

WAMO Minutes 1/09/2008

n Attendance: John Laswick, Donovan Durbin, Charles Alexander, Dirk Arnold, Lucy Mitchell, Charlie Spillar, Bob Peterson, Marvin Shaver, Dwight Metzger, David Aguirre, Joe Hatton

1) Minutes from 12/12 officially approved.

2) Treasure's report: We have \$145.00 in our account. There's a little over \$88,000.00 in the Trust Fund. Charles wrote a draft letter that will hopefully help the city to see why we should be in control of that money. John said we should address it to Jim Glock, as Susan has already made headway in that department with him. Basically, we would like to be able to make our own decisions on how that money is used. There was a brief discussion that we would need to set up guidelines and accounting procedures if and when we gain access to it. Do we need to be a 501 (c) 3?

3) Meeting time for the full board meetings has officially been changed to 6PM.

4) John led a discussion concerning the Star's Sunday article. His response is that ADOT is taking the most stupid approach but at least The Star is keeping the flame on the issue. According to the article, Zee, because it is privately owned, does not meet the definition of "Public Purpose." Most of the other buildings are occupied by non-profits. John & Susan will be meeting with Jaret Barr tomorrow. John assured us that Jaret is committed to helping us "shepherd" from the inside. Although the article implied that the Attorney General has made a ruling on the definition of Public Purpose, he has not.

Glenn Lyons, the new interim leader of the Tucson Downtown Partnership, from Calgary, has been offered \$100,00-\$120,000 over the next year. The partnership does not have committed funds yet, so Susan was wondering whether or not WAMO should offer him \$10,000-\$15,000 to help pay his salary. Steve Lynn, the Partnership's Board Pres., said "sure, help pay his salary." Donovan said that Lyons will be working on "the lowest hanging fruit" at first, i.e. Walgreens and the MacArthur Bldg. Charles said he did not feel comfortable giving Lyons any of our money. This sentiment was echoed around the room, with Bob Peterson abstaining and David seemed not to want to rule out the possibility of throwing money at Lyons but lets wait until when and if we get control of our money.

5) OPEN HOUSE: Dirk presented his concept boards of Who, What, Where, When and How. (Brilliant) . Each board will establish a station. There will be a sign up by Corkly's power point. The most important thing is that we all be there to "Meet & Greet." John stressed that we're not necessarily looking for money, we're looking for voices of support. We need people to make phone calls and write emails to the powers that be on our behalf. Joe presented his menu for the affair with much appreciated samples. Baguettes will be supplied by Small Planet. Lucy will make a double batch of humus. Joe will make tabouli. He'll try to get a couple of more folks to make different spreads for the bruchettas. Wine...yes. Beer...no. I think Susan is in charge of procuring the wine. John said he would put \$50.00 towards the event.

6) Charlie suggested that we have a survey of what the artists want. Susan did a survey last spring but with all the hubub about the closing of the Steinfeld Warehouse, the results were overshadowed.

7) The Marketing committee suggests that this spring's art walk be sponsored by WAMO, with the tour concentrating on the downtown artists. Minimal costs to WAMO, as the artists will have to pay, maybe \$35.00 apiece to be represented.

8) Dwight passed around a sign up sheet for hosting our future meetings. Lucy signed up Small Planet as a site for our April mtg, in the hopes of warmer weather. As of now, we have no meeting site for our executive meeting on the 23rd of this month.

NEXT FULL BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 13, 2008 AT 6PM LOCATION UNKNOWN