



MINUTES: DSNA MEETING OF NOVEMBER 17, 2008

I. Call to Order; Sign-in

- September and October minutes recapped and 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; \$50 earmarked for traffic circle sign repairs.

II. Announcements

- Matt Weber owns rental property across from the Dunbar Barber Academy; has concerns about this commercial property being adjacent to residential properties especially parking; recently counted about 14 cars parked on 2nd Street; some residents reported experiencing cat calls by some of the students; possible vote next month to mandate students use the Dunbar Auditorium parking lot and use street parking for clients of the Academy; Matt to prepare a draft letter from the neighborhood to the Academy with a copy to the Dunbar Coalition asking for change; will discuss at December meeting.
- Officer Morin, our TPD liaison, has a new number: 791-5032; leave a message with Elsa Martinez, Community Resource Officer; she can expedite getting message to him; previously residents had expressed concerns regarding the sex offenders in the neighborhood; website: <http://az.gov/webapp/offender/main.do>; enter your zip code and a site comes up listing detailed information regarding all offenders in the neighborhood; resident requested that Officer Morin look into why so many ambulances and fire trucks are coming so frequently to the halfway house on 10th; this information should be public if it is criminal activity; however if medical, nobody knew how to find out.
- Still looking for someone to take over the newsletter!**
- Contrary to a previous announcement, City High will paint murals on the 9th Ave. bulletin board sometime in the spring.
- Quereshi Zoning Variance: Nothing has changed since the last meeting; there is a zoning issue with the structure built as a combination aviary and tree-top balcony; the City approached him after a neighbor complained; the City stated that permits are not required because of its small size (5' x 5'); however it does not meet requirements for a setback from the street; he was also recently approached by Animal Control regarding the birds; Sohail believes our feedback will also be helpful with PACC; **Motion made that DSNA write a letter in support of the aviary located at the Quereshi residence on the northwest corner of 1st St. and 10th Ave. including language stating that the neighborhood feels it is a great addition to Dunbar/Spring; motion seconded; motion carried unanimously.**

III. Recap of Board Meeting with Ward 1

- Ian's email that was previously posted on the listserv was read: "The DSNA board met with our city council representative Regina Romero to discuss some recent communication problems with the ward office, and with our ward 1 aide, Diana Rhoades. This meeting was prompted by a vote taken at the DSNA meeting in August directing the board to seek communication with other aides from ward 1, to make a determination of which aide would best serve the neighborhood,

and to take that request to Regina. At our meeting with Regina we discussed broader issues of miscommunication and a pervasive feeling within the association of a lack of representation from the ward office over the downtown links issue. We also spoke about some of the complaints we had about Diana's representation of and communication with the neighborhood. In the end it was decided that giving our relationship with Diana another chance is our best option. This process and decision has not been an easy one for the board, since we carry differing opinions, and the issue, if handled improperly, could exacerbate an already tense situation. We thank the association for putting its trust in the board on this decision. We hope that our decision will turn out for the best and that we haven't disappointed anyone. If you have questions/concerns, please contact me."

- Summary of a memorandum from Regina Romero to Jim Glock was given requesting that the transportation department ensure that RTA funds are set aside for enhancements to the neighborhood; also requested that they pay special attention to the drainage issues at the west end of the neighborhood and in Barrio Anita.

IV. Downtown Links Update

- Jaqueline Fox was at the November CAC meeting; she reported that Karen Greene brought up that DSNA was not aware of the median set to go in at 9th Ave. and 6th St.; concerns regarding when heading east on 6th, cannot turn left into DSNA because of the median; resident commented that they were confused because that section of 6th St. will not exist with the 3d Plan; asked if the median was temporary (Karen after the meeting clarified: The median is supposed to be temporary [3-5 years] and once the Downtown Links project reaches 9th Ave., it will be configured differently; for now, the railroad wants to put this median up to block eastbound vehicles from heading north on 9th Ave.); Corky Poster announced that he had a successful meeting with Barrio Anita; mitigation funding set-aside is important; resident requested that the board ask Diana Rhoades to come back to our neighborhood association meetings; she is a good resource.

V. Art Signs at 11th and 1st

- Susan Hutzler's brother has obtained the boulders; project should be completed before the December meeting; Wet Desert, the company who is doing this project, has done a temporary fix in the meantime.

VI. Committee Reports

- Community Garden:** The pancake breakfast was a great success; 900 pancakes served; resident suggested somehow decreasing size for future events by hosting a breakfast more local to the neighborhood.
- Dunbar Coalition:** \$12,500 from the foundation for management of the museum and low-income kids' entrance fees; December should be the start of bids for the historic section rehab; a donation campaign is coming soon; "Raisin' in the Sun" is coming to the Temple of Music & Art in January; possibly Dunbar Coalition to receive one night's ticket income as a fundraiser.



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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: December 15

Solar Rights Act Needed in Arizona

By Izzetta Chambers, Dunbar/Spring resident

Did you know that 36 states in this country have passed solar rights acts or legislation recognizing solar easements? Unfortunately, Arizona is not among these states that give explicit property rights protection to solar access or legal recognition of solar easements.

What is a solar easement?

According to Washington State law, a solar easement means “a right, expressed as an easement, restriction, covenant, or condition contained in any deed, contract, or other written instrument executed by or on behalf of any landowner for the purpose of assuring adequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems.” RCW 64.04.150.

What is meant by “solar access?”

California Solar Rights Act is perhaps the most comprehensive of the solar rights laws that I have encountered in my research. In addition to providing explicit property rights recognition and protection for solar easements, California places limits on covenants and restrictions that could potentially limit the installation of solar installations. California’s Solar Rights Act is codified as California Civil Code Sections 714, 714.1, 801, 801.5, California Government Code Sections 65850.5, 66475.3, and 66473.1, and California Health and Safety Code Section 17959.1.

How do we get protection for solar users in Arizona?

We need to inundate our lawmakers with letters in support of passage of a solar rights act in Arizona. Property rights protection for access to sunlight for solar power and solar hot water systems will ensure that solar users rights are protected, thus encouraging citizens to install more solar units. If you would like more information, please contact me at izzetta.chambers@gmail.com.