

## WAMO Board Minutes April 9, 2008

In attendance: Susan Gamble\*, David Johnson, Daniela Diamente\*, Dirk Arnold\*, Marvin Shaver\*, Reuben Ronquei, Jim Blair, Glenn Lyons, Natash Winnick\*, Dwight Metzger\*, Lucy Mitchell\*, Judy Dare\*, Ron Schwabe

1. Minutes from 3/12/08 approved

2. Glenn Lyons shared some of his history with us. He's been a city planner for 30 years, mostly in Canada. He's been hired "to make things happen." If we'd like to see some of his previous projects, go to [calgary.ca](http://calgary.ca) and look for BRIDGES. Also try Googling Beltline Initiative. The MacCarther building just went up for sale today. Now the Walgreens bldg. needs to be sold. He thinks that the WAMO bldgs are probably a 10 year revitalization plan. He's been impressed with William & Dane's diligence. He said he would like to work with WAMO. He can provide the diligence but he needs our creativity. Lastly, if we're really serious about a different alignment for Links, he suggested we find a retired transportation engineer.

3. Report back from 2 Sunday special WAMO meetings: Daniela said there was positive feedback. Dwight would like to pursue Land Trusts. Daniel made a motion that WAMO commit 3 members to pursue working with Glenn Lyons and other stake holders. Natasha seconded. Unanimous. Dirk, Dwight and Natasha volunteered. They will contact Glenn tomorrow and report back. Susan and Marvin will continue pursuing partnering with Williams and Dane. We're hoping for another meeting with Matt Brown when he returns to Tucson either 4/26 or 4/27. Ron will let us know.

4. Discussion of WAMO letter regarding Michael Keith: Natasha suggested we offer \$5,000.00 to both Glenn and Michael.

5. Non-Profit Status: Eric Ryver has offered to expedite our application for \$500.00. Susan made a motion to accept the offer. Marvin 2nd. Unanimous. He'll need to issue WAMO an invoice, in order for us to tap into our money.

6. Discussion of WAMO position regarding Downtown Links: We want to ask for more time to choose the best alignment. There's a CAC mtg scheduled for 5/12. Dwight feels that the City has been disingenuous.. Natash made a motion that WAMO send a letter to Mayor & council and CAC members that we need more time, more alignments and more public process to be able to comment on other alignments. We are also very concerned about the destruction of warehouses. We have the support from WUNA, Dunbar Springs and El Presidio. Dwight 2nd. Unanimous.. Susan will draft a letter.

7. Open Studio tour update: The tour will be from noon to 5pm on 5/10 and 5/11. There is a \$30.00 registration fee. So far, 30 folks have signed up.

8. Susan and David Johnson went to the Town West mtg a few weeks ago. TPAC & WAMO will put together a program of what we'd like to see in their development. We need to find out their time line. Judy will represent El Presidio.

9. Next meeting May 14th 6PM at Judy's :Redondo Towers 5c