

**University Neighborhood Partnership**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**January 23, 2008**

**Members Present:** Hugh Gregg, Beth Rougeux, John Ferguson, Michael Stanton, Barbara Karper, Norm Roth, Barbara Humphrey  
**Facilitator:** Tom Wolfe

After a brief round of introduction, Tom asked that we talk about UNP in light of comments in a recently released SEUNA newsletter regarding the recommendations contained in the UNP document, "Developing a Strategic Plan Relative to Issues Related to Density in the University Area." This document reflected testimony provided at a series of hearings at City Hall regarding issues of code enforcement, traffic and parking, trash and other quality of life issues.

Tom explained that UNP members, at its October 10, 2007 meeting, reached consensus on the recommendations that were contained in this document, yet SEUNA claimed in its newsletter that consensus had not been reached on all recommendations.

Tom and other members of UNP pointed out that the group came to consensus on October 10 around the issues, but not how to address them. For example, UNP did not recommend creating a special district within the Special Neighborhood District, but rather recommended that this be considered. Concern was expressed first that the recommendations were misinterpreted, but more importantly, that the process of consensus was being undermined. Despite having a SEUNA representative at the October 10 meeting who participated in the reaching of consensus, the SEUNA claimed that consensus was not reached.

Based upon this situation, Tom posed two questions to the group:

1. Is every member committed to consensus?
2. Should the UNP continue **or** disband?

Tom also explored with the members of the UNP the possibility tendering his resignation as facilitator, because he had been told by a community member that his bias as an SU employee impacted his facilitation. Though the UNP, by consensus, had asked him to be the facilitator for the past three years, he wishes not to participate in even the appearance of bias which might impede the credibility of the UNP if it chooses to continue.

The group agreed that members should think about these questions and reconvene. The next meeting was set for Wednesday, February 20 at 2 pm at University United Methodist Church.