



West University Neighborhood Association
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01 November 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday, 01 November 2007, at the Postal History Foundation, 920 N. First Avenue in Tucson.

President, Lori Boston, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and Secretary, Joe Wasiak, called roll. The following board members were present: Lori Boston, Gal Witmer, Cheri Wiens, Joe Wasiak, Bridget Werchen, Brian McCarthy, Jan Labate, Adrienne Perry, Joel Ireland, Carolyn Niethammer, Noah Sensibar, Barbara Kennedy, Chris Gans, Sandra Morse, Jenn O'Connor, and John Patterson. The following were also in attendance: Patrol Officer Stephenson, Tom Warner, Kurt Tallis, Dave Wasserman, Marlena Hanlon, Teresa Bomuerado.

MOTION: Accept the WUNA October 2007 Board Meeting Minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Accept the WUNA October 2007 Treasurer's Reports.
Motion passed unanimously.

Kurt Tallis from Fourth Avenue Merchants Association (FAMA) announced the 38th Annual 4th Avenue Winter Street Fair on December 7 – 9, 2007. WUNA will again have a beer booth, this year located on the southwest corner of 7th Street and Fourth Avenue. Kurt addressed questions on fencing and parking. Joe Wasiak sent around a sign-up sheet for WUNA beer booth workers.

Lori Boston announced that the WUNA phone line is disconnected. A forwarding message will direct callers to Lori Boston's number for one year. Lori asked that all Area Representatives provide publishable contact information so residents have options when attempting to contact WUNA.

Teresa Bomuerado announced an Artists and Models event the Tucson Young Professionals are sponsoring Friday, December 7, at the Tucson Museum of Art.

During the Call to the Audience, Tom Warner of the Marshall Foundation spoke. He commended the landscape project recently completed at the UA Visitors Center. He also came to inform WUNA that Sinbad's Fine Mediterranean Cuisine was applying for a Number 12 Liquor License. The license allows the sale of beer and wine for on-site consumption with the stipulation at least 40% of sales involves food. This type of license is issued to the restaurant owner and is not transferable with the property to subsequent owner or lessee.

MOTION: Provide a letter to Council Member Trasoff in support of Number 12 Liquor License of Sinbad's Fine Mediterranean Cuisine.
Motion passed unanimously.

Trinity Presbyterian Church Pastor, Dave Wasserman, introduced himself and thanked neighborhood residents for welcoming him and wife, Marney, to the area. He also welcomed WUNA as future tenants. Pastor Dave went over new initiatives at the church and wanted us to know Trinity Presbyterian Church would be participating in Project Hospitality this winter. Project Hospitality is a Salvation Army coordinated program sheltering homeless men for the night, providing dinner, a place to sleep, and breakfast. He invited anyone interested to join in the effort. Pastor Dave raised concern about late-night Fourth Avenue spillover issues occurring in their parking lot. He attributed the issues to intoxicated folks leaving North on 4th and IBT establishments. He requested to be a part of a neighborhood group addressing these issues.

Noah Sensibar provided an update on the October 26, 2007 Neighborhood Reinvestment Program Committee Meeting where WUNA's proposal to upgrade Catalina Park was considered. The committee decided to postpone a decision until their December 7, 2007 meeting when Tucson Parks and Recreation is expected to provide a more detailed cost estimate for the project. The committee's principal concerns were lack of documented 'stress factors' in the area, confusion on neighborhood support, and vagueness of budget submitted by Tucson Parks and Recreation. Noah stressed that the confusion surrounding neighborhood support appeared to be mitigated by the enormous turnout from the neighborhood; it was the largest support group to ever attend this committee meeting. Other WUNA members in attendance stated the importance of a similar show of support at the December 7, 2007 meeting. For the record: Marlena Hanlon walked out of the board meeting when a board member made a comment which may have been misinterpreted as racist.

Lori Boston provided a summary of recent activities surrounding the Draft Pilot Study Area for Sustainable Infill and Mixed Use. Twelve neighborhoods 'opted-in' to the effort to maintain neighborhood characteristics in the areas near the U of A. On October 23, the Mayor and Council selected two neighborhoods, Feldman and Jefferson Park, for the design manual portion of the pilot program. Mayor and Council are also looking at a controversial draft of proposed mixed-use and infill development zones prepared by Tucson Urban Planning. It was suggested WUNA continue to monitor this process and move forward with revising our Neighborhood Plan since development is inevitable as Downtown Links and Modern Streetcar make their way into our neighborhood.

Jenn O'Connor provided details on upcoming Design Workshops. The first Design Workshop is scheduled for 9 AM – 12 PM, December 1, 2007 and will focus on neighborhood resident's development desires. The second Design Workshop, 9 AM – 12 PM, January 26, 2008, will take a look at development concepts addressing goals formulated in the first workshop. The workshops will be facilitated by Tucson Urban Planning and involve volunteer participation by four area architects. During the workshops, participants will be broken into four groups, two will look at residential development and two will look at mixed-use and commercial development. These workshops are aimed toward products to aid the neighborhood in productive conversations with developers.

Tucson Police Officer Stephenson fielded questions from the audience. The conversation focused on an incident involving a loud party at Beta Theta Pi and TPD's and UAPD's response to the incident.

Joe Wasiak presented seven proposed amendments to the WUNA Bylaws. The amendments come from a bylaws review conducted by the Executive Committee. The amendments will be discussed and voted upon at the next WUNA Board of Directors Meeting. Joe was asked to post the proposed amendments on the WUNA discussion forum.

Lori Boston appointed a Nominating Committee of Carolyn Niethammer and Sandra Morse to prepare a ballot of nominees for next year's WUNA Board of Directors. The nominee ballot shall be presented at the WUNA Annual Meeting in January.

John Patterson reported on the October 9 CCRC Meeting where the U of A Capital Improvement Plan was discussed. In FY 2009 improvements are allocated to the UA Medical Center in Phoenix and the UA Science Center. Of the 13 proposals for FY 2010, three of interest to our neighborhood were mentioned: an Academic Office at Park Avenue and 4th Street, improvements to Centennial Hall, and expansion of the Environmental Sciences and Natural Resources Building on 6th Street. A CPAC was held to disclose additional detail for Residence Hall construction on the northeast corner of 6th Street and Euclid. The cluster of buildings, expected to house between 600-650 students, are of a 3, 5, and 7-story design, with the taller structures furthest from the corner. There will be no commercial or retail facilities within this residence hall. John also promoted the Fourth Avenue Bike Swap Meet on November 10 as a great event worth checking out.

Lori Boston provided a wrap-up on this year's WUNA Home Tour. She reported approximately \$1300 profit from the endeavor. Many folks commented positively on the artisan theme of this year's tour. The less than normal turnout was attributed to competition from many other events, fall dates having fewer visitors in Tucson, and difficulties with publicity. The Home Tour Committee is publishing a "How To" manual based on lessons learned and suggests the next WUNA Home Tour be held in the Spring 2009.

Gal Witmer initiated a discussion to get WUNA T-shirts made in time for the Annual Meeting and Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

<p>MOTION: Allocate \$400 to purchase a maximum number of assorted sizes of the new WUNA T-shirt design. Motion passed unanimously.</p>
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The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe Wasiak
Secretary