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DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD

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 groups.yahoo.com/group/DunbarSpring

Upcoming DSNA Meetings:
General meetings are held the third Monday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Dunbar auditorium (325 W. 2nd St.).

Next meeting: February 16

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- Suggested that this be put on February’s agenda.
- Further discussion regarding who will pay for the five signs for the garden; two volunteers “adopted” signs and will pay for \$37 each; DSNA possibly to pay \$97.20 for the three additional signs; basketball court and two in upper parking lot; first Susan Hutzler will check on the cost of poles; to be discussed later.

VIII. Thank You/Welcome Letter for Dunbar Barber Academy

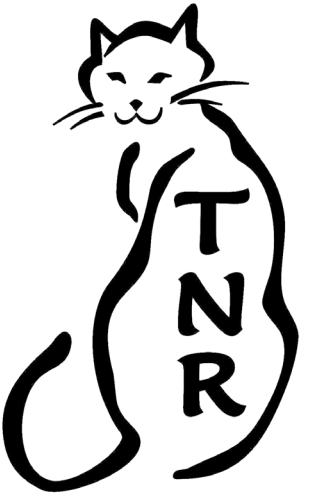
- Two residents had concerns regarding the amount of Barber Academy cars parked on 2nd St.; the welcome letter was suggested; however, they are now parking in the upper lot; Matt Weber asked if a welcome letter would still be a good idea.

Motion made that the DSNA board write a thank you letter to the Dunbar Barber Academy for their act of good will and welcome them to the neighborhood; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.

IX. Committee Reports

- DNARC: Greg Shelko, the person in charge of Rio Nuevo, presented and was asked for a breakdown of funding; brought a seven-page letter to council members in defense of what has been done thus far; it was suggested in the January meeting that they start to meet quarterly instead of monthly; West University and Dunbar/Spring representatives stated that meeting monthly is important; so, it was decided to continue to meet monthly; they are reaching out to neighborhoods that are not represented.
- Dunbar Coalition: Community Garden signs officially approved; funding for building renovation is still on hold; they are getting bookings for 2010 already.

YOUR HELP IS STILL NEEDED



There’s still time to contribute to Dunbar/Spring’s trap-neuter-return program for humanely addressing feral cat populations within our neighborhood. We’re more than halfway to our fundraising goal, and any support you can provide will be generously matched dollar for dollar to help us reach that many more individuals. One male cat costs \$25 to be neutered; spaying a female costs on average \$45. Please share any amount you can. Checks can be made out to the local nonprofit Tucson CARES (the memo line should read “Dunbar TNR Fund”) and sent to Tucson CARES, PO Box 41702, Tucson, AZ 85717. Donations are tax deductible. You can also deliver a contribution in person to any of the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association board members. For questions about the TNR effort in Dunbar/Spring or to volunteer, please contact Ian at 628-4318 or Jessica at 622-0724.

Resources for helping feral cats available at:

www.hsus.org/pets/issues_affecting_our_pets/feral_cats/feral_cat_resources.html

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWSLETTER POSITION AVAILABLE: Interested in volunteering to put together the Dunbar/Spring newsletter? Basic responsibilities include acquiring content (including monthly meeting minutes), layout, and forwarding it to the City once a month in PDF format. Time commitment varies each month. Please contact Turtle for more information at 628-4318 or mydogellen@greenbicycle.net.

PROJECT ROW HOUSES



Interesting upcoming talk on artist-led urban development: Tucson Pima Artspace Development Presentation, Sunday February 22, 2009. The presentation will take place at 1:30 p.m. at the Joel Valdez Main Library, 101 N. Stone Ave. Free and open to the public. Tucson Pima Arts Council and Arizona Commission on the Arts (ACA) are hosting Rick Lowe, an artist based out of Houston that established a successful housing program for artists and the community called Project Row House. Project Row House is nationally recognized for being an exemplary example of an artist-led urban housing redevelopment effort. The project is based on the principle that art and the community creating it can “revitalize even the most depressed inner-city neighborhoods, for the mutual good of existing and future residents.” For more on Rick Lowe and Project Row Houses, visit www.projectrowhouses.org.

MINUTES FROM DSNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF JANUARY 26, 2009

I. Call to Order; Sign-in

December minutes recapped; Lisa Scoblink's name was misspelled; unanimously approved with the name correction.

II. Treasurer's Report

\$2,200 in account; \$700 earmarked for Sign Sculpture at 9th and University; \$100 earmarked for the 9th Ave. bulletin board mural; \$400 earmarked for TNR program; \$1,016 in available funds.

III. Announcements

- Turtle still looking for someone to take over the newsletter.
- On February 7 from there will be a community-wide buffelgrass eradication day; volunteers needed; will be working at the base of A Mountain; meet on Mission Rd.; Mission Rd. cleanup to be part of the effort; email ward1@tucsonaz.gov to volunteer.
- Neighbors Meeting Neighbors will be having an income tax seminar in February at the Baptist Church; looking for volunteers to assist with the coming year's neighborhood fair; a suggestion has been made to combine this event with the annual pancake breakfast.
- Susan Hutzler thanks the association for the funds used to fix the art signs at 1st St. and 11th Ave.; the signs were reinforced with mortar and edges were straightened; there is a chance that the Tucson Pima Arts Council will reimburse for these repairs.

IV. Downtown Links Update

- Nomination of temporary representative: Daniela doesn't necessarily want to give up the position; she just won't be able to attend all of the CAC meetings; most likely unable to attend in May and June; Natasha doesn't think it would be a good idea for a 3rd person to hold the position; Paul Buckwalter is willing to sit in as a non-voting temporary back-up person for a couple of months; someone to email CAC; Ian appointed Paul as the temporary CAC volunteer while Daniela is on "maternity leave."
- TPAC Selection Panel Update: Lorraine Stockdale has volunteered to serve as the representative for Dunbar/Spring on the Tucson Pima Arts Council selection panel for the art projects to be placed along the Downtown Links project; the panel met in early January and selected eight artists out of 65 for the short list; no Dunbar/Spring groups were selected; the art budget for the selected artists is \$550,000 with \$100,000 set aside for a second Call to Artists to be announced toward the end of the design phase.
- Further discussion regarding the drainage issues; Paul Buckwalter suggested an OpEd be written to one of the local newspapers regarding these issues; the Department of Transportation has offered to do a presentation on the drainage issue; Ian asked for feedback regarding a solution; someone suggested upping the ante politically possibly by submitting a position statement in the OpEd; suggested meeting with Ward 1 office; someone suggested waiting until after a presentation before moving forward with this; possibly invite an outside party who is a hydrologist to analyze then write an OpEd; Matt Weber offered to review data/information and discuss with Terrence; wait to invite DOT after this.

V. Reinvestment Grant Update

Still unsure of the amount of the award; Chuck Huckleberry put bond projects that aren't started yet on hold indefinitely; residents of Dunbar/Spring can collect signatures for the traffic circles/yield signs in the meantime; Ian will email the city traffic engineering division to see if there is a time limit on date the signatures are collected.

VI. Update on Trap/Neuter/Return

Jessica has been busy addressing a neighborhood neglect case; she is in the process of recovering abandoned cats; has caught several ferals during this process; she received the list of volunteers from Ian; Lorraine will host meeting at her house; Jessica wants the "match" fundraising to be done as a separate effort; she has been able to get the discounted rates for spay/neuter at a much closer clinic (Grant/Stone) than previously thought; the first effort will be for 40 cats to be scheduled for a Friday and Saturday; she hasn't yet checked her P.O. box but has received emails thanking her and promising donations from neighbors as well as some requests from West University and Ironhorse to present at their neighborhood association meetings because they have the "same need" as Dunbar/Spring; our meeting will focus on the best way to canvas the neighborhood to assess the hot spots (and hopefully neighbors with owned animals in need of low-cost spay/neuter assistance, too; we need to approach holistically and neighbor's animals can be brought in to the clinic if we have a low catch and need to fill appointments; these animals can be spayed/neutered at other times, too, and Tucson CARES will see what funding needs there are for pets.

VII. Campers in Community Garden

- Officer Morin asked what the garden signs will say; "No Trespassing" and the Arizona Revised Statute (ARS) number must be on the signs in order for TPD to enforce; or a trespassing letter must be on file with TPD; Officer Morin stated that there have been about two dozen burglaries in Dunbar/Spring recently, and he believes that at least 75% of these burglaries are done by these people; Paul Buckwalter suggested we do the exact signage that Officer Morin stated, then communicate the intent of the signs to neighborhood residents; Susan Hutzler offered to check into the signage and statute number(s) to use; the RAPP rep from La Frontera suggested we refer the campers to social service agencies; resident suggested that we stand firm; Karen Greene announced that the book group no longer meets in the garden due to these problems; Officer Morin will check into whether a letter will suffice (without the signs).

- Informal motion: If it is necessary, as a result of feedback from TPD regarding trespassing letter, to put up no trespassing signs with the ARS number, that we do so; secondly, send a letter to TPD that we want TPD to enforce; if letter will suffice, pass a motion then; (no second of this motion).

Motion made that DSNA empower the board to determine whether a no trespassing letter will suffice and will file it with TPD; then take the letter to the Dunbar Coalition for their approval; motion seconded; 14 in favor; 1 abstention; motion carried.

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Barbea Williams Performing Company presents



Kuumba (Creativity) Market & Showcase

Saturday, February 14th, 9am-5pm AND Sunday, February 15, 11am-5pm
Dunbar Cultural Center, 325 West 2nd Street, 2 Blks S. of Speedway & Main
FREE ADMISSION 520-628-7785

≈ Support our Vendors
≈ Donations Accepted- Support
the Johnny Greenwood
Scholarship Fund for the
Performing Arts.

And More Vendors.....

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Free Workshops Throughout the Day - Line Dance
(Learn the Love Slide), African Drumming & Dance,
Island Rendezvous via St. Croix, Karate Demo,
Hip Hop, Sugar Sweet Romance History & more.....

Folklorist Sule Greg Wilson
From Phoenix, AZ.

Raffle: ≈ \$1 for one, \$5 for six every hour on the hour **Prizes:** dance classes, face painting gift certificates, jewelry, art, and more...

Food and Drinks Available

For more information contact Barbea at 520-628-7785 or Sign Up at our
email: barbeabwpc@gmail.com

≈ Showcase Highlights: Ada Redd Austin, James Christopher-Historian,
Welcome Dancers, Alpha Phi Alpha Step Team - Eta Psi Lambda Chapter, Children's
Recital, Dunbar Barber Academy Dancers, Pima Partnership H.S. Dancers, and others ≈

The Barbea Williams Performing Company's Studio Space in the Dunbar Cultural Center is available
to use for meetings, classes, and lectures. Barbea Williams Performing Company is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization.