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DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD

ADVANTAGES OF EARTH-FRIENDLY PAINT

by Aja Knaub



With spring having arrived in the neighborhood, life begins anew. It inspires fresh plantings, spring cleaning, and often a desire to make your home more stylish. If you are anything like me, this often means a fresh coat of paint on tired old walls. As we spend nearly 80 percent of our lives indoors, it seems important to highlight that there are alternatives to toxin-containing conventional paints that with long-term exposure become a health threat producing symptoms from allergies to cancer.

With the current trend toward all things “green,” the choices and the pressure can be overwhelming, leaving many of us not knowing where to start. However, as more products become available, being environmentally friendly gets easier, more affordable, and more accessible. Modern, earth-friendly paint formulations produce products that are familiar to the user in terms of appearance and application and yet can claim environmental advantages. In general, manufacturers of earth-friendly paints take all aspects of the environment seriously, and they keep energy use, waste, and pollution to a minimum. And with these paints, the excessive static, synthetic chemical off-gassing and associated noxious smells are eliminated – leading to healthier, cleaner living.

With all that said, you may still be wondering where to start your search for the perfect paint for your home. Luckily, most major home improvement and paint stores now carry non-toxic, zero VOC (volatile organic compounds), and Green Seal paints. Online stores and your neighborhood natural building materials supplier are also good sources. Like people, no two paints are created equal, and it may take a bit of interaction with them to determine the right one for you and your home. Below is a list of paints that use raw, natural, and sustainable materials to aid in getting you started doing well for your home, your health, and your environment.

Editor’s note: It is an almost monthly occurrence for seemingly simple things in this newsletter to be rejected by the Department of Neighborhood Resources. They’ll only allow space for neighborhood business or items benefiting non-profit organizations. No businesses in the neighborhood are allowed mention, and anything for-profit is nixed. Aja originally included really helpful resources as to what kinds of eco-paint would be good choices when painting your house. This was censored by the city, as it was viewed as advertising certain brands of paint. If you are interested in seeing her suggestions, please contact 628-4318.

Dated Material

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- Dunbar/Spring Email Listserv:**
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: May 19
- Board meetings are the first Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. Please contact a board member for location.*

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- Broadway underpass says it is 16.5’, but is only 14’ at its corner. Projects can be engineered to fit constraints specific to site. A: That bridge is under Toole Ave, not RR tracks.
- Could another consultant be brought in to give a second opinion? Curves being used could accommodate 75 mph traffic. A: Current consultant (HDR) is writing the book on context-sensitive design methods. Premature to get another opinion when plan is this wide open.
- We need to focus more on alternative transportation rather than building roads.
- TDOT is willing to mark planned roadway for May 10th walking tour and will come if you want, but please no effigy burning.

IX. Process committee discussion (continued)

- 9. Information availability.** Read aloud.
Vote 9 approve/0 oppose/2 abstain.
- 10. Grants.** Committee felt this didn’t belong in the bylaws. Association can form grants committee any time it likes.
- 11. Receipts policy.** Read aloud.
Vote 13 approve/0 oppose/0 abstain.
- 12. Agenda and Notice.** Read aloud.
 - What is “best means available?” A: Bulletin boards and listserv. Can’t do special mailing every month.
 - Don’t like last phrase. Shouldn’t be able to sneak stuff in.
 - Some business items come up with very little time. Intent is to make it hard to sneak things in.
 - Time-sensitive issues should have a way to be addressed. We elect the board to make judgments on these matters.
 - Sometimes we have to move quickly. This is a good provision, requires a special exception to be made. Propose if one board member has an objection, it can’t go through.
 - Spirit is to find more common ground.
 - *Vote* 4 approve/1 oppose/ 8 abstain.



Rethink the Link!

Join neighbors and community members for a press conference and walking tour of the proposed roadway that would demolish neighborhood businesses and art studios. The proposed route of the road, including a railroad underpass separating Dunbar/Spring from downtown,

will be marked out for all to see and imagine the change. Local business owners and neighborhood representatives will be speaking and distributing information on the plan.

Saturday, May 10th
12 Noon to 5 pm (press conference at noon)
520 & 526 N 9th Ave.

...AND come to the public meeting on the roadway!

May 12th, 5:30 pm, Tucson Convention Center

www.rethinkthelink.com

MINUTES FROM DSNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF APRIL 21, 2008

I. Call to Order and Introductions

Motion to approve March minutes. 14 approve/0 opposed/1 abstain

II. Announcements

- Block captain materials are ready and will be distributed.
- Across the Tracks youth video screening at the Dunbar auditorium on May 4th at 5:30 p.m.
- Intermountain Center for Human Development donated another \$100 for the bulletin board.

III. Information & Referral Services

•Operate a hotline (325-2111), hopefully soon to be 211. Contact for information and services, anything from mortgage help and violence prevention to food and shelter assistance for people in need. Recently accredited by national organization. Please let your councilperson know you want to keep this service, as it is in jeopardy.

IV. Neighborhood Reinvestment Grant

•County says we are “in the pipe.” We will be last neighborhood funded on this cycle. Committee that reviews applications is taking the summer off, giving DSNA until August to get our proposal finished. Still waiting for some cost estimates from the city.

V. Tucson Police Department

•Crime has been about what you’d expect. Questions/concerns?
Q: Can we get copies of the statistical reports you bring to our meetings regularly? A: Yes, contact Else Martinez at 791-5351.
Q: Is TPD aware of drug sales at 10th & 5th? Have witnessed three or four incidents in the afternoons. Docks near 6th have used needles. A: Haven’t seen anything but will take a look. If you see drug use, call it in and give a description. Calling helps with enforcement and documentation.
Q: Have you seen all the trash built up at Estevan Park? A: No, we’ll check it out.

VI. Elections

•Parliamentarian Jeff Simpson conducted elections. Read descriptions of all offices and counted votes.
President: Nomination for Natasha Winnik. Rejected nomination. Nomination for Moses. Rejected nomination. Nomination for Ian Fritz. Seconded. Ian accepted the nomination. Nomination for Lorraine Stockdale. Rejected nomination.
•Ian said he’s had a good year as secretary and wants to stay involved to help with big issues facing the neighborhood. Continue with green/sustainability projects, public art, traffic calming, and making the neighborhood livable for all sorts of people.
Vote 14 approve/0 oppose/8 abstain.

Vice-President: Nomination for Natasha Winnik. Seconded. Natasha accepted nomination.

•Natasha has lived here for eight years and was secretary several years ago. Will be active no matter what, but interested in being in a position to bring light to that activity. Consistent with Ward One’s advice that active community members should hold board positions.
Vote 18 approve/0 oppose/2 abstain.

Secretary: Nomination for Susan Hutzler. Rejected nomination. Nomination for Lorraine Stockdale. Seconded. Lorraine accepted nomination. Nomination for Kight. Rejected nomination.
Vote 19 approve/ 0 oppose/3 abstain.

Treasurer: Sky Jacobs is willing to continue as treasurer. Nomination for Sky. Seconded.

Vote 23 approve/0 oppose/0 abstain.

Parliamentarian: Nomination for Jeff Simpson. Seconded. Jeff accepted nomination. Nomination for Casey. Rejected nomination.

Vote 14 approve/ 0 opposed/ 7 abstain.

•Board has been meeting the first Wednesday after the first Monday of each month. Thanks to the board members for all of their hard work.

VII. Process Committee

•Committee was established ages ago in response to concerns about decision-making process. Looked at bylaw changes, brought in experts on parliamentary procedure, evaluated bylaws, and gathered feedback on suggestions. Here to gauge support for each individual change, then will move forward to gather signatures, give notice, and then put changes to a final vote for implementation.

Q: Who were members of committee? A: Jim Cook, Ian Fritz, Piper Weinberg, Barbara Bixby, Bill Moeller, Sky Jacobs, Marlena Hanlon, Turtle, Marci, Oskar, Larry, Vince, Jeff Davis. Originally there was a lot of interest, then as time went by, it became harder.

1. Robert’s Rules: incorporate into bylaws. Read proposed change.

Q: What would an example of a special rule be? A: 2/3-majority requirement, or changing the role of the president.

Vote 20 approve/0 oppose/1 abstain.

2. 2/3-majority: requirement for all votes. Read aloud. Background: Most decisions of association are not controversial. Spirit is to achieve greater support for any decision than a simple majority.

Q: Quorum of seven still? A: Yes, quorum will not be changed.

Q: An attempt was made a couple of months ago to make this rule at a regular meeting, but this would be permanent? A: That was a mistake, rules should not be able to be changed in that fashion. But without Robert’s Rules, there was nothing forbidding it.

•Support was voiced to point out that our lack of decision-making process did not forbid it and that the process committee’s work was not completed before the issue came back. Had hoped to honor intention of formation of that committee. Sorry if it was seen as wrong.

Vote 12 approve/7 oppose/0 abstain.

3. Voter registration. Considered a “hot button” issue by committee. Tabled for more discussion and for expediency of other issues.

4. Voting age: change eligibility from 18 to 16 years old.

•Unless they’re emancipated, they won’t have same level of responsibility as adults.

•Kids Piper is working with grew up in Dunbar/Spring and know more about neighborhood than some of us who are new to this area.

•Don’t see very many young people involved in DSNA unless they’re stuffing the ballot box.

•Youth should be encouraged to participate, not discouraged.

•Don’t see very many people of any age participating. Support change.

•Haven’t seen youth stuffing ballot box, is that really happening?

•Is this change legal in city’s eyes? A: Believe so. Parliamentarian has gone over city’s guidelines. No mention of age.

Vote 14 approve/ 6 oppose/ 3 abstain.

Q: Right now we’re passing these with simple majority, but if these pass, we will need 2/3 to change bylaws again? A: Yes.

5. Pecuniary Interest. “Hot topic” tabled for more discussion.

6. Facilitation: change to rotate facilitation among officers or let board decide.

•Concern about power to “call” the meeting. Taken from president,

but not given anywhere else.

•Suggestion to modify change to state: “The calling of and facilitation of neighborhood meetings....”

Vote 19 approve/2 oppose/2 abstain.

7. Minutes: change would preserve our method of taking minutes over Robert’s method.

Vote 21 approve/1 oppose/1 abstain.

8. Restriction on rescinding votes. Departure from Robert’s Rules, combines two restrictions to make process more difficult.

•Normally a vote to rescind can be taken at same meeting, why change it?

•Job description of parliamentarian; they make distinction if something requires a rescind.

•What if an action is in motion, and you want to rescind?

•Important to have option available at same meeting.

•Rescind and reconsider are different. Reconsider allows changing your mind at same meeting.

Vote 9 approve/3 oppose/9 abstain.

Change role of parliamentarian to determine whether a vote requires a rescind vote.

•What happens when parliamentarian isn’t present? A: Board members are responsible for making sure someone is in their place.

•Suggest changing language to designate vice president as backup parliamentarian. Also, vice president and parliamentarian should always bring bylaws to the meeting.

Vote 19 approve/0 oppose/3 abstain.

Motion to table discussion until after Downtown Links discussion. 17 approve/0 oppose/ 0 abstain.

VIII. Downtown Links – Presentation by Jim Glock, Tucson DOT

•Gave background on extension of aviation highway and newest incarnations of this project. New proposal comes through south end of Dunbar/Spring. Two possible cross sections for underpass, 120 feet and 80 feet. Design for 35 mph, sign for 30 mph. 550-foot radius curves; 11-foot traffic lanes. Clearance needs to be 16’6” for steel and 17’6” for concrete. Current traffic data: 6th Street = 24-25,000 cars per day. Stone = 30,000. New roadway will be 40,000 per day, will be built at capacity. Timing of traffic signals should be better for traffic than trains. CAC has emphasized bikes and pedestrians. Have heard concerns from Dunbar/Spring about severing BICAS from neighborhood, looking at improving 9th Avenue connection to make getting there easier. CAC will consider new alignment at a meeting on May 12th at the Tucson Convention Center.

CAC Representative Daniela Diamente: Neighborhood has established a position opposing new alignment with a letter to TDOT. Since then we’ve met with other neighborhoods: WUNA, El Presidio, Barrio Anita, and WAMO to get their thoughts. All have agreed that there needs to be more time to deliberate and more options need to be explored now that there are new criteria.

Discussion

•Have a hard time understanding what this would mean for our neighborhood. Can we get a map that shows structures and roadway? A: Yes, and we’ll give 3-D drawings to show height and scale.

•Terrence has maps.

•Suggestion to do walking tours for neighborhoods. A: Good idea, maybe before May 12th meeting.

•Some neighbors are working on a walking tour for May 10th. TDOT can help by putting up baffle boards or marking somehow.

•Which width would you mark? A: The 80-foot width.

•What roads have comparable underpasses? A: Speedway at RR, but with clearance of Park/Euclid.

•Cycling both of those underpasses is scary. A: CAC has directed us to have a companion bike path.

•Where are the constraints coming from, whom do we need to talk to

change things? A: If CAC asks us to seek options, we will. CAC report will go to Mayor & Council, which makes the decision.

•Councilmember Romero has heard our concerns and has asked for more time. Will CAC vote on the 12th? A: Don’t know.

•If you’re going to mark the 80-foot width, and nobody likes the 120-foot width, why does it keep showing up on your slides? A: You won’t see the 120-foot cross section slide again.

•4th Ave underpass was 9.5 feet; they bargained an extra 4 or 5 feet with the RR. Why can’t we? We’d like to see bicyclists at surface grade, not down in tunnel.

•If you take out the bikes and pedestrians, can you get the road out of Dunbar/Spring? A: Not without demolishing Stone underpass and Citizen’s warehouse.

•Interest in alternatives and hearing from other CAC members.

•Horizontal curves at 550’ radius is tightest TDOT is comfortable with.

•Required clearance is 17’6”. If we can get it down to 14’, maybe we can “thread the needle.”

•We’ve asked for meeting minutes with railroad but haven’t received them. A: There weren’t any minutes, but we’re putting together an account and getting those present to sign off on it.

•Since Dunbar/Spring representative to CAC wasn’t allowed to speak in January, there shouldn’t be a vote on May 12th. We shouldn’t be building for a car-based future, but the metropolitan area is not there yet, and they want this road. The RTA was an improvement over the last incarnation.

•What are the design specifications for the shoofly? In the drawings, it looks tight to the tracks on the south, but when drawn on the north, it’s a wide curve and knocks down buildings. Seems to fit with Stone underpass if you move it east. A: It has to follow a similar curve on both sides. 85 feet between RR and Steinfeld. Mike Barton will get you the specs.

•Is the intersection with RR tracks most dangerous for vehicles or bikes/peds? A: Believe all types.

•If you close 9th to vehicles, will RR put up a fence on edge of right-of-way? A: Believe RR is less concerned with bikes/peds.

•Basket bridge was built 10 years after Park/Euclid was widened. Will this connection take 10 years too? A: Basket bridge went in late because Bicycle Advisory Committee didn’t have a member on CAC for Park/Euclid. Now BAC is advocating on CAC. A: There is funding for the connection. 4th Ave has bike accommodation being built at the same time as underpass.

•How will drainage work if you’re just replacing the end of the line? This won’t increase capacity all the way. A: We will be tearing up all the way to 4th Ave and abandon sections of the old tunnels.

•We’ve been told the road needs to be four contiguous lanes, but ballot language doesn’t say this. A: There are one-way pair options, but they’d have to stay north of tracks.

•Ballot doesn’t say they have to be on north side. Two, two-lane roads could be on table? A: Would have to contact RTA.

•This is starting to look less like a connection and more like a circulation road. Two, two-ways could help circulation.

•Warehouse master plan is outdated. If it’s holding things up, could it be updated to accommodate?

•TDOT is willing to meet with neighborhood as often as is needed to help neighbors understand the plan.

•Everyone is interested in a win-win. We all need a little more time.

•Updating the warehouse plan has been talked about but isn’t in action yet.

•The city is a big part of that plan; they should step up especially since they’re selling the Franklin docks site.

•Property south of 6th and east of 7th plays a part in alignment. There is a stay for six months, but it ends on August 22nd.

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