



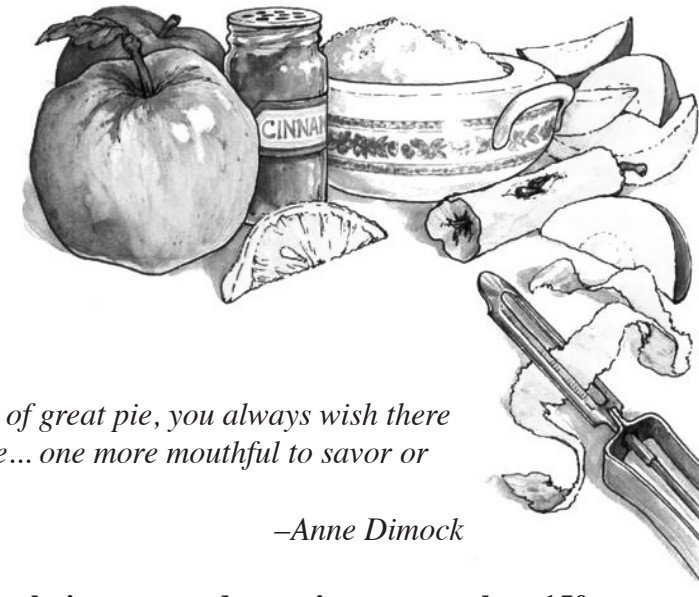
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DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD



April 2008

SIXTH
ANNUAL
PIE
PARTY...



"After finishing a piece of great pie, you always wish there was just a little bit more... one more mouthful to savor or linger over."

—Anne Dimock

Come to the sixth annual pie party and experience more than 150 vegan pies from an ever-expanding list of flavors. Slices are \$3, and proceeds benefit the Earth First! Journal. Gluten-free, sugar-free, and raw options available.

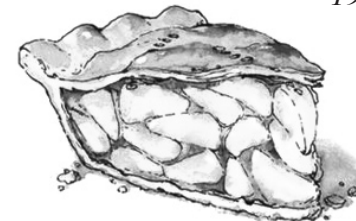
"A lot of people have never really had the chance to taste a decent apple pie, but after a minute's sensual reflection will know positively what they would expect if they did. They can taste it on their mind's tongue."

—M.F.K. Fisher

**Sunday, April 27th from 6 to 9 p.m.
at the Dunbar School Auditorium, 325 W. Second St.**

"Perfect American pie crust must be seven things at once – flaky, airy, light, tender, crisp, well browned, and good tasting. The tricky ones are flaky, tender, and crisp – because these are independent virtues. Getting flaky, tender, and crisp to happen at the same time in the same pie seems nearly impossible. Yet millions of American women and men in the early 1900s could do it in their sleep, and probably tens of thousands can today."

—Jeffrey Steingarten



For more information, call 628-4318 or visit www.pieparty.org.

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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 21
- Board meetings are the first Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. Please contact a board member for location.*



Farmers' Market Now Open!

The Santa Cruz River Farmers' Market, recognized as one of "America's Top Ten Farmers' Markets," opened in March for the 2008 season. Offering locally produced food available directly from growers, the market happens on Thursdays from 3 to 6 p.m.

This year, it has moved to a new location at the northeast corner of Speedway and Riverview between the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind and the El Rio Neighborhood Center.

Every Thursday through November 20th, find a selection of fruits and vegetables, plants, cacti, tortillas, baked goods, grass-fed beef, fresh eggs, and more. Now in season: carrots, beets, chard, salad turnips, fava beans, fennel, and cabbage.

April 17th – Solar Fiesta: Solar resources for your home with the Solar Store and Technicians for Sustainability, solar oven demonstrations, City of Tucson talk about the PV system at El Rio Neighborhood Center, Food Demo by UA Cooperative Extension Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program, and music by Entre Peruanos.

April 24th – Grand Opening Celebration: Spring seed exchange, music by Jennifer Freidman, and We Are What We Eat performance preview at 5 p.m.

Operated by the Community Food Bank, the market accepts cash, debit and credit cards, and food stamps. For more information, contact Kelly Watters at 622-0525 x.242 or kwatters@communityfoodbank.com.

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**Outreach Committee:
Neighborhood Block
Captains**

Want to get to know your neighbors better? Can't come to meetings, but want to know what's going on in the neighborhood?

You can be a block captain for the newly forming Outreach Committee!

Block captains will stay in touch with their immediate neighbors and bring concerns or new ideas to the Outreach Committee and DSNA monthly meetings. The time commitment is minimal – after the initial startup, we'll check in with our neighbors and meet as a committee approximately four times a year, more frequently if the committee decides it necessary.

Keep your eyes out for us – we'll start door-knocking at the end of April.

Questions? Want to help? Contact Piper at 624-7007 or piper_repip@yahoo.com.

DSNA Elections to be Held at Monthly Meeting on April 21

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 bylaws; 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 MARCH 17, 2008



I. Call to Order and Introductions

•José Rivera representing Westside Hope. Organization helps elderly in need with everyday tasks. Looking to recruit volunteers.

II. Announcements

- Elections will be held at the April meeting. Please think about running and encouraging others to run for the board. At least a couple of board members plan on running again, but some seats will become empty.
- Ward 1 is holding a meeting for neighborhood leaders on March 27 from 5:30-7 p.m.

III. Addition to Agenda

- Friendship Missionary Baptist Church block party in October.

IV. Minutes and Treasurer's Report

***Motion* to approve February minutes.** 9 approve/0 opposed/1 abstain

- Treasurer: \$2,100 in account. \$130 was spent on bulletin board. Up to \$700 still outstanding for crossroads sign dedication plaque.

V. Process Committee

- Four remaining recommendations were read and discussed. Recommendations IX and XI were widely supported. Number X was considered un-necessary as a bylaw change, could just be implemented without needing to change bylaws. XII was noted as restrictive, but support was voiced for the recommended two-thirds caveat – though it was seen as redundant if recommendation II passes. VII was commented on: minutes should stay as they are and not be changed to eliminate discussion content.
- Ian proposed a timeline that process committee incorporate neighborhood feedback and present new document to April meeting. Vote individual items up or down in April and gather signatures and

distribute proposed changes for a final vote in May.

Discussion

- Committee has done a great job and given lots of room for discussion. Suggest that more time be dedicated to this issue in May rather than rushing.
- Number V had lots of discussion, dedicate more time to this.
- We have an immediate problem with our lack of decision-making process, which was shown at February meeting. No clear way to say how vote turned out without solid decision-making process. Councilperson told us that if the neighborhood is being dysfunctional, she'll step in and make a decision. We can't afford to flounder without a decision-making process with Downtown Links looming.
- There have been four meetings for neighbor feedback on this issue. We should move on with it.
- Voting article by article will allow us to approve some items and not others.
- Downtown Links will take a lot of energy; there may not be time for all of these.
- This timeline provides what is required for a structural change of the organization.
- Other issues continue to push this important process back. We need to stop tabling it and deal with it.
- Recommend the board make the decision about timeline.
- Put this issue first with a strict limited timeframe and do Downtown Links after at April meeting.

VI. Splinter Brothers Development – David Blair

- Presented to neighborhood more than a year ago, but funding has been difficult with bad market. Originally wanted to do for-sale, but now looking at rentals. Development is on 13th Ave. just south of Estevan Park. Proposing 11 townhouses in three buildings. Five units in two-story building facing 13th Ave. Two buildings with

three units each would be three stories. 10 ft. setback from street. Peaked roof on front building with water harvesting. Did a phase 2. Found lead, will be cleaning it up. Financing improvements to water line under 13th Ave. and public sidewalks. Saving as many native plants as possible, including a few large mesquite trees. Building with stucco, brick, metal roofs. Front building has no garage space, will be providing outdoor storage area that will fit bicycle or moped.

Discussion

- Will you be using existing fence? A: Would like to do vertical railroad ties with fence between. Required to put in block wall because of park, but can't do this structurally because of wash.
- How many bedrooms per unit? A: Many will have three plus a den. Some with two, probably no singles. Will be average 1,500 to 1,600 sq. ft. units.
- What will rental prices be? A: Don't currently know.
- When will construction begin? A: Hoping around the end of the year or early next year.
- What about the homeless camps by the tracks? A: If you leave them alone, they don't bother anyone.
- Will there be a lot of lighting? A: There will be what the city allows, but nothing excessive.
- What about the train noise? A: I don't have a solution.

VII. Downtown Links

•Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) approved an alignment in January 2007 that would "thread the needle" between Citizens warehouse and Steinfeld warehouse. In January 2008, TDOT came back to CAC saying that requirements by the railroad made that alignment undoable. They put forward a "modification," which cuts north through the neighborhood and takes out Mat Bevel, Lucky St. Studios, Originate, and the railroad park land. DSNA adopted a letter opposing the new alignment and received a reply from Jim Glock. There was a public meeting last Tuesday to discuss character of the alignment.

Discussion

- With old alignment the roadway was less than 80 feet wide. New alignment shows up to 120 feet wide.
- Bikes/peds should be put at surface level, not down in underpass.
- Tuesday meeting was a disaster. Poorly managed. Seemed to be an attempt by TDOT to sell us the alignment without really letting us comment on it. Treated it as a foregone conclusion. Feels like manipulation, don't like how this process is being handled.
- Agree process is problematic. Lack of information feeds this. Documentation of the meeting with railroad has not been furnished nor the wording of the ballot. Both things TDOT claims are steering this process, but won't be transparent about it. People are reacting angrily because information is being withheld.
- Not sure alignment is needed. Have requested engineering info. on project. Think it may still be possible to thread the needle with railroad requirements. They could be lying to be able to build the road they want.
- Someone is looking at other possible alignments.
- WAMO has not reached a consensus on saving Steinfeld, but silence is implying they do. They need to make their position known. Demolishing Steinfeld could be a way to keep this road on 6th where it belongs.
- WAMO will be meeting to discuss this on March 30.
- Dismayed at Tuesday meeting and the alignment being treated as a done deal. They had us picking out the wallpaper for a room that

hasn't been determined where it will be built.

- Request to Diana Rhodes: At public comment meeting, every stakeholder/decision-maker should be there.
- Regina has requested that the CAC meeting be the public comment meeting. The CAC is the existing public process for this issue.
- This is a bad idea. CAC meetings are not a public forum. Format of calls to audience prevent public from having their questions answered. Next CAC meeting should only be discussion among CAC members, with no vote.
- Regina is not in a rush.
- There are a variety of venues for a public meeting; the CAC is not the only option. Using the CAC meeting runs the risk of a repeat of Tuesday's meeting with public getting angry about not being able to get questions answered or have full participation. City should be putting more energy and creativity into making this work for the public.
- Flyer from BICAS misinformed by saying meeting was about alignment when city flyer said it was about design.
- Facilitator of Tuesday's meeting suggested that funding for public meetings is a big obstacle.
- Consultants are under contract and excessive public meetings can be costly, but these should not be large enough factors to drive this process. More likely political pressure is at work to get RTA projects done on time and within budget.
- Haven't heard anyone in Dunbar/Spring neighborhood say they like this alignment. Everyone seems opposed.
- Public meeting happened because of requests to comment on alignment, not on design. That's why people are upset.
- DSNA board put a request to TDOT that they wait to have public meeting until after they've presented to us.
- Should get city presenters in and out quickly at April meeting.
- Original alignment on 6th was chosen because of fewer building demolitions. Barrio Anita is also opposed to this alignment.
- There is a plan for a walking tour of the alignment.
- Ask city to send DSNA breakdown of strengths and weaknesses of the old and new alignments before April meeting.

VIII. Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant

- The grant has not yet been written. If you have materials from other older grants that would help or want to help write the grant, please contact Karen or Brad.
- Jonathan Crowe and Brad met with city transportation to look at constraints for traffic-calming projects. Fire department is requiring smaller traffic circles. Tweaking some elements of grant proposal to fit.

IX. Friendship Missionary Baptist Church

- Plan for a Meet, Eat, and Greet on October 18. Kind of like a block party. Opportunity for church to interact with neighborhood. There will be food. If you have an organization or business, you can set up a table. If you know artists or musicians who want to participate, please put them in contact with Piper or the church.

X. Committee Reports

- DNARC:** Last meeting was a meet and greet with Regina Romero.
- Youth Video Project:** Two weeks left to finish. Will announce date of screening.
- Outreach/Block Captains:** Distributed draft of materials used for door knocking. Need four more captains. Will do door knocking three to four times a year.