

WeCAN Board Meeting

Minutes

February 22, 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

- 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

New Business

- Announcement: NO time/date change for further board meetings.
- March & April general membership agendas
 1. March: Nicole Stahly with P&R and Shannon Spurlock from DUG.
 2. April: Colfax Movie night. Popcorn?
 3. May: Summer Opportunities for Kids
- Nominations for WeCAN Do Great Things awards for March
- Gifts for new member drawing
- ECM Volunteer Day?
- Spring Alley Clean-up?
- Additional Cooperation with Confluence Ministries?
- Saturday April 21st = Tree Delivery
- Colfax Marathon: Sunday May 20th
- Block Party = July 14th What form of participation by WeCAN?

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chad Reischl

In attendance - Chad Reischl, Ben Stetler, Alan Burch, Leah Rounds, Suellen Mack, Barbara Baker, Carolyn Bellicci, Bill Baker, Mike Garner, and Cindy Gallard

Not in attendance – Jonathan Austin, Laurie King, and Shane Wright

New Business

- Tree delivery for Denver Digs program will be delivered Saturday April 21st. Volunteers were asked for and 2 trucks were offered to help with delivery.
- Colfax Marathon is May 20th. WeCAN will be making a presence. Ideas include: holding up banners, cheering, playing outdoor games, handing out drinks as runners go by, having a table with WeCAN banner set up. Chad will contact marathon people to see if handing out drinks to runners is ok.
- Dan Shah is having a temporary Art Lot this summer at Vrain and Colfax. Everything should be designed and installed by August 1st. Dan has \$2k from his board and is asking WeCAN to contribute \$500 or throw a party for the opening event. Concerns raised over whether this project would be the best use of WeCAN's resources were raised. Also, the proposal has been changed and there is the concern of the reliability of the project going through. Idea of putting funds toward flowerpots on the sidewalk along Colfax, something that would last a whole summer. Safeway has \$100 mini block grants available, and could ask the local businesses to water them. WeCAN voted to respectfully decline Dan Shah's offer, but WeCAN is willing to work with him in the future. Possibility of have a party for opening day of the Art Lot, will look into asking McDonald's to donate ice and refreshments.
- Extreme Community Makeover (ECM) and WeCAN have partnered to help each other on a clean-up day. Working on coordinating a day to do these projects together. Tentative date set for May19th.

Committee Reports

- Treasury (Suellen)
 - Current total budget stands at about \$30,000, with just over \$1,500 in the checking and operating budget. Newsletters are still going strong with the metal recycling program.
- Environmental
 - Clean-up date tentatively set for May 19, 2012
- Land Use
 - Mission Statement and Goals have been set. Everything is going well with the St. Anthony's redevelopment
- Neighborhood Watch (Carolyn)
 - Cop Shop activities include security systems being installed to protect the volunteers, computers, etc.
 - This West Colfax Cop Shop will be the flagship Cop Shop for District 1, and the Federal Cop Shop will be a satellite. Volunteers will work at either location.
 - This West Colfax Cop Shop will focus on education and prevention. It will also serve as the District 1 community center. This Cop Shop will focus on building up the

neighborhood watch program, bike helmet initiatives, serve as a paint bank for graffiti, auto theft, and more.

- There is no on street parking on Colfax, the main parking lot is in the back of the building and would lead someone to a back entrance. Security systems need to be in place to protect sensitive information, the volunteers, computers, etc.
- The original quote from the security company (Systems Management Group) was \$19k, so the systems much be scaled back. A smaller system would cost \$4,700 but that does not include intercoms and cameras
- To help fund the security systems DPD is looking for grants and the DPD Cop Shop's current budget (approx. \$2,800 for both Cop Shops). Sloan's Lake and Villa Park Neighborhood Associations will contribute. WeCAN has set aside \$1k for the Cop Shop. There may be a possibility of DPD reimbursements for donations.
- If there is a commitment to a certain level of security, the funds will be need to be paid in the next few weeks. WeCAN agreed to contribute \$1k and will give it when it is needed, instead of in the Spring as originally planned.
- There is a greater need for education to the public on what a Cop Shop is.
- The grand opening should be early May
- Community Garden
 - Currently filling out Grant applications, this project is going forward
- Website (Mike)
 - No updates. WeCAN has gotten good feedback on our website
- Newsletter/Metal Recycling (Bill)
 - There is a need for a carrier in the neighborhood. There will be an announcement at the next general meeting.
 - Recycling has been slow lately, mostly due to the weather

Old Business

- Insurance quotes were incomplete and invalid. There is a need to get updated quotes and more information. Insurance needs to be set up quickly.
- Board training/Goal setting is in progress. Terry Harrington runs workshops to help different personalities work together, such as the WeCAN board. It is a 3-4hr training. Currently looking at a Sunday afternoon, with a location TBD.

New Business

- Board meetings with remain the 3rd Wednesday of every month
- WeCAN Do Great Things Award – nomination and unanimously approved for JPUN (Jefferson Park United Neighbors), who had a large role in restricting the signage at Sports Authority Stadium.
- New member gifts – will continue with Lake Steam gift certificates
- WeCAN will start additional cooperation with Confluence Ministries, which includes a commitment to networking and communicating between organizations. An example would be clean-up days, this cooperation would help bring in volunteers and make stronger events. A Confluence Ministry representative will start attending board meetings.

- Planning for March and future general membership meetings
 - March – Nicole Stahly with P&R and Shannon Spurlock from DUG, to confirm Community Garden information
 - April – show a Colfax Documentary film with popcorn sales Whiz Kids tutoring
 - May – Update from Brownfield on the St. Anthony’s redevelopment. School/Youth involvement
- Rebuilding Together - Using funds from the annual garage sale to sponsor a RT house this summer. Sale set for end of May or early June, possibly the weekend after Memorial Day weekend

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds
Secretary
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