

## **WUNA Council Meeting**

**November 4, 2010.**

Meeting called to order at Trinity Presbyterian Church meeting room, at 6.30 p.m. by Chris Gans, president.

Members attending: Cheri Wiens, Treasurer; Ford Burkhart, filled in as secretary; Dave Boston; Dave Croteau; Janet Pitts Labate; Richard Mayers; Brian McCarthy; Michael Morse; Jennifer O'Connor; Adrienne Parry; John Patterson; Patricia E. Pinzon; Roger Wiens; Matt Williams; Gal Witmer.

Others: Jill Bielawski, Carolyn Niethammer; Cathy Morrison; Don Durband, representing Ward 6; Christina Parisi, City Manager's Office; Elsa Martinez, TPD Community Resources; Keith Bagwell, representing Supervisor Richard Elias; Kurt Tallis of FAMA; Shawa Cottingham of NextCare. Tory Syracuse of Watershed Mgt. Group.

II. Minutes of October meeting. Amended by Richard Mayers (fixing name of Mr. Durban, not Mr. Donovan). Minutes approved unanimously on motion of Dave Croteau, Jan Labate second.

Treasurer's report. Approved. Matt Williams moved, Dave Croteau seconded.

### III. Announcements:

Kurt Tallis announced that All Soul's parade will be Sunday, along University and 4<sup>th</sup> Ave., 5 pm to closure. Also, we will have a Bike Swap meet that day at 5 am, from 6<sup>th</sup> Street south to underpass.

Dave Boston announced a meeting Nov. 10 to organize a future bike event on University Blvd.

Jeff Thomas distributed a Beer Booth sign-up sheet for next 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Street Fair. Jeff encouraged drop-ins and welcomed all to find a minute to fill holes in the schedule.

### IV. Call to the audience:

Shawa Cottingham from NextCare (in the old UA bookstore at 6<sup>th</sup> St. and Park). It offers Xray and lab, and staff can care for any medical needs. It takes Medicare, Tricare, Access, and is good for colds, flu, bone breaks and lacerations. Anything that needs medical attention they do. They have a WAHOO program -- wait at home or office -- you can wait at home and they will call when your exam room is ready. Open 8 to 8, Mon.-Fri., 8 to 4 Sat. and Sun.

V. Christina Parisi, City Manager's office: Outlined a new concept for creating a downtown entertainment district. The Legislature passed a bill in April to let cities provide liquor licenses that can be next to churches and charter schools. A city can start 2 or 3 such entertainment zones. It is under consideration for 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and the Main Gate areas.

VI. Elsa Martinez, TPD Community Resource Office: Described a new program for outreach by TPD to a TUSD and Neighborhoods Partnership; for residents near high schools, to solicit comments, complaints from the neighborhood. She asked that we forward comments or complaints to Chris Gans for relay to the TPD. The crime statistics are quite low for the latest period. Red tags seem to be down this year.

VII. Tory Syracuse, of Watershed Management Group (WVG). [Tory Syracuse](mailto:tsyracuse@watershedmg.org), Schoolyard Coordinator and Project Manager ([tsyracuse@watershedmg.org](mailto:tsyracuse@watershedmg.org)), gave an extended slide show on the Green Neighborhoods Program. They endorse large demo cisterns to show how to harvest rainwater for a sustainable landscape. Under a sweat equity program, homeowners will be able to earn credits by work, and then have the group install materials at their home. Our main problem is stormwater, which has quality problems; water picks up oil, pet waste (e-coli is our most common pollutant); goes into the washes and into drinking water. Tucson has only 1 percent canopy cover; vs. national average of 25 percent; that leads to an urban heat island effect.

#### Committees.

Keith Bagwell ([keith.bagwell@pima.gov](mailto:keith.bagwell@pima.gov)). Reports on activity; animal control, sewers, library, criminal justice, public health. Distributed annual reports.

Trees: Gal Witmer, tree committee met on Wed. Red Pistache seems to be the preferred edge tree. Maybe some Live Oak at the ends of park. (Not much support for Desert Willow around the west edge of park.) Brian McCarty suggested a move to let people endow trees for specific people to raise funds.

Beer Booth: Kurt Tallis said locations rotate each year; we will be near Hippie Gypsy this year.

Elections: Patricia E. Pinzon will lead the committee along with Dave Boston and Dave Croteau; they will contact board members about continuing to serve.

John Patterson: UA committee report has been posted.

Chris announced:

The 714 Project. We are prepared to continue to talk; the old partners are no longer involved.

The Valeo Project on Fifth Avenue: 700 beds, 525 parking in garage; by their plan, traffic to enter thru the neighborhood streets, and, by the plan, via two alleyways. They seek to increase height to 60 feet. A meeting was held at Roskrige School last week. Dave Boston asked Tory if the Watershed Management Group was tracking runoff water sources; Tory said the regulation is that they should not create additional water runoff.

Meeting adjourned at 8.11 p.m.