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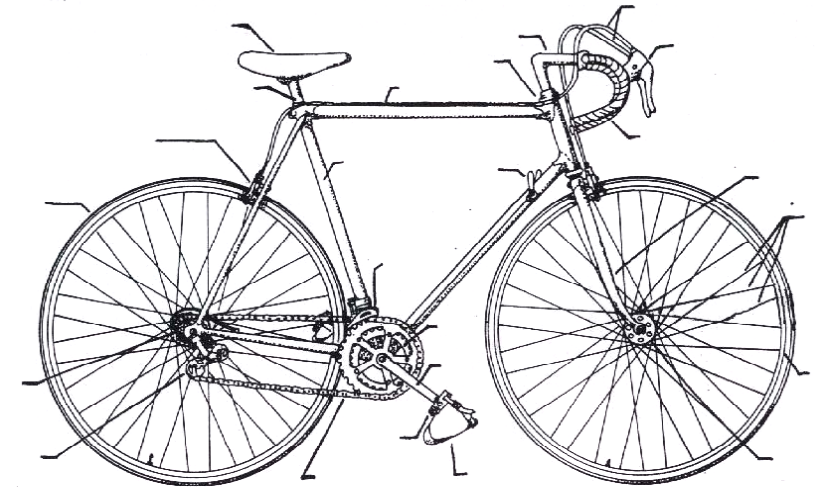
DUNBAR/SPRING NEIGHBORHOOD



*Want to know the names of all these parts, how to fix them,
 AND build your OWN bike this summer?*

**BICAS build-a-bike
 intensive course**

BICAS aims to help the neighborhoods that it serves become cleaner, healthier, and safer by offering community members a fun and interactive way of learning about bicycles. BICAS helps students understand that they are valued members of their communities, where they can take control of their own lives and environment through sustainable transportation and recycling. These classes teach students how to properly and completely rebuild a bicycle!



First session:
 June 10th to 20th
 Meets Tuesday thru Friday
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Second session:
 August 5th to 9th
 Meets Monday thru Saturday
 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Who: YOUTH, age 8 to 18

Where: BICAS, 44 W. 6th St.

Free!!! For all youth and Westside residents including the Dunbar/Spring neighborhood

Register: 628-7950 or
 bicasunderground@yahoo.com

Teaching & Helping...

Teaching & Helping is a service-learning program that offers volunteers the opportunity to explore a new career in reconstruction, help a neighbor in need, or learn to fix your own home.

Teaching & Helping organizes small teams of volunteers to conduct repairs on the homes of low-income families. These one- or two-day projects are led by experienced professionals who want to pass their hands-on skills to a new generation while serving those in need.

Past projects have ranged from installing a toilet and upgrading an electrical service to widening a doorway for a wheelchair. Future projects will include insulating houses and installing solar water heaters. Projects are available on both weekdays and weekends. Major tools are provided. Mentors and volunteers with a commitment to help are always needed.

For more information, contact Tres English at 795-3413 or tres1@mindspring.com.

Dated Material

- DSNA President:** Ian Fritz
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Councilwoman Regina Romero**
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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: June 16

Please contact a board member for time and location of the next DSNA board meeting.

Free Green Building Seminars this Summer



Planning to remodel your home? Want to learn about building green, but not sure where or how to start? Desert Green Builders is offering free seminars designed for the homeowner (or future homeowner) who wants to learn what they can do to live healthier and more efficiently.

Having partnered with the Dunbar/Spring-based Originate Natural Building Materials Showroom and Technicians for Sustainability, each Desert Green seminar will review green building practices that are both inexpensive and those that cost more up front but deliver savings in the long run.

These seminars are held at the Tucson City Councilmembers' Ward offices; space is limited to 20 people per session. The reason space is limited is to keep the sessions casual and promote audience participation.

For more information, to reserve your seat at one of the following seminars, or to find out about future events, visit www.desertgreenbuilders.com or contact David Blair at 891-9043 or davidblair21@yahoo.com.

Tuesday, June 24
 6:30 PM
 Ward 6 office: 3202 E. 1st St.

Wednesday, August 13
 6:30 PM
 Ward 2 office: 7575 E. Speedway



MINUTES FROM DSNA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF MAY 19, 2008



I. Call to Order and Introductions

•Approval of April Minutes: Brief version read to group. ***Vote* Unanimously approved.**

II. Announcements

- Proposed bylaws passed around. Ian explained the need for 50 signatures for the changes to formally pass.
- Treasurer's Report: The \$100 donation was received from Intermountain. Requested approval of reimbursement for graffiti abatement materials. ***Vote* Unanimously approved.**
- Member requested clarification on version of bylaws being passed around. Is it a completed version? A: There are additional items, some of which will be discussed tonight, that are still pending.
- Barbara Lewis from the Urban League introduced herself. They want to rebuild connection between Dunbar/Spring and the Urban League. She passed out a questionnaire and gave recap of what Urban League does.
- Jose and Martha Rivera from Barrio Blue Moon introduced themselves as visitors.
- Elliot, a Dunbar/Spring resident who is a teacher at City High, has offered to have students paint a mural on front and back of the community bulletin board on 9th Ave. DSNA would like a preliminary sketch; Lorraine or Carrie will relay this to Elliot.

III. Neighborhood Cleanup

•Terrence suggested that next year an announcement be placed in the newsletter. Lots of confusion regarding process. Not enough dumpsters. Some residents missed the announcements: possibly give more notice next year; possibly give details regarding where, when, and how. Resident mentioned what a good job was done at west side of Best Western.

IV. Process Committee: Previously Tabled Items

•Brief discussion regarding history of process committee. Three previously tabled items to be discussed: voter registration system, pecuniary interest/conflict of interest, and voting rights: homeowners vs. renters.

1. Voter Registration System: *Recommendation from process committee:* Before any neighborhood resident is allowed to vote at a DSNA meeting, they must first become a voting member. This would be done by adding their name and address to a list of registered voters and waiting 30 days (or one neighborhood meeting). The voter registration list would be maintained and administered by the parliamentarian, who would be responsible for bringing it to all meetings. Status as a voting member of DSNA would be valid indefinitely, so long as that member remains a resident of the neighborhood. If at any time during a DSNA meeting there is a question regarding someone's eligibility to vote, the parliamentarian can be asked to check the attendance of the meeting against the list of registered voters. The parliamentarian shall also be in possession of a set of numbered voting cards that can be used in the case of a large or contentious vote. These cards will be distributed by the parliamentarian to registered voters and collected at the close of that meeting. Votes will then be counted only if the voter is holding her/his voting card. A voter sign-up shall be included each month in the neighborhood newsletter in the form of a tear-off section that can be mailed or delivered to the home of the parliamentarian. Once a registration form is received by the parliamentarian, that person shall be instated as a voting member

either 30 days later or on the second neighborhood meeting to follow that date. If implemented, this process shall be waived for the first meeting that follows its implementation to allow for normal business to take place. *Alternative Recommendation:* The process committee recommends that DSNA amend its bylaws to include the above voter registration system, with the exception that no 30-day waiting period be required. In this case, the voter registration would still be kept, but registration would be effective immediately upon sign-up. All other provisions would remain the same.

Discussion

- Why would we want to change this? A: We have had the situation where an individual who runs a halfway house in the neighborhood brought his clients to meetings to vote. This is a real concern; no mechanism currently to stop anyone from doing this type of thing.
 - Long discussion regarding how the process might work; some members suggested not making any changes. Another suggestion was to have block captains introduce and explain issues to individuals in neighborhood. Another suggestion was to have attendees sign in at beginning of meetings and use the sign-in sheet during a vote.
 - Support voiced in favor of the 30-day waiting period otherwise we would be in the same situation we are currently in.
 - Concerns voiced regarding abuse of power.
 - How would the "list" process actually work?
 - Suggested that parliamentarian could issue voting cards and vote would be done by raising the card when it is time to vote.
 - Another member stated they are adamantly against this process; that they had never heard of it. Another member stated it is very common.
 - How would we keep track of all residents?
- Discussion ended – out of time. **Straw Poll: 6 in favor of voter registration in general; 6 opposed; 4 in favor of 30-day waiting period; 0 opposed**

2. Pecuniary Interest/Conflict of Interest: *Recommendation from process committee:* The process committee recommends that DSNA amend Article I of its bylaws to state that members who have a direct personal or pecuniary (monetary) interest in the outcome of a vote, not common to other members, may not vote on said issue. If a member fails to excuse himself or herself from a vote in which they have such an interest, their vote may be stricken from the record. To do so, the issue can be called to the attention of the association and a vote should be taken to decide if a conflict of interest exists.

- What is an example of pecuniary interest? A: The One West development.
- Opposition to pecuniary interest provision because everyone who votes really already has an interest; too broad; probability is minute that this would occur.
- Another example: meeting could be stacked by people who aren't residents (i.e.: individual who runs halfway house and their clients).
- Most people vote based on self-interest, but some could be voting based on needs/vision of the neighborhood.
- More discussion/questions regarding what does this mean; more requests for examples.
- DSNA is currently set up so a business gets one vote but employees cannot vote. An owner of multiple properties gets one vote only, not one vote for each property.
- Two considerations related to this provision: practicability and

principal. There probably wouldn't be much changing but the principal of the matter is important. The prospect of someone making lots of money could put someone in conflict.

•Concern with how members of meetings would be able to judge what an individual's interest actually is.

Discussion ended – out of time. **Straw Poll: 6 in favor; 9 opposed**

3. Votes Affecting Property Values/Taxes: *Recommendation:* Issues that would have an impact on the value of property or property taxes in the neighborhood should be voted on only by individuals who own property in Dunbar/Spring.

Discussion

•Department of Neighborhood Resources rules state that neighborhood associations are not permitted to do this. Need to look into this further; matter tabled until a future meeting.

V. Transportation Enhancement Grant: TOCAN Crossing at University and Main

- Dunbar/Spring submitted letter to ADOT and City of Tucson regarding improved bike/pedestrian crossing at University/Main.
- Ward 1 office is working on funding for crossing similar to University/Stone. Diane Rhoades, Councilperson Romero's aide, is working with the developer who did the University/Stone crossing and also working with the bike/pedestrian coordinator for the city.
- Grant proposal should be submitted by mid-June; will find out if awarded some time in October. Projected to be built in 2010 or 2011. Contact Ian if you wish to get involved.

VI. Speedway/10th Ave. Pedestrian Crossing (HAWK)

- Ian spoke with a resident at 10th Ave. and Speedway who has concerns about the safety of this crossing. It needs improvements, possibly a HAWK signal. Ian informally mentioned this idea to the Ward 1 office. Would anyone like to write a letter to Ward 1 or would neighborhood prefer that the board write the letter? Requested that board write the letter. ***Motion* for board to write letter to Ward 1 and ADOT requesting improvements at 10th Ave. and Speedway; seconded; carried with no opposition or abstentions.**

VII. Downtown Links

- Open forum Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting was held one week ago; four hours long with 1½ hours of public comment primarily regarding the recent "3d" alignment. Only three people spoke in favor of the alignment; majority against it
- Opposition made a difference in CAC's vote. At beginning of meeting, it was thought that the 3d alignment would be passed, but after all of the comments, CAC agreed to look at seven other options. These include the 2007 alignment originally chosen by citizens, two curvier alignments, one overpass option, one option with two lanes on the north side of tracks and two lanes on the south side, one option with all lanes on the north side.
- Feedback on pros/cons of these options at CAC meeting to be held

the second Monday in June. CAC meetings usually held at the downtown library. With another public comment session in July, the vote on the alignment should be in August. However, CAC can vote sooner than the August meeting. The actual wording by CAC for changing the vote to August was "...vote on or by August..."

- Dunbar/Spring representative will not be present at July meeting. Hoping the vote will not occur until August because no alternates are allowed when CAC member is not present. CAC's quorum is eight members.
- Is there any chance that a different engineering firm could look at the options?
- Concern with how ADOT is reporting what the railroad actually said regarding what its requirements are. Notes from the railroad meetings can be found on the Downtown Links website.
- Suggested that the DSNA board do some thinking about the politics involved in this situation: there are issues regarding who we can trust; who are our allies.
- How can we get CAC members to align with Dunbar/Spring?
- Suggested that someone approach the Ward 1 office; possibly approach Mayor and Council.
- CAC reports and makes recommendations to M & C. There is no guarantee M & C will agree with what CAC recommends.
- Recommended that individuals in the neighborhood contact public representatives regarding what we want. The greater diversity of voices, the better. Please be active.
- The alignment is also tied to how the ADOT warehouses will be dealt with.

VIII. Committee Reports

- Dunbar Coalition:** Grand opening of Phase II to be held June 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. Website up and running. New treasurer is Charles Land. Solar panels still being worked on. Golf tournament to be held June 7.
- Block Captains:** Block captains do walkabouts around Dunbar/Spring. Have found that people who live in neighborhood really love it. Block captains are finding that between 5 and 7 p.m. is a good time to do walkabouts. Will continue for about two more months; then will regroup. Currently handing out flyers describing what they do as block captains.
- Neighborhood Block Party:** October 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 11th Ave. between University and 2nd St. Everyone is welcome. Free food, youth and children's activities, music, dance, raffle prizes. Bring your own information table for your family business, organization, or other neighborhood-related group. This is a coalition between Dunbar/Spring neighbors, Friendship Missionary Baptist Church, and many neighborhood organizations. Volunteer help needed getting donations, sound system, set-up, youth activities, possibly a raffle, getting Pro Neighborhoods grant to fund the festival. Want to help? Questions? Contact Piper at 624-7007.

If you enjoy reading, come share your books with the neighborhood book group.

We meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the community garden. Bring some books that you have read in the past month, and hear about what your neighbors are reading. Leave with a list of great books to find at the library on your next visit. These past few months, we've talked about *Abarat* by Clive Barker, *The Hiking Light Handbook* by Karen Berger, and *I'm a Lebowski, You're a Lebowski* by Bill Green. Get to know your neighbors and share your love of reading. Everyone is welcome (even if they don't live in Dunbar/Spring). Contact Karen Greene at 791-0395 or kgreene5050@yahoo.com if you have any questions.