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DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD



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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: April 20

7TH ANNUAL FIESTA GRANDE STREET FAIR
APRIL 18 & 19, 2009
CELEBRATING WESTSIDE CULTURE!

The celebration of Tucson's West Side culture and history of Barrio Hollywood will take place in this seventh annual Fiesta Grande Street Fair on Saturday and Sunday, April 18th and 19th from 9:30 to dusk Saturday and from Noon to dusk on Sunday. This city-wide event is Free to the public and will take place on Grande Avenue (four blocks west of I-10) between Speedway Blvd. and St. Mary's Road.

Five minutes northwest of Tucson's Historic Downtown, Grande Avenue crosses through Barrio Hollywood ("Where Everyone's a Star"), one of Tucson's oldest neighborhoods. The multi-block festival features a kick-off parade with floats, color guard, an exhibit of historical murals project, ferris wheels and games. There will be two days of live music, karate demos and ensemble groups are expected to entertain. There will be a car show, arts and crafts, lots of delicious food and beer. There will be activities featuring jumping castles, rock climbing, carnival, ferris wheels and games for young and old alike!

Featured will be its many restaurants showcasing regional Mexican cuisine, including the widely popular Pat's Chili Dog. The main stage will have a band line-up will music with groups such as: Mariachi Tapatio, I-Mas, Ritmo Suave, Mysterio, Avatar, Grupo F.E.A.R., Los Gallegos, Angel Norteño, Flipside and the Hollywood Knights.

Spice of the Desert Farm Stand
 Coming to the Dunbar Spring Community Garden Saturday, March 28!

Willow and Mayra of Spice of the Desert are setting up the farm stand at the Dunbar Spring Community Garden Saturday, March 28, from 8am-12pm. They will be bringing their very own organic herb and veggie plant starts, including tomatoes, basil, cucumbers, and winter squash. Mayra and Willow also have soaps and salves wildcrafted from native desert plants and local Mesquite honey. They will also have fresh produce from a farm in the Wilcox/Draoon area of Cochise county.

It's a great time to come out, see your neighbors at the Community Garden, and get your own summer garden off to a good start.



City High School Students Paint Dunbar Spring Bulletin Board Mural!

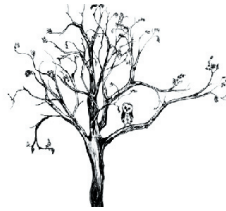


Students in the City Works Class at City High have been working on a dazzling mural for the Dunbar Spring community bulletin board at 9th Street and University Boulevard. At the suggestion of Dunbar/Spring residents, students adopted an animal theme for their mural design. Both sides of the bulletin board are to be painted. Stop by and take a look!

DSNA Elections to be Held at Monthly Meeting on April 20

Officers of the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association are elected each April to hold office for a term of one year. Neighborhood residents or owners are welcome and encouraged to participate in the neighborhood association as an elected officer, as well as to participate by voting in the election.

- The president presides at all meetings; acts for and on behalf of the DSNA membership, contingent upon the association's voted approval of that action; appoints special committees necessary for the operation of DSNA business; and acts as the official DSNA spokesperson. The president only implements voted-upon decisions of the association.
- The vice-president, in the absence of the president, assumes all of the duties of that office.
- The secretary keeps a permanent record of all monthly meetings and special meetings' minutes, as well as all legal documents and legal transactions of DSNA. The secretary transcribes the minutes of each meeting and transfers one copy to the president, one copy to the Community Garden bulletin board, one copy to the listserv, and one copy to the newsletter editor, who will include them in the newsletter. Copies must be distributed within seven calendar days of the meeting.
- The treasurer shall have general charge and supervision of the books, financial records, and DSNA bank accounts. The treasurer is responsible for presenting a current financial report of all receipts and disbursements at each monthly meeting.
- The parliamentarian shall be familiar with general parliamentary procedures of Robert Rules of Order. The parliamentarian shall aid in the orderly conduct of all meetings; ensure the adherence to DSNA by-laws; provide direction when DSNA requests changes of the rules or existing procedures; enforce and correct parliamentary procedures; answer point information addressed through the chair; appoint teller to count votes at all elections; and oversee DSNA elections.



Minutes from DSNA General Membership Meeting of February 16, 2009

- Call to Order; Sign-in; January minutes recapped; unanimously approved
- 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 available funds; looking at the possibility of moving funds to a bank account v. Tucson Urban League holding account
- Announcements:
 - o Newsletter went to City of Tucson in a timely manner; however, City didn't mail it out to residents; no response from the City to Turtle's email inquiries; Kite has volunteered to take over publishing the newsletter
 - o Block Festival holding a series of workshops to maintain the bridge with the neighborhood, including an income tax workshop; also holding a movie night on 3/27/09
 - o Neighborhood cleanup to be conducted by Pima County Adult Probation on 2/26 and 2/28
 - o Sharon 7th Day Adventist Church, 955 N. 10th Ave. wants to get involved and somehow help the neighborhood; suggested traffic circle maintenance
 - o Armory Park Carnival this Saturday
- Downtown Tucson Partnership presentation by Teresa Bommarito, Downtown Planner: They are a non-profit organization in charge of the Downtown Business Improvement District, security, maintenance, they publish the Downtown Tucsonan, have a website, work with businesses and neighborhoods; 17 neighborhoods attend their meetings each month to exchange information; it is an open meeting; on 5/21/09 they will be holding a larger event with speakers; they are willing to promote events, etc. for neighborhoods on their website; the meetings are held in their offices located in La Placita, Suite 6140; Glen Lyons is CEO; they are also willing to post Dunbar Spring flyers in their windows and to distribute information to attendees of their meetings

• Tumamoc (People and Habitats) presentation by Pamela Pelletier, Community Planner: Tumamoc Hill located next to A Mountain is an area known for science; 100+ years active with science; is a restoration ecology site; evolving back to a natural state; with restoration ecology they set aside land for wildlife and plants; 95% of species are at risk of extinction; planners work with this group creating habitats and neighborhoods; working with Ward 1, neighborhood associations, many of the Departments of the City of Tucson, Tucson Bird Count of the U of A, and Pima County; redesigning urban landscapes to create habitats for wildlife; in neighborhoods, they can do this on an individual basis with individual residents or they can do at a neighborhood level; if you have questions or wish to discuss redesign project, she can be contacted at 629-9455 or Pamela@email.arizona.edu; website: tumamoc.org

• City High: 9th Ave. Mural/Design presentation by Amy Roode and Christina Cardenas: they teach the City Works Class at City High School; Art of Place classes; new designs were presented; asked for neighborhood input; DS desires murals on both sides with designs that completely cover both sides; one of the original intents of the murals was to help abate graffiti problems; about 2 more weeks to be spent in the design process and 4-5 more weeks to complete the work; 3/3/09 is the projected date to start painting; Motion: Entrust the Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association Board with the final design decision and to post designs on listserv for three days before decision is made; Motion carried - unanimous

• Update on Trap/Neuter/Return: \$1,205 has been donated so far, including the \$400 from the Neighborhood Association; large portion of donations came from outside neighborhoods; Jessica has set up 40 spay/neuter appointments on Friday and Saturday, February 27th and 28th; there are concerns regarding the amount of volunteers willing to donate man(woman)power; hotspots: S. Perry near the warehouses; Alder; area around Red Barn Theater; if not enough cats are trapped to fill all of the appointments, Jessica would potentially like to work with other feral colonies in the surrounding areas; Thursday the 26th, people are needed to trap; Friday the 27th, people are needed to transport cats to the spay/neuter clinic; APPEALING TO NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENTS TO STOP FEEDING FERALS ON THE 25TH TO AVOID POTENTIAL PROBLEMS DURING SURGERY

• Update on Campers in the Garden Issue: President of the Board, Ian Fritz, received an email from TPD Captain Gilooly stating that a letter from an owner of the Gardens will be helpful; Lt. Coleman will be our point of contact for this issue; Diana Rhoades of Ward One will put together a letter for TPD; Ian will copy the Board on the letter; lengthy discussion took place regarding use of signs versus just having the letter on file

• Update on Downtown Links: The segment from I-10 to Church drawings are done; they want to visit the neighborhoods for feedback; a lot that DS asked for was not in the drawings; they are completing this process sooner than originally planned; the design should be done in 2009; construction possibly starting as early as 2010; the segment from 4th Ave. to 6th Ave. will be worked on soon; drainage pipes need to be installed; there will be no Downtown Links meeting in

• Vince is currently acting parliamentarian; there will not be a vote held tonight because Bylaws state that we need to send a formal mailout to all residents first; instead of a formal vote, Vince will continue as a stand-in Parliamentarian until the elections in April

- Reports:
 - o Community Garden: Callie Ollin Academy wants to help in the garden; this is a high school senior service project for 5-7 students; potlucks might be starting again; rim in basketball court is broken; Susan Hutzler will check with other neighborhoods that have gardens regarding how they deal with security issues
 - o DNARC: No report
 - o Dunbar Coalition: No report
 - o Block Captains: No longer active

Meeting Adjourned – 8:50 p.m.

Recess for Grown Folks

*Fridays from 5:30pm to 7:30pm
at Estevan Park*

A recent Pro Neighborhoods grant recipient, Recess for Grown Folk is an informal group of adults who play games such as Ultimate Frisbee, Capture the Flag, Kickball, Steal the Bacon, and other playground follies right here at our Estevan Park. We meet every week at the park field and play whatever it is that tickles our fancy at the time. Bring a toy and a friend to play with!

