

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
January 18, 2012
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AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Suellen Mack

Committee Reports

- Treasury Committee – report on current funds; newsletter sponsors
- Environmental Committee
- Land Use Committee- agenda from most recent meeting on January 10, 2012
- Neighborhood Watch Committee
- Community Garden Committee
- Website
- Newsletter and Metal Recycling

Old Business

- January general membership meeting – anything that is unresolved or needs to be discussed....
- Nominations for WeCAN Do Great Things awards for February
- Update on the current WeCAN insurance status (cost, time necessary to obtain a policy, etc.)
- Update: Planning for Board training and goal setting session is progressing
- Gifts for new member drawing

New Business

- February and March general membership agendas...discussing tentative plans to have a speaker address the importance of RNOs with respect to setting policy/community initiatives
- Confirm board member contact information
- WeCAN web addresses/website functionality questions
- Setting the year's agendas/priorities
- What goals do we want to accomplish by this time next year?

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chad Reischl

In attendance - Chad Reischl, Alan Burch, Leah Rounds, Suellen Mack, Barbara Baker, Jonathan Austin, Laurie King, Carolyn Bellicci, Bill Baker, Mike Garner, Cindy Gallard, and Shane Wright

Not in attendance – Ben Stetler

Introductions of all board members were made

Committee Reports

- Land Use (Jonathan)

- Currently working on getting goals set, a mission statement in place, etc.
- Cindy has contacted the city with regards to the McDonald's plan. They are going forward with their plan, but the plans have yet to be finalized. Question on whether the building height will meet the zoning requirements.
- Chad will be following up with the Sports Authority Field signage
- There is a business order seeking a liquor license on Sheridan. WeCAN has responded with a letter of opposition to this, citing that is located near a girl's high school and the number of liquor stores that are already available in the area.
- West End flats is on schedule to open in April 2012
- Treasury (Suellen)
 - Current total budget stands at about \$30,000, with close to \$1,700 in the checking and operating budget, most of which is attributed to the metal recycling program.
- Neighborhood Watch (Carolyn)
 - Cop Shop at West End flats is still in need of volunteers, there are some names coming in that are interested in serving, their volunteer sheets still need to go out and be submitted. Carolyn will serve on the initial Cop Shop board. Working on getting a few additional computers for the Cop Shop for its opening in April.
 - Hope that the CO Coalition of the Homeless will help to expand and facilitate growth in the neighborhood watch program.
 - There is a monthly DPD District 1 commanders meeting, Alan is planning on attending this month
 - Barb is planning on attending Dan Pabon's Town Hall meeting on January 23rd
- Community Garden (Shane)
 - Our chance of starting a new community garden plot at Nettie Moore Park had been downgraded. Susan Sheppard has contacted Dan from Denver Parks and Rec and it sounds like the garden is back on as originally planned. Plan that someone from the Parks and Rec department will share more information at the March general meeting
- Website (Mike)
 - Number of visits to the site has increased – 193 hits as compared to 84 at this time last year
 - 179 email subscribers, with a 50% open rate
 - Currently stand at 234 members
 - Recently signed up with Google ads, to date it has made \$4.53
 - The donation link is now up and working
 - 25 twitter followers and 37 facebook followers
 - New emails for board members need to be set up
 - Contact Mike whenever you want something posted to the website, twitter, facebook, etc.
 - We have a shared server space, so be aware of the size of documents, photos, etc.
 - Alen to start helping with the administration
- Newsletter (Bill)
 - There is a need for a carrier in the SW area of the neighborhood, approximately 150 fliers

Old Business

- Insurance (Laurie) – the application still needs to be submitted and quotes are still coming in. Maria is to start helping with this process as communication with companies has been difficult

- WeCAN Do Great Things Award – nomination and unanimously approved for Lake Steam Baths, for their generosity with new member gifts
- Planning or Board training and goal setting is still in transition a this time
- New member gifts – will continue with Lake Steam gift certificates

New Business

- Planning for February and future general membership meetings
 - February – Speaker to address the importance of having RNOs with respect to setting policy/community initiatives (What is an RNO and what it can do). Also a short presentation to talk about lead blood testing that is coming up in March
 - March – Community Garden information
 - April – show a Colfax Documentary film
 - May – School/Youth involvement, especially over the summer months
 - June – Water Usage and RTD
- Updating board contact list
- Setting this year's agendas, priorities, and goals
 - One good season in the community garden
 - Confluence block party in June – playing a larger role in this
 - Treasury committee to meet to decide how to allocate funds to projects
 - Getting the Cop Shop launched
 - Getting more people involved in the neighborhood watch committee – making “take back the night” an annual event
 - Continue with graffiti and alley clean-up
 - Consistency on happy hours
 - Getting Girls Inc., Boys and Girls Club leadership more involved
 - Getting updates from local schools and how they are doing
 - May speaker – getting teens and youth more involved in summer time opportunities in the neighborhood – getting this information in the newsletter, on the website, and fliers to be passed out in schools
 - RTD representative coming to give more information on the light rail
 - Park clean-up
 - Presence at the Colfax Marathon

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

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 Secretary
 West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)