



West University Neighborhood Association
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December 3, 2009 REGULAR Board Meeting Minutes

The West University Neighborhood Association (WUNA) Board of Directors met on Thursday December 3, 2009, at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, 400 E. University Boulevard in Tucson.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call and Welcome

President Lori Boston calls the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Secretary Margaret Bly calls roll.

The following board members are present: Gal Witmer, Lori Boston, Margaret Bly, Cheri Wiens, Bridget Werchan, Brian McCarthy, Jan Labate, Jenn O'Connor, Carolyn Niethammer, Judy Sensibar, Noah Sensibar, Dave Boston, Richard Mayers, Patricia Pinzon-Pitts, Teresa (Bommarito) Vasquez, Rou Chamberlain, Dave Croteau, Chris Gans, Sandra Morse, John Pattereson, and Matt Williams.

The following **Visitors** are in attendance:

Genevieve Rothkipf, Zelin Canchola, Sam Sanders, Mindy Bernstein, Paul Wilzbach, Herb and Kerry Stratford, Karolyn Kendrick, Varga Garland, Sondra Means, Ford Burkhardt, Roger Wiens, Jeff Diederchs, Jill Bielawski, Joe Wasiak, Judith Copeland and A.W. Copeland.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report.

Upon motion and second, the November 2009 minutes are approved as submitted, noting that Ford Burkhardt was NOT present at the November meeting.

Cheri Wiens confirms that \$5,000 has been allocated for the historic sign project. There being no opposition, the Treasurer's Report is approved as submitted. Jenn O'Connor abstaining.

III. Announcements:

Lori Boston announces that the WUNA Annual meeting will be held January 8, 2010, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of Trinity Presbyterian Church. General elections for the 2010-year will be held at that time and all persons interested in serving on the Board should make their interest know to the Nominating Committee, Dave Croteau and Patricia Pinzon Pitts.

Carolyn Niethammer states the 4th Avenue Street Fair Beer Booth is still in need of volunteers to work and asks that anyone who can, sign up to so do.

Gal Witmer announces that Sky Bar is open for WUNA meetings and can be had free of charge.

IV. Call to the Audience

A question is asked regarding the status of the larger bar, which was to have been in place of North. Gal Witmer advises that the City Council denied the request for a Series VI license, and that they plan to appeal.



A question is asked about the significance of tennis shoes strung up on overhead wires. It is believed that they indicate "Drugs Sold Here." More information regarding the significance of graffiti and communications regarding drugs will be posted on the Forum.

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II. Karolyn Kendrick from Feldman's Neighborhood

states that the mini dorm complexes continue to be a nuisance and that a primarily on line coalition with the intent of keeping residents current with regard to:

- 1) Nuisance and better enforcement of laws;
- 2) Better understanding of land lord accountability; and
- 3) Changes in the land use codes, and single family residences, has been established.

She further states that Karen Ulich is interested in looking into this matter from the City's point of view. If interested in following the Coalition activities go to kkps@sprintmail.com to be added to their E list. Brian McCarthy states that there is a Group Boarding House board that might be a useful resource.

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Dave Boston states that construction of the new bicycle route from University to Prince Road will begin in the spring. Zelin Canchola states that the City will be mailing a flyer with more complete information.

VI Traffic Diverters

Zelin Canchola, Tucson Department of Transportation, states that what they are prepared to do now is install counters at University & Euclid to compare and contrast how many cars now pass that intersection. This will happen in January after all schools resume. The cost is estimated to be no more than \$1,000 per counter. The count will occur in two sets of 24 hours based on the Department of Transportation's expertise but most probably a TuWe\Th that best represents the traffic flows in the neighborhood. Traffic flow in the named alleys, Jacobus and Bean, will also be counted. A map will be provided just prior to the setting of the counter. A recommendation will be made after the counts have been tallied. Joe Wasiak will provide a copy of the complete earlier report and will scan it into a PDF format.

III. Catalina Park Splash Pad

Students from Imago Dei Middle School read a letter they have written to the Board regarding the proposed improvements to the park.

Due to the sensitive nature of this matter, the Board agrees to convene an additional meeting to which everyone will be invited for the sole purpose of discussing the improvements. The major issues for discussion are security, aesthetics, and the historical components of the proposed splash pad. The Board notes that a facilitator will be necessary due to the sensitive nature of this matter.

VIII Board Size and Board Elections.

Noah Sensibar makes states regarding the size of the Board and the necessity of having so many board members, and following the by-laws.

Jenn O'Connor asks that this matter be discussed at the January meeting. Gal Witmer suggests that the members at large be from the community. Sandra Morse states that she believes it is important that members come to meeting to provide the history.

Dave Croteau and Patricia Pinzon Pitts makes states regarding the upcoming elections.

Roger Wiens states that he wants to be a member at large for the 2010 year.

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IX. Standing Committees.

CCRC.

John Patterson states

JT Phi's campus plan is going to the Regents this week. The final draft is on line.

Intercollegiate committee's \$85,000,000.00 project is going to the Regents in January.

UMC will be building a new parking garage on the ring road beginning in 2010. It is proposed to be a 13-14 month project.

University's Spring Fling wants to return to the campus. John assures everyone that this is NOT happening.

Iron Horse Neighborhood reports that the Park will be separated to the southwest.

Crescent Electrical is for sale.

UA President Robert Shelton will be at the December 8th meeting. Scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Planning Sub Committee.

Jenn O'Connor states that Michael Neunan (sp) would like to meet with the Board. The next formal Board meeting will be in February and he may ask to be on the agenda at that time.

The "Little Dig" formerly (The Muse YWCA building space) escrow did not happen and the project is currently inactive and the hole will remain as is. The Vacant lot at the corner of 4th Avenue and Congress will be developed instead.

Parking Committee.

Richard Mayers states that he attended a very interesting presentation entitled "No Tag Tucson. He will condense and post the findings on the Yahoo Forum.

Barrios Kroeger Lane, Hollywood, and Anita will have a social event at Maynards.

8:25 p.m. Upon motion by Margaret Bly and second and there being no further matters to discuss, the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Margaret Bly

Secretary