

WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 12, 2020, 6:00-7:30 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85321504375?pwd=WGRWWmc2M2VodzJWS0hJYVNTS0U3dz09>

Minutes

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Welcome.

The following members are present either via Zoom or telephone: Margaret Bly, Lisette DeMars, Jim Glock, Lenor Glover Daniel Kirk, Elizabeth Koleski, Jamie Leon Guerrero, Rick McDonnell, Sally Rusk, Judy Sensibar, Willem VanLeeuwen, Henry Werchan, and David Zipp. Guests: Erin Peters, TPD, Julie Katsel, UofA, Cindy Doklan, WUNA residents, Diana Amado, Ward 6. Absent are Lisa Agababian, Brian Cheneka, Sam Ireland, Jane McCollum, John Patterson, and Mack Sigmon.

2. Approval of prior Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report:

The October minutes are approved without correction. Treasurer Jim Glock makes statements regarding the Treasurer's Report; the report is approved per the Consent Agenda provisions.

3. Announcements and Call to the Audience:

Erin Peters, TPD presents the crime statistics for the neighborhood from October 1 until today. There have been 265 reports, the majority of which are disorderly conduct, larceny, vandalism, and trespass. She will be providing pamphlets and other printable documents regarding TPD's "lock it or lose it" programs. Neighbors are reminded to remove everything from their cars to provide less temptation to those who might otherwise be inspired by crimes of opportunity.

Cindy Doklan asks about installing a traffic circle at 4th Street and 1st Avenue. Ms. Doklan will pursue her request by initiating a petition with the neighbors who will be immediately impacted by a traffic circle at that intersection, When petitions are completed they will be presented to PDS. Jim Glock agrees to assist Cindy Doklan to begin the process. There are an additional two petitions being circulated, one by Rick McDonnell for a circle at 4th St and 3rd Ave and another by Lenor Glover for a circle at 4th St and 5th Ave. These circles are all on WUNA's approved traffic mitigation plan and the 2020 Board voted to approve potential circles on 4th St at the December 2020 WUNA board meeting.

Elizabeth Koleski announces that there will be a Serve our City event Sunday, November 15. The members of the Vineyard Community Church will be participating. If interested, please gather on the lawn at the church 2nd Avenue and 5th Street at 11:30 a.m. Judy Sensibar requested volunteers clean up the traffic circles.

There is a question regarding the Catalina Park water harvesting project about the lack of curb cuts on the north side. The city did not approve them because there is a concern about flooding. The city hydrologist also did not approve as many plants as were initially planned for this side.

Also, questions about angled parking on 4th Street, re-painted speed humps, *Diana Amado* from Ward 6 will look into these issues.

Jim Glock reminds the Board that there are multiple fundraising opportunities with the RTA and ADA that could be tapped to help defray the cost of some of these items. It is agreed that better visual cues for drivers, or at least four-way stops, would help slow traffic. A TRAFFIC committee will be formed by *Jim Glock, David Zipps, Cindy Doklan, and Rick McDonnell*.

The new committee is asked to meet and to have an initial report ready by the December board meeting.

Sally Rusk announces that there will be an Artisans' Market on Saturday, November 21, AND Sunday, November 22, 2020, from 10 am until 5 pm at 1030 N. 4th Avenue in the alley. MASKS ARE REQUIRED.

4. Sidewalk Discussion

The streets/traffic circle discussion above was merged into this agenda item. Per sidewalks: *Lenor Glover* states it would make sense to invest in curb cuts on the corners approaching Catalina Park.

5. Committee Reports:

Parks Committee Lisette DeMars states that the mental health workshop set for Friday, November 13, and/or November 21 has been canceled; she hopes the workshop will be reset to a future time and will so advise. She also believes the training has now been reduced to five (5) hours.

CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee Henry Werchan states that of the three subcommittees regarding the UofA initiatives from fall 2019, only the committee about increasing the tree canopy has been active. *Judy Sensibar* is on this committee. *Julie Katsel* from UA reports that COVID infections are blessedly low on campus. The University is responding and continues to cite offenders with red tags. The Halloween weekend was a blockbuster! There were several incidents resulting in Red Tag citations and/or Dean of Students referrals. On-campus participation in COVID testing has been great. The campus will be closed to in-person activities after the Thanksgiving break. Students returning for the Spring semester will be limited to 10,000 It is

anticipated that there will be 37,000 enrolled. If you would like additional information please go to <https://covid19.arizona.edu/>

Development Committee Rick McDonnell reiterates the status of the TEP project; Euclid has been taken off the potential power poll route. City Council has agreed to relook at the parameters for GPLETS (the Government Property Lease Excise Tax) incentives to businesses. WUNA wrote a letter city council members asking that we be included in this discussion. It would seem that the Capstone project at Speedway and Euclid is stalled. Rick thanks Cindy who has become the street light fairy. Her reports to the city have resulted in multiple street lamps being relit, thus enhancing the safety and walkability of our neighborhood at night.

6. Annual Meeting/2021 Board Discussion.

The annual general meeting is tentatively on January 31, 2021. The annual newsletter mailed in late December to everyone in the neighborhood, regardless of WUNA membership will have more detailed information. At the annual meeting, the 2021 slate of WUNA Board members will be elected. If interested in becoming more active on a committee or becoming a board member, please contact any current Board member for additional information.

7. Adjournment

7:16 There being no further business before the board the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Bly, Recording Secretary