



## Minutes for October 21, 2013

**1. Call to Order** – 7:04pm

**2. Sign in and Introductions**

**3. Treasurer Report** – Balance has not changed: 1,415.71

**4. Announcements**

(a) Community planters in front of the Joel D. Valdez Main Library have been planted with native seeds or plants. Stop by and take a look. For more information contact the library at (520) 594-5500 or visit the webpage <http://www.library.pima.gov/locations/main/index.php>

(b) Porch Fest Sunday November 24, 2013 (to coincide with the Mesquite Milling) 3PM-5PM in the Dunbar Spring Neighborhood. To help organize the event contact Karen Greene at [kgreene5050@yahoo.com](mailto:kgreene5050@yahoo.com)

(c) Desert Harvesters 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Mesquite Milling (in conjunction with DSN porch fest) Sunday November 24, from 11am to 5pm. See attached flyer for more details or visit [www.desertharvesters.org](http://www.desertharvesters.org)

(d) Sign-up to become a neighborhood steward at <http://www.dunbarspring.org/content/sign-be-neighborhood-steward>. DSN received some materials from Tucson Clean and Beautiful to help keep trash in the neighborhood picked-up. There may also be opportunities to learn about invasive and non-native species removal in public spaces in the neighborhood.

(e) The Whistle Stop Depot has recently been designated as a community center by the City of Tucson. Check out their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/whistlestopucson> or stop by to see how the space has been transformed. Gabriel Ayala, acoustic musician, has also been named Artistic Director for the Whistle Stop Depot.

**5. Discussion**

*(a) Sustainability and Education – UA class of 26 students will be doing a service learning project in the neighborhood November 16, 2013 from 8am-12noon. The students will take a tour of the neighborhood, and will then work with neighborhood volunteers and several possible projects ranging from water harvesting mapping, invasive/non-native species removal, overall clean-up, tree planting, or like projects. If interested in working with the students and neighborhood volunteers, please contact Sky Jacobs at [skyjacobs@gmail.com](mailto:skyjacobs@gmail.com).*

*(b) Cooperatives – Martha Dominguez of the Luna Amethyst Cooperative spoke of the benefits of cooperatives for economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability. For more information, contact Martha Dominguez at (520) 822-9302.*

*(c) Hospitality House – Albert Elias spoke of the Salvation Army Hospitality House and land swap. Elias reiterated that the project is going forward as per the original agreement 9 years ago. Construction for the House will begin in January. The land swap between the City of Tucson and the Salvation Army will move*

*forward after the current anthropological exploration and asbestos abatement process. The site the City will take ownership of will be used for affordable housing, albeit, a partnership between the City and another entity may be needed to fund the project.*

*(d) Downtown Links – Letter to the City of Tucson (CAC, TDOT) to reiterate that connectivity needs to be ensured for north/south pedestrian and cyclist traffic. North/south connectivity should focus not only on safety but also ease and comfort for north/south connectivity. Discussion postponed, letter to be finalized.*

*(e) Ronstadt Center – Vote to support the DNARC letter to the City of Tucson. Passed (9 votes – 8 yes; 1 abstention)*

## **6. Committee Reports**

*(a) Downtown Links – Nothing to report*

*(b) Neighborhood Garden – Removed all irrigation to plots. All new irrigation system built for orchard. Re-visioning for garden still needed.*

*(c) Dunbar Coalition – No report.*

**9. Approval of Minutes from July and September – Unanimously approved**

**10. Adjourn –Adjourned at 8:53pm.**