighborhood at a cost of \$30.00 per tree. A portion of that fee will be used to purchase trees for other neighborhoods less able to afford them, but equally in need. TC&B will provide door hangers and other types of advertising as well as recommendations for trees best suited to our area. They will manage the Blue Stake and permitting process with the City of Tucson. TC&B will need a cadre of neighbors to help with the canvassing as well as the actual planting. TC&B are able to discuss the curb cuts to allow for better rain run-off watering of the plantings. Curb cuts cost around \$250 each and require different permits. TC&B further ask that interested property owners commit to watering the tree (s) and to an inspection after a year of tree growth.

Lisette DeMars moves that up to \$3000 be allocated to Tucson Clean and Beautiful to pay for the 80 trees. Richard Fifer seconds the motion. There being no further discussion the motion passes unanimously.

V Living Streets Alliance

Judy Sensibar briefs the Board on the proposal, in the absence of Kylie Walzak, regarding their request for some funding for their 6th St and 7th Ave installation scheduled for October 20, 2018 WUNA has missed the window to be able to participate in the advertising for this event.

Lisette DeMars moves to support the project up to \$1000. Henry Werchan seconds the motion. Discussion ensues. The motion is amended to include a request that Living Streets Alliance share what they learn with the project and make recommendations for other cross streets in West University where the installations could be beneficial. There being no further discussion, the motion passes as amended.

VI Recycling:

Cristina Polsgrove from the Brush and Bulky, Tucson Waste Management makes statements regarding the new information roll-out. Door hangers will no longer be the announcement medium; rather, people will need to use their Smartphones or the Internet in order to know when the pickups are scheduled.

There is an additional program named Brush and Bulky Plus wherein they will provide an extra sweep of neighborhoods to help keep them tidy. They will use the services of Department of Corrections inmates to complete the bulk of the labor.

WUNA is in Area 26; area maps are being re-drawn so that neighborhoods are no longer split into two separate pick-up days. The program will include fixing potholes, graffiti abatement and special pickups during move in and move out sessions at the University of Arizona. The program is proactive. She also reminds us that roll-offs are always available upon request at no additional charge.

Ms. Polsgrove speaks to the recycling program and the news articles which have been featured in the daily newspaper. Beginning January 2019 China will no longer accept USA recyclables. There are still a few strong US recyclers. Plastic jugs # 1 & 2, cardboard, some paper, and metal cans will continue to be recycled. Please empty and quick rinse all recyclables. Do not squash drinking bottles, the machinery cannot distinguish a flattened bottle from paper and the process is slowed down. Graffiti abatement still uses the same phone number call 792-CITY (2489).

VII Committee Reports

CCRC there is no report

Development Committee

Chris Gans states that the appeal period to challenge the ruling regarding The Union expires on October 12, 2018.

He reiterates that El Rio Health Center in conjunction with Tucson Medical Center will be the tenant when the development replacing the Trinity Presbyterian Church Education building is complete. He has no information about tenants on the second or third floors, but we know the higher floors will be one- and two-bedroom apartments.

Thirty two of the 50 apartments in the 7th Avenue Commons are rented. The retaining wall is to be finished in November. The address signage will also be completed before the end of the year.

Community Benefit Agreement

Judy Sensibar states that with the help of an attorney, the Historic Fourth Avenue Coalition (HFAC) has negotiated a Community Benefit Agreement with The Union. The Agreement will help preserve our historic neighborhood.

Sally Rusk moves to pay \$250.00 to help pay defray attorney's fees. Lisette DeMars seconds the motion. The motion passes without discussion and the abstention by Judy Sensibar.

Matt Williams discusses the progress of the plantings on the first Hub. The "wall of greenery" that was part of the development's plan is still incomplete due to many factors, including western exposure and a very hot summer here in Tucson.

VIII Community Events

Lenor Glover states there will be a community yard sale at Catalina Park on November 17 from 10 - 2. Neighborhood children are invited to bring their baked goods and lemonade stands to learn entrepreneurship. Proceeds will belong to the vendors unless they wish to contribute to the tree fund. There will be a beer permit as well as a roll-off for those who do not want to take their yard sale items back home. Several neighbors will be available to help with heavy lifting or transporting large items. Please bring your own tables and mark your own sale items.

Kylie Walzak from Living Street Alliance, having arrived late, makes statement regarding the installation event on October 20, 2018. They are looking for people with the following skills to assist: landscapers to help with 22 planters; paint mixing, woodworking and metal skills to help construct modular shaded public seating. The event is scheduled beginning at 6:30 a.m. until completed. The improvements are

semi-permanent and it is hoped they will last until construction of the Tucson Downtown Links project begins.

Judy Sensibar asks where a central bulletin board might be best visible. The consensus is that Catalina Park is the most frequented public space.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Bly
Recording Secretary