



**WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
WUNA Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday, Nov 7, 2019, 6:30-8:00 PM  
Trinity Church - Fellowship Hall: 400 E University Blvd. (and Hoff Ave.)**

*Minutes*

**I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pizza and Welcome** 6:42 pm

Lisa Agababian, Margaret Bly, Brian Cheneka, Lisete DeMars, Lenor Glover, Daniel Kirk, Elizabeth Koleski, Rick McDonnell, Jan Labate, Fred Ronstadt, Sally Rusk, Judy Sensibar, Rev Mack Sigmon, Sara Chavaria (for Willem Van Leeuwen) and Henry Werchan and present. The Board welcomes guests Becky Larson, 6th Ave neighbor, former board vice president Gal Witmer and Amanda Monroy, District 5 special staff assistant.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report** 6:47 pm

The minutes are accepted as amended and the treasurer's report is accepted according to the rules of a consent agenda.

**III. Announcements and Call to the Audience**

**Lisa Agababian** announces that the Open Studio Tour, South of Grant will take place on Sunday, November 10. She invites everyone to her studio on 5th Street east of 6th Ave.

**Judy Sensibar** makes statements regarding her success in contacting both the Tucson Fire Department and Tucson Police Department with regard to the multiple infractions near The District. She states there has been a discussion about tire shredders in an attempt to mitigate the traffic issues in the area.

**Becky Larson** speaks to the issue of permanent vs. bendable bollards to be used as part of the traffic mitigation along 6th Avenue. She apologizes for the delay on the collection for signatures for speed tables on 6th Ave and hopes to submit the necessary paperwork to the City by the week beginning November 12.

**Rick McDonnell** states that there have been seven (7) vehicle hit & run incidents along 3rd Avenue in the past month. Donovan Durband has been asking about metered parking along 3rd Avenue, further south of Time Market. Judy Sensibar will revisit this issue with Mr. Durband.

**Lisete DeMars** asks whether or not professional tree trimmers can be engaged to help out with the new growth, especially along 6th Avenue. **Lenor Glover** states that *Trees for Tucson* have agreed to present a workshop, perhaps in February, on how to best take care of the new trees

#### **IV Committee Reports**

*CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee*

**Henry Werchan** states that the next meeting of the CCRC will be November 12. At the Livable Communities Forum which was attended by several WUNA residents, many great ideas were floated; the committee has agreed to distill them all into a comprehensive list and to make the same available to the public. He further states that there is a Food Pantry on the UA campus as well as a Campus Closet; it is estimated that more than 30% of the UA students suffer from food insecurity.

**Mack Sigmon** joins in the plea stating that Trinity Presbyterian serves over 240 people each week. Their pantry is low on high protein canned goods. The Food Pantry is open Monday - Thursday 8 am to 3 pm as well as Sunday. They always accept donations and **Mack** will even pick up donations if asked.

**Henry Werchan** further states that he has invited the president of the interfraternity council to attend our meeting but had been unsuccessful in getting them to attend. **Judy** states that WUNA would like to invite the fraternities to help our with the beer booth as an in-service for their fraternity.

POSTSCRIPT DUE TO THE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 12. Spring Fling coming up next March. CCRC received another master plan update. They expect to have a draft ready that may be presented to the CCRC for review in March. They are only scheduled for the effort through May.

A discussion on the need for a good census count. CCRC will arrange for a census briefing next meeting.

Here is the bigger issue, not sure if it will affect WUNA or not. TEP is going to be doing a major upgrade to the power feed into the city. Something about upgrading to 138K (which I believe stands for 138kV). University CCRC rep has been attending some meetings periodically on the topic, given the possible impact to the campus, and whether lines are run above or below ground. Some of the other neighborhoods seemed to be aware of this, as they were stating

that there is a price of \$1M per mile for above ground runs of the new power lines, but a \$10M per mile cost if they are buried.

**TEP is supposedly soliciting input from the community now, on specific areas or corridors that should be avoided when planning the new power lines.**

#### *Parks Committee*

**Lisete DeMars** states that the Parks Committee has secured a meeting space at the 7th Avenue Commons. The meeting will be between 5:00 and 6:30 pm on November 21. Snacks will be provided. **Eric** from the Primavera Foundation will continue to provide information.

**Lisete DeMars** further states that the Health Department will be training citizens to be able to identify mental health issues, de-escalate mental health issues, and provide first aid for mental health issues. **Lisete DeMars** hands out a list of items that can be donated which will be put into survival kits. The list is long: 1 Gal size zip lock bags, wash cloths, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, bar soap, razor, deodorant, vaseline, foot powder, lotion, toothbrush, toothpaste, denture adhesive, dental floss, lip balm, laundry detergent, fingernail clippers, P39 can opener, cough drops, comb, or brush. Also useful are discarded medicine bottles (prescription containers). They are re-used by Primavera to provide shampoo and conditioners and lotions. TRAVEL SIZE SUPPLIES ARE MOST USEFUL.

#### *Development Committee*

**Rick McDonnell** states that the project to include the properties South of University, North of 5th Street on the West side of 4th Avenue to be eligible for the HPZ is complete. Any work being planned on these properties shall be subject to the West University Historic Review Advisory Board as well as the SHPPO review. The idea is to provide yet another layer of review. Rick states that he had a meeting with Jodie Brown, COT Historic Preservation Officer to update the City GIS maps. **Judy Sensibar** thanks **Rick McDonnell** for following up on these projects.

**Rick McDonnell** further states that it is time to at least revisit the West University Neighborhood Association Plan. It was last updated in 2011. At a minimum, the cover sheet should be updated. Over the next few months there will be meetings to determine whether or not we should update the neighborhood plan. **Gal Witmer** recommends that we do this as it gives one more layer of protection for our neighborhood. There will be a TRRG meeting on Saturday, November 23 from 10-11:30 am. about updating neighborhood plans. **Judy Sensibar** asks for volunteers to accompany her. There continues to be dialogue with the City regarding peripheral neighborhoods. We would like to be able to present a collective voice when protecting our neighborhoods' status and to develop a committee. Historically the neighborhoods which are most vocal get the attention.

#### **V 6<sup>th</sup> Ave and University Blvd. Update**

**Daniel Kirk** states that because of planning issues the project is being postponed until March 7, 2020. He further states that Jim Glock has been tasked with lining up a civil engineer to draw the plans. The conversation regarding bollards vs. planter boxes vs. paint vs. wood vs. plastic planters continues.

## VI Future dates:

Lenor Glover states that the event **Made in Tucson is scheduled for Sunday, December 1** on 7th St and 4th Avenues.

There will be a second **DeAnza Park Meeting, Dec 9** at Pima Community College, Downtown Campus, 6pm-7.30pm

### **4<sup>th</sup> Avenue Street Fair, Dec 13-15** A message from Jim Glock:

Hello Again Neighbors,

It is said that there are only two things that are certain in life: death and taxes. Well, it's not true! There are actually three things that are certain in life: death, taxes and the 4th Avenue Street Fair. Yes, it's going to be held again, this time on December 13, 14 and 15th. As in previous fairs we are appealing to you to volunteer at WUNA's beer booth which this year will be at 7th Street and 5th Avenue. The beer booth is WUNA's biggest fundraiser and the proceeds this year are going to be used to fund the new projects undertaken by the Board. Also, the tips we receive will be donated to the University of Arizona Food Pantry. to be confirmed at the December Board meeting.

Please do volunteer by clicking on the following link:

<https://doodle.com/poll/ir2sn5efdttdd3kz>

Then, click on the + sign and choose a shift. We anticipate that we will need at least 4 volunteers on Friday morning, 5 volunteers on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, and Sunday morning and 6 volunteers on Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon. Please take this into consideration when choosing a shift.

Your help will be a great contribution to the neighborhood and will be a lot of fun for you. If you have any questions, please contact me at [wuna2014@gmail.com](mailto:wuna2014@gmail.com)

Take care,

Jim Glock <http://westuniversityneighborhood.org/>

**Annual Meeting will take place January 11, 2020** in Catalina Park beginning at noon. Please join us and bring a dish to share. Officers and committee chairs will be confirmed at the meeting.

Everyone agrees that the meeting signs designed and provided by **Lenor Glover** are awesome!!

**7:59 p.m. Meeting is adjourned. The December WUNA Board Meeting, Dec 5 at Trinity Church.**