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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

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 and property owners are encouraged to participate by running for office and by voting in the elections. The neighborhood board plays a vital role in keeping us on top of important issues, securing funding for neighborhood projects and acting as a voice for the neighborhood.

The duties of the board members are these:

— The **President** shall act for and in behalf of the membership of the Association, contingent upon the Dunbar/Spring Neighborhood Association's voted approval of that action; shall appoint special committees necessary for the operation of the business of the Association, and shall act as official spokesperson of the Association. The President shall only implement the voted upon decisions of the Association.

— The **Vice-President** shall, in the absence of the President, assume all of the duties of that office.

— The **Secretary** shall keep a permanent record of all the Monthly Meetings and special meetings' minutes, and all legal documents and legal transactions of the Association. The Secretary shall transcribe the minutes of each Monthly Meeting including all actions taken by the association and the content of any discussion and shall transfer one copy to the President, one copy to the Community Garden bulletin board and one copy to the Newsletter editor, who will post the minutes on the list serve or internet accessible media in use at the time, as well as including them in the Newsletter. Copies shall be transferred as herein described within seven (7) calendar days of the respective meeting occurrence. The Secretary shall also conduct absentee voting, as described in Article IV.

— The **Treasurer** shall have general charge and supervision of the books, financial records and bank accounts of the Association. (S)he shall present a current financial report of all receipts and disbursements at each Monthly Meeting and at the Annual 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 bylaws of the Dunbar/ Spring Neighborhood Association; provide direction when the Association 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 Association elections. If the Parliamentarian is on the ballot a moderator shall be appointed from Voting Members. The Parliamentarian shall determine whether a motion in question is in conflict with a standing decision and requires a vote to rescind.

If you are unable to attend the April 20th meeting, you can still vote by submitting your vote in person to the Secretary. From the bylaws: "Any Voting Member unable to attend the Annual Meeting to vote for officers may vote in absentia by contacting the Secretary at least three (3) days prior to the meeting at which the vote will be taken. The vote with the Secretary must be made in person. The Secretary will accept a vote for each office. The Member's name (printed), signature and address must be provided."

High-Voltage Transmission Line Through Dunbar/Spring?

by Ian Fritz

Tucson Electric Power Company plans to build a 138,000 volt power line connecting the Tucson substation at 4th street and 11th avenue with the DeMoss Petrie substation at Grant and I-10. One possibility for running this line is to upgrade the existing 64kv line which runs north up 11th avenue from the Tucson substation. Neighbors will remember the monsoon storm two summers ago that blew down more than 20 wooden power poles on 11th avenue, crushing at least one person's car and leaving much of the area without electricity for more than a day. This line, which now sports 60-foot metal poles on both sides of the avenue, would be outfitted with new, larger poles, as high as 100 feet.



image: Kris Chambers

But the placement of the line is not a done deal. The Environmental Planning Group, a public relations firm hired by TEP to handle the public response has convened a Community Working Group comprised of 25 stakeholders, including neighborhoods in the surrounding area, elementary schools, and the City of Tucson planning department, to discuss and recommend a route for the new high-voltage power line. This recommendation will be considered by TEP, who will then submit a proposal to the Arizona Corporation Commission, which must approve the construction of any new power lines above 115kv. The time line for this process is quite rapid. TEP plans to have the line operational by summer of 2010.

Concerned about having a high-voltage transmission line run through our residential neighborhood? Concerned about your property values, the impact on the skyline, or the uncertain health impacts on young children? Then please, get involved in the decision-making process! Come to the public open house on April 2, 5:30-7:30pm at Richey Elementary School, 2209 North 15th Avenue. It will be an opportunity for community members to learn about the project, ask questions and give feedback. Please mark your calendars. There will be two other open houses in the coming months which will be announced on the neighborhood e-mail listserv (to join, go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dunbarspring/>). You can also contact the Dunbar/Spring representative to the Community Working Group, Ian Fritz at 628-4318 or sprocket@riseup.net

You can also visit TEP's website for more information at: www.tep.com/company/news/DMP/index.asp

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Minutes from DSN General Membership Meeting of March 16, 2009



· Call to Order; Sign-in; **february minutes recapped; unanimously approved**

· Treasurer's Report: \$2,300 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; received \$100 donation from Intermountain Centers for Human Development; \$1,116 available funds;

· **Announcements:**

o Newsletter went to City of Tucson in a timely manner; however, City didn't mail it out to residents; some turnover occurring with this responsibility;

o Mary Lucking, artist that did the art signage at 9th/5th St. and 11th/1st and 9th/1st has some extra graffiti-resistant materials that she will be putting on the center, black sections of signs

o Annual elections to occur next month; nominations occur from the floor; absentee voting allowed; see Bylaws; residents can give vote to the Secretary in writing and in person; residents can check with Ian if they have any questions regarding absentee voting; please be thinking about who you want to nominate (or if you want to volunteer)

o The broken basketball rim at the basketball court is hanging again; Susan Hutzler requesting \$70 for a replacement; request for approval of this expense will be on the April agenda

· Downtown Links Update by Mike Barton of HDR: 6th and 9th safety was discussed at last update; residents requested future discussion; HDR is developing design solutions; will discuss access issues on south end of neighborhood; Corky Poster is finalizing recommendations regarding Urban Design Plan; focused on Stone/6th area and looking at ways to redevelop; incorporating 7th/7th bike pathway means a new structure in front of the Stone Avenue structure; working with railroad to develop no-whistle zone and bike/ped crossing; railroad likes idea of pelican crossing at the tracks; Sky stated it is good that the RR is considering the bike/ped crossing; if they didn't,

people would still cross; RR waiting for layouts; resident asked regarding obtaining a guarantee from the RR; Mike Barton didn't know if this is possible; HDR spoke with RR regarding no whistle zone at 7th/7th and 6th/9th and bike/ped crossings; lots of discussion regarding crossing at 5th St.; possible ped/bike crossing also; mixed responses regarding this; HDR will recommend 5th/10th ped/bike only crossing; in order to move the no whistle zone study forward, this needs to be decided; Mike asked for feedback regarding the 5th/10th ped/bike-only crossing; residents feel there will be a lot of opinions regarding this crossing; final design should be after the summer; HDR hearing concern at various meetings; HDR will document what closure means to residents, etc.; more discussion regarding no whistle zone issues; peak hour will be problem with congestion at 5th St.; discussion regarding being careful how traffic mitigation might affect the neighborhood in the long run; businesses also could be affected with the west end of 5th St. being closed; HDR to talk to the U of A later regarding this; HDR taling regarding the possible development on U of A property; discussed a possible HAWK crossing at 6th St. near main; HDR will look at doing something there to mitigate traffic; possibly a crossing similar to that on Church between library and courthouse; a request was made to continue this dialogue at future meetings; HDR fine w/that; they are aware that there is no consensus; we'll work on reaching a decision; U of A development might be for faculty/owner-assisted housing; just an idea right now, though; funding is an issue for this possible project; Main has very heavy traffic now; neighborhood was told that Speedway/Main would be changed to a 2-lane (double) left turn lane; HDR stated that this is in the pipe for construction starting in April 2009; unsure if this changed due to ongoing funding constraints; HDR will check; discussion regarding restriping for bike lane on Main; resident asked if potential housing development at the U of A property would decrease the width of Main; the right of way may possibly be removed; HDR meeting with Barrio Anita on Wednesday to discuss Downtown Links and Iron Horse on Thursday; resident stated that the northeast corner of 6th and Main (right across from the Chamber of Commerce) needs a facelift; HDR stated this is TDOT property; possibility of landscaping this corner

· TPD Update: Officer Bronniman (attending in place of Officer Morin, who was out of town at a funeral): only 4 calls last month from Dunbar Spring; all were theft related; Officer Bronniman was amazed at how few calls; DS is one of the safest neighborhoods he has seen; resident complained about the police helicopter; resident asked if any statistics are being kept of the problems at the Community Garden; he is not aware of any; not aware of any foot patrols in the garden; DS requested that TPD keep track of activity/calls regarding the Garden

· TEP Transmission Line Update: TEP planning on upgrading the transmission line and connecting the Tucson substation located in Dunbar Spring with Dumask/Petry station north of Grant at I-10; 2 substations already connected along the Santa Cruz River; saying federal regulations state a redundant line needs to be there; no plan yet where to put it; TEP looking at 11th Avenue where the existing metal poles are; however, committee was formed with several neighborhoods, schools, and other stakeholders to make recommendations regarding this; it would mean taller poles on 11th Ave.; they are already 60 to 70 feet tall; they could possibly be as tall as 100 feet; the committee hoping to advocate the poles follow the railroad line; would be complicated working with the railroad, however; possibly up Main versus 11th Ave.; timeline is rapid on this issue; TEP must obtain approval from the Arizona Corporation Commission; TEP submitting their proposal by Aug. or Sep. of 2009; then construction to begin in 2010 and completion by summary of 2010; there are a couple more committee meetings scheduled: the 1st is on 4/2/09 at Richey Elementary School from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; please come; Ian has more information; newsletter should be delivered regarding this public open house; ACC won't necessary accept TEP's recommendation; if there is a consensus with stakeholders, ACC may accept them since the ACC is made up of elected officials; if request is reasonable, they will more likely accept it; installing the taller transmission lines up 11th Ave. is not a done deal; TEP saying they'll work with finding the best route; substation upgrade is a separate issue; substation will be upgraded but not expanded; its footprint won't change; Ian will write an article for the newsletter regarding these issues; there is also the possibility of having the lines go underground; possibly TEP would pay for this; if we ask for it, ACC can tell TEP they have to pay to go underground; height of poles is because of

heat generation; TEP balking at cost of burying lines; possibly invite people who specialize in studying electromagnetic fields

· Update on Trap/Neuter/Return: Jessica (Tucson CARES) says it's a pioneering effort for the neighborhood to do Trap/Neuter/Return; we are lucky that our feral cat population is smaller than other neighborhoods; she thanked the volunteers; the neighborhood's efforts allowed 29 animals to be altered; 1 dog and 28 cats; 14 males and 15 females; 7 of the females were pregnant and 2 were in heat; there are 3 surgeries pending for some fostered cats; she spent \$1,120 on surgeries; average cost of each surgery: \$38; \$1,100 remaining funds for future surgeries, etc.; weren't able to set traps everywhere planned; ongoing efforts occurring; there are about 5 ferals at the Splinter Brothers space; possibly work more with individual residents on this effort in the future; article coming in the newsletter

· **Reports:**

o Community Garden: TPD team to go there every night; picnic table is missing; plots still available; Susan asked for volunteers for the caretaker position; Susan may be moving in about a year; this effort takes about 9 hours per month

o DNARC: They talked about City services continuing to be cut due to the economy; there is the possibility that newsletters will no longer be printed; a lot of neighborhoods use the ListServe; possibly distribute door to door?; one neighborhood went to the assessor's office to obtain addresses of out of town property owners to add to list of newsletter recipients; Armory Park has a program of distributing food to needy folks; May will be a multi-neighborhood DNARC meeting to check out issues; 6/27/09 there will potentially be a preview of the 4th Avenue underpass; pedestrian access may be allowed; April there will be DNARC elections; very few people regularly attend the meetings; Iron Horse Board doesn't have individuals holding positions but instead has committees that come together to discuss issues

o Dunbar Coalition: Not much to report; Ebony Fashion Show will be Friday, 4/3/09; elections coming up; will soon be working on a golf tournament; scholarship fund donated by Chuck Ford for black minority college students

Meeting Adjourned – 8:45 p.m.