

WEST UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Board Meeting of April 5, 2007

Present:

Board Members: Lori Boston, Gal Witmer, Cheri Wiens, John Patterson, Jan Labate, Carolyn Niethammer, Jerry Juliani, Brian McCarthy, Judy Sensibar, Adrienne Parry, Chris Nichols, Mary Nichols, Chris Gans, Barbara Kennedy, Dave Croteau, Matt Williams

Members: Joe Wasiak, Harold Jones, Roger Wiens, Ford Burkhart, Varga Garland

Guests: Roger Carrillo (Ward VI), Michael Howard, T. Perrault, Marlena Hanlon, Sean Cunneely (Tucson Police Department), Howard Roberts, Robin Southern, Merricat Roy

ISSUE/TOPIC	CONCLUSION	RECOMMENDATION/ ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
<u>Review of Meeting Minutes</u>	The Board accepted the Minutes from the March, 2007 Board meeting as written.	Jan Labate moved and Matt Williams seconded - motion passed unanimously.	N/A
<u>Review of Treasurer's Report</u>	The Board accepted the March 2007 Treasurer's Report.	Matt Williams moved and Adrienne Parry seconded - motion passed unanimously.	N/A
<u>Announcements</u>	Gal Witmer reminded of the Home Tour 2007 kickoff meeting on April 21st at 10 am at the Time Market - West Courtyard; Carolyn Niethammer reminded of the Easter Egg Hunt at Catalina Park on Easter Sunday at 10 am. Carolyn passed out flyers for Area Reps to put on porches of those they knew in their areas with children.	N/A	N/A
<u>Changes to Board Positions</u>	Joel Ireland requested to leave the Secretary position to be nominated for the Area 3 rep. position. Joe Wasiak was nominated for the Secretary position.	Brian McCarthy moved and Dave Croteau seconded to accept Joel Ireland for Area 3 rep. - motion passed unanimously with one	N/A

		abstention. Jerry Juliani moved and Chris Gans seconded to accept Joe Wasiak as Secretary - motion passed unanimously with one abstention.	
<u>Call to Audience</u>	Marlena Hanlon of the Feldman's neighborhood spoke of a grant they are pursuing for a cross walk at the intersection of 3rd Ave. and Speedway. This was prompted by a death at that location last year. They would like WUNA's support in this effort. Roger Carrillo of Ward 6 said the City could possibly look at another cross walk at that location, but it may not be necessary due to neighboring crosswalks. Roger suggested in lieu of the TE grant possibly RTA funds could be utilized which may speed up the process.	N/A	Lori Boston asked if there were any volunteers to work on this issue with the Feldman's neighborhood. There were none at the meeting. Lori will ask again via email in a week or so.
<u>Traffic Diverters at 1rst and 2nd Avenues</u>	Roger Carrillo of Ward 6 gave information that this project emerged due to the problems neighbors in the THMS (Tucson High Magnet School) Area are having with cruising and high speed traffic coming into the neighborhood at 6th street and 1rst and 2nd Avenues. The diverters will be installed on a temporary basis for 180 days. Property Owners between Euclid, 6th street, University, and 4th avenue will receive the ballot and the right to vote against by contacting the City. The ballot needs 60% for approval. If there is negativity with the diverters there could be a second ballot with an actual voting of yes or no. John Patterson asked whether the WUNA Board had ever voted on the installation of the diverters. It was not voted on. John is concerned about losing those locations as access points into the neighborhood. Roger Carrillo stated the WUNA Board can vote on this, but it will be decided by those residents receiving the ballot. It was also discussed that this project is separate from speed bumps being installed in this area	N/A	Lori Boston suggested we continue to have discussion regarding the traffic diverters at the end of this meeting or at a future meeting and possibly have a vote. Also 3 representatives from WUNA will go to the Summit on April 23rd regarding Tucson High Issues.

	<p>on 5th and 4th streets. There are 7 speed bumps total. TUSD is paying for 4 and Ward 6 is paying for 3. Roger Carillon also mentioned there will be a summit of TUSD, TPD, Ward 6, WUNA, Pie Allen, Ironhorse and Sam Hughes on April 23rd regarding the issues at THMS. There will also be a public meeting at THMS on April 24th at 6 pm regarding a proposed sports facility. Contact Roger at Roger.Carrillo@tucsonaz.gov or 791-4601 for more info.</p>		
<p><u>Resignation of Executive Director</u></p>	<p>Vivian Harte submitted her resignation of the Executive Director position after 15 years of service. She was intending to resign in a few years, but since many of her duties had been absorbed by the Board and Members this year it seemed appropriate to resign at this point. She will be available through April 15th. After that point she is available for hourly consultation for \$30/hr.</p>	<p>Brian McCarthy moved to accept the resignation, Carolyn Niethammer seconded - motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>A farewell party has been planned for Vivian on April 13th from 5:30 - 7:00 at 341 E. First St.</p>
<p><u>Gift for Executive Director Farewell Party</u></p>	<p>Joe Wasiak suggested up to \$50 be spent for a farewell gift for Vivian Harte.</p>	<p>Joe Wasiak moved and Judy Sensibar seconded - motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>A gift will be purchased.</p>
<p><u>WUNA Phone and Internet</u></p>	<p>Due to Vivian Harte's resignation the telephone and internet service must be moved from her home office by April 15th. Chris Nichols looked into the internet issue and has spoken with Ken Gasper, WUNA's webmaster, regarding some solutions. WUNA's email address at the River can be continued for 3 month periods for \$13.75. Email coming to that address can be forwarded to another email address such as at our website.</p> <p>The WUNA phone number has existed for many years. Brian McCarthy felt important to keep it. It was suggested possibly it could be forwarded to a service for likely a fee of \$10/month.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Chris Nichols will continue to look into the internet issues and look into a service possibly for the phone number. Lori Boston will assist in coordinating with Vivian on the transfer of the services as required. Lori is willing to have any calls to WUNA phone number forwarded to her number during</p>

			transition.
<u>Spring Street Fair WUNA Beer Booth</u>	Cheri Wiens reported on the recent Beer Booth. WUNA had a total beverage sale of \$9802. After expenses and FAMA's expenses we received a check from FAMA for \$3,011.24 - We receive 50% of the profit FAMA earns. WUNA received \$711.73 in tips. Thanks was given to all the volunteers and especially those who stayed during Friday's rain when most of the other beer stands had closed down.	N/A	
<u>County Grant Proposal</u>	Judy sensibar gave an update. She has been writing the county grant proposal. She has been coordinating with lori aldacoa of pima county and everything is in good shape. We are expected to submit to county next month or june. Judy needs to get actual physical ballots to put in with package. She is also working to get better demographic information. She will be meeting with lori aldacoa tomorrow morning to go over grant. Anyone is welcome. Someone will need to present the grant to pima county - judy is happy to do. It was suggested a few others may want to be in attendance at the presentation. There was discussion as to what is the scope of the work. It is primarily the splash pad. The city and county have estimated it will take the entire \$500,000 grant to accomplish this. Some of the members of the wuna area plan revision committee have been assisting as needed and will continue to do so.	N/A	Judy Sensibar will continue with County Grant. Lori Boston is to assist with locating the ballots. A few people will attend presentation with Judy.
<u>Parkwise Meeting</u>	Roger Wiens attended a meeting prior to the street fair between Chris Leighton of Parkwise and Lori Boston, Chris Nichols, and Bryna Gallagher of WUNA. Topic of discussion was the street fair and parking issues. Parkwise can be called on Friday of street fair but it must be a blatant violation such as parking in a red zone or in a private driveway for them to take action. FAMA has authority to issue tickets and tow on Saturday and Sunday of street fair. People should call FAMA if their parking	N/A	Roger Wiens and others will continue to follow issues with Parkwise and FAMA.

	<p>is blocked. Parkwise is planning to raise fee for permits to \$12/year and will also be extending their patrol hours to 16/day. If a street does not currently have reserved parking it can be installed if 75% of residents petition for it. Also, if just one person wants reserved parking in front of their property it can be installed just at that one property. Lori Boston reported she did not hear of any parking complaints from WUNA this past street fair. There was one trespassing complaint from WUNA during the street fair.</p>		
<u>WUNA T-Shirt Sales</u>	<p>Cheri Wiens looked into the costs to have WUNA t-shirts re-printed. The design being used is from approximately a dozen years ago. The design is on file with Sunrise Silkscreen. John Patterson suggested possibly a new design be created. A t-shirt design contest was suggested to take place this month with people to bring designs to the next board meeting with a winning design to be selected. It was also decided the prize would be two free t-shirts. There was some discussion of in the future a WUNA t-shirt being included in the membership package.</p>	N/A	<p>Matt Williams volunteered to put the T-shirt Design Contest information out on the WUNA Yahoo Forum.</p>
<u>NPZ</u>	<p>Lori Boston reported on the NPZ - Neighborhood Preservation Zone - a proposed overlay zone which neighborhoods could vote to have in order to create guidelines for neighborhood development. This is an idea coming from Jefferson Park and other neighborhoods near the University who are dealing with the impact of investment properties and other issues on their neighborhoods. At this point it needs to achieve Mayor and Council approval. Lori and three others from WUNA attended the Mayor and Council meeting where the pros and cons of this issue was discussed. Lori and others felt WUNA should write a letter of support to the Mayor and Council regarding the NPZ.</p>	<p>Jerry Juliani motioned and Brian McCarthy seconded to write a letter of support for the NPZ to the Mayor and Council. Motion passed unanimously.</p>	<p>Roger Carillo is to check on dates for next Mayor and Council hearing or vote on NPZ issue. Lori Boston will write a letter on WUNA's behalf in support of the NPZ.</p>
<u>WUNA Softball</u>	<p>Barbara Kennedy mentioned WUNA's interest in playing</p>	N/A	<p>Lori Boston or Gal</p>

	<p>softball and having a picnic with neighboring downtown associations came up at the Downtown Neighborhoods Advisory Committee and there was interest. Lori Boston and Gal Witmer have made contact with Dunbar Spring, Sam Hughes, Menlo Park, and Ironhorse. Dunbar Spring and Ironhorse have expressed interest.</p>		<p>Witmer will follow up with Barabara Kennedy on who to contact from this committee.</p>
<p><u>CCRC</u></p>	<p>John Patterson, Bridget Werchan and Lori Boston attended a meeting at the UA with Gary Ballinger and Johanna Jensen regarding the fraternity issues. John noted complaints can be made to Johanna at 621-8046. A general issue of discussion was UA's plan to move the fraternities out of the surrounding neighborhoods and into a University Village on campus. A specific area of discussion was unrecognized fraternities such as Phi Kappa Psi who live in the Echo Bell house at University and Second Ave. Phi Kappa Psi is interested in becoming a recognized fraternity, but would need recommendation from WUNA to achieve it. It was discussed whether we should give the recommendation or not? If we give the recommendation then could they move into the University Village area? An unrecognized fraternity cannot rush, have floats or parties, and hold no fraternity meetings. A question was raised that the letters on the house at University and Second went through the sign code. Per the City of Tucson it is per code.</p> <p>Dave Croteau spoke of the UA's storm management plan which was done to assess storm water pollution in relationship to the 12 neighborhoods surrounding the university. Dave Croteau can make this plan available if anyone would like to see it. Dave also spoke of the University's Master Plan and that the University appears to be going outside of the boundaries of this established master plan into the neighboring areas. An area of Rincon Heights was specifically mentioned and the Art</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>CCRC Committee will continue to follow these issues.</p>

	Annex in the North University Neighborhood were in planning area but did not follow the master plan. The suggestion is to have some communication with the new UA president regarding our concerns of them not following the established plan.		
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