

## **West University Neighbors Association Meeting**

Meeting Date: October 9, 2004

Meeting Location: West University Neighborhood Park

Notes by Steven Baker

Board Members in Attendance: David Kelly, Drix, Steven Baker, Clark Cox, Ron Lewis, Steve Jarvis

Other Attendees: J. R. Ellis, Charles Biggs, Steve Norris, Courtney Hight, Eric Parchen, Megan McKusker, Charles Hirsch, Sarah Turnquist, Josh Bruce, Rickt Brooker, Brett Rowlett, Crystal Giarcia, Emily Eng, Darren Wyss, Marie Valle, Linda Swisher, Jenny Thomas, Sarah Cheesman, Vincent Worm, Colin McArthur, Larry von Klein, Carmen von Klein, Terri, David Capps, Grace Burgwyn, Kitty Piercy, Richard Brooker, Terri Harding, Marc Schlossberg, Gayle Hand, Greg Edblom, Meghann McCuniff, Maren Peasley, Kris Ackerson, Marlene Cannon, Sharon Castle, Alexandra Roberts

WUN Meeting began about 1:00pm in the West University Neighborhood Park. The WUN had arranged with Eugene Parks to allow opening the park one day for the WUN Neighborhood Info Fair.

Drix opened the meeting and welcomed Kitty Piercy, the candidate for Mayor of Eugene. Kitty welcomed people to the park and neighborhood meeting.

Several times during the meeting, David Kelly choose raffle winners of gifts donated by local businesses.

Larry and Carmen von Klein presented information on their 27 unit apartment building being proposed for construction. The apartments will be high quality units with brick veneer and security. And there will be a porch on the entry. The von Kleins are seeking support from WUN for their application for for the Multiple Unit Property Tax Exemption for this project. There were not enough neighborhood members for a quorum, so a vote couldn't be taken. Since the von Kleins indicated that there was time, it was decided to bring this issue to a vote during the next meeting on November 4.

There was a request for nominations for officers and board members for the West University Neighborhood elections. The following existing board members and officers were willing to serve again and were nominated: David Kelly, Clark Cox, Steven Baker, Steve Jarvis, and Deborah Healey. Ron Lewis declined serving another year. One new person was nominated as a board member: Sarah Hand. Other nominations can also be made at the November meeting before the elections take place.

March Schlossberg, a University of Oregon professor, discussed the WUN Map Project. This project will pair students in his class with interested neighborhood residents in a project to collect information about the West University Neighborhood. Students and neighbors will use small personal digital assistants (PDAs) with mapping capabilities for

collecting data in the neighborhood. Data collection is scheduled to take place on Saturday, October 16 from 9am to 3pm. The information to be collected is in three areas:

- Trees in the neighborhood
- Street lights in the neighborhood
- Dumpsters in the neighborhood

There will be 10 teams collecting data, with one student paired with a resident. People interested in participating should meet at Cafe Roma at 9am on Saturday, October 16.

The goals (lofty ideas) of the project include bringing together people from the neighborhood and university students so that the University of Oregon is not just known for student riots. These goals also include involving other students living in the neighborhood with the West University Neighbors and neighborhood groups. Marc hoped that this project could serve as a model for how the University could interact with the neighborhood. The hope is to foster a community dialog to help facilitate community decision-making using mapping as a tool.

A question was asked regarding suggestions for getting more people involved in the neighborhood group. Crystal suggested putting signs on 13th Avenue, advertisements in the Eugene Daily Emerald and the Eugene Weekly, and also flyers on campus,

The meeting was ended about 2:30pm. The weather had mostly cooperated with only an intermittent light drizzle.

Many local businesses, non-profit organizations, and city staff volunteered time, energy, and resources to the WUN Info Fair. The West University Small Business Association and Rainbow Optics donated snacks and refreshments. The Central Presbyterian Church loaned us tables and chairs. The Eugene Police staff engraved bicycles. Several non-profits and local businesses had booths at the WUN Info Fair. A number of local businesses (Napoli, Precision Cuts, and the UofO Bookstore) donated items that were awarded as door prizes. A large thanks goes out to all of these folks for supporting this neighborhood event.

The next general meeting will be held at Indigo District on November 4 at 7:30pm. The WUN board meeting will meet beforehand starting at 7:00pm.