



WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
WUNA Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, December 5, 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 6:30 pm

Margaret Bly, Brian Cheneka, Lisette DeMars, James Glock, Lenor Glover, Daniel Kirk, Elizabeth Koleski, Jan Labate, Rick McDonnell, John Paterson, Judy Sensibar, and Willem Van Leeuwen, are present. The Board welcomes guests Jeanne Downen, resident, George Mairs, Quaker Meeting House, Joel T. Ireland, new member as of tonight, and Crystal Dillahunty, Ward 6 Council Office. The ice breaker question revealed that our neighbors are both homebodies and world travelers. Best holiday wishes to all.

II Approval of Meeting Minutes and Treasurer's Report 6:40 pm

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

III Announcements and Call to the Audience

A postcard invitation is presented from the U of A School of Art.

George Mairs from the Quaker Meeting house invites the Board to use their facilities. The invitation is accepted and special meetings other than the monthly board meetings might be moved to the Meeting House.

Lenor Glover states that Art in the Yard will be taking place the weekend of December 14 between 10 am and 5 pm at 2900 E. Adams Street.

Crystal Dillahunty reminds everyone that there will be a second Anza Park meeting on Monday December 9, 2019 from 6 - 7 pm in the Amethyst Room of the Downtown Campus of Pima Community College.

Ms. Dillahunty further reports that after much discussion and a very long power point presentation, Mayor and Council have declared a 30 day moratorium on the issue of the various scooter companies in the area giving them time to try to resolve some of the issues. Tucson Department of Transportation is monitoring the improper parking of the Razer and Bird every five (5) days and will be reporting. The two companies have assured everyone that there will be a geo fence to prevent the scooters from being used inside the perimeter of the 4th Avenue Street Fair.

Several members report their own encounters with the scooters, including **Jim Glock** who states that he has used them properly on two occasions and found them to be of value.

IV Committee Reports

CCRC: Campus Community Relations Committee

Henry Werchan presents a written report as he is traveling.

The Livable Communities work group of the CCRC has met several times to continue building upon the effort from the community workshop. A status email was sent to the participants by the UofA CCRC representative. The revised and updated list of candidate projects will be presented at the next CCRD to solicit further feedback for eventual selection at the January meeting.

As a follow up from the last WUNA meetings we would still like to get the fraternities more involved in the neighborhood, including sending a representative to the WUNA meetings. The request has been raised again. Better dialogue will hopefully get the fraternities to volunteer more in the neighborhood (e.g. beet booth and traffic circle adoption) and avoid problems such as we had with the Beta fraternity party Saturday November 23.

Related to that incident I am bringing up through the CCRC a process issue as it relates to holding off campus recognized fraternities accountable. When a complaint is called in against a recognized fraternity address, 911 will only dispatch UAPD. The problem is typically related to a loud party (unruly gathering) which is a city ordinance, and the UAPD cannot enforce city ordinances, only state law. If we do not get some traction on this process issue with UAPD, TPD, and City of Tucson, WUNA may need to formally state a position if we want to address this process loophole.

Lastly a census presentation is planned for the December CCRC meeting.

Development Committee

Rick McDonnel states that the West University Historic Zoning Board Committee (WUHZAB) is authorized a total of 14 seats, but only seven are filled. They are looking for volunteers. This committee is vital to the preservation of our neighborhood and our historic designation.

John Patterson discusses the development of the wall surrounding the Beta house, especially the monument wall angled on the NE corner of the property. The wall was

approved utilizing the minor review process. There was no approval for the addition of any signage on the angled wall. **Jim Glock** states that a sign would be a Chapter 25 code violation.

Rick further states that there will be cooperative meeting between WUNA, WUHZAB, University Area Plan and the Neighborhood plan. He acknowledges that there has been gradual erosion that should be shored up to prevent WUNA from losing its historic designation. We must endeavor to remain the squeaky wheel. There have been several conversations with both Marcellus Rusk, the WUHZAB Chair, and Michael Taku.

Parks Committee

Lisette DeMars states that the November meeting was cancelled. They will meet again January 16, 2020 at 5 pm at the 7th Avenue Commons. Refer to the November minutes for additional information about this worthy committee. Lisette was interviewed by Channel 4 reporters. What is happening in Tucson is a global issue.

The neighbors are informed that some Department of Corrections people will be working in the neighborhood doing gardening, and clean-up.

V. 6th Avenue 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 was tasked with lining up a civil engineer to draw the plans; Jim states that he was unable to secure pro bono drawings. TDOT has scheduled a meeting December 10 at 5:30 pm at the Murphy Wilmot Library about the east/west bicycle boulevard.

VI Traffic Mitigation Ideas

After much discussion, **Jan Labate** moves that some of the Traffic Mitigation monies be used to create traffic circles as needed along 4th Street, between Euclid Avenue and 6th Avenue. **Brian Chaneka** seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

It is suggested that some monies also be spent to paint the existing traffic humps; the City of Tucson will be asked to resolve this issue.

VI Future dates:

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

The annual Neighborhood potluck luncheon will be held SATURDAY January 11 beginning at 1 pm. Bring a dish to pass, a folding chair, and come meet your neighbors

4th Avenue Street Fair, Dec 13-15 Board members are encouraged to sign up for the beer booth. This year will be at 7th Street and 4th Ave which has been a very busy location

in the past. Help will be needed on Thursday December 12 to set up the booth. Please use the Doodle signup.

Lisette Demars moves that the tip jar proceeds be split 50 % - 50% between The Community Food Banks, Trinity Church Food Pantry and the Library at Roskruge K--8 Bilingual School. **Danny Kirk** seconds the motion. There being no objection, the motion passes, Margaret Bly abstaining from the vote.

Trees for Tucson will be offering a tree trimming workshop February 8. Perhaps this meeting could be held at the Quaker Meeting House.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting is adjourned 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting January 11, 2020, Catalina Park 1 p.m.