

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
April 18, 2012
Prepared by Leah Rounds

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 March meeting
- 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.)...Maria Burch
- Update: Planning for Board training – April 29th - 1:00pm Suellen's House 1368 Utica

New Business

- Dan Shah – 10 min re: BID projects.
- May, June and July general membership agendas
 1. May: Summer Opportunities for Kids. DUG?
 2. June: RTD Presentation?
 3. July: Chrissy Fanaganello – Multi-modal transportation planner w/city of Denver?
 4. Where to put St Anthony's? August.
- Nominations for WeCAN Do Great Things awards for April
- Gifts for new member drawing
- Commander's Citizen advisory Group – Volunteer?
- ECM Volunteer Day/alley clean up May 19th
- Saturday April 21st = Tree Delivery
- Block Party = July 14th What form of participation by WeCAN?
- New Membership Drive pamphlets—Alan Burch-to order?
- T-Shirt proposal
- Garage Sale—Barbara Baker
- Garden at Senior Center – Barbara Baker.
- 7-11-issue.
- Redistricting thing on 23rd.

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Chad Reischl

In attendance - Chad Reischl, Ben Stetler, Alan Burch, Leah Rounds, Suellen Mack, Barbara Baker, Bill Baker, Cindy Gallard, Maria Burch, and Shane Wright

Not in attendance – Carolyn Bellicci, Mike Garner, and Jonathan Austin

Committee Reports

- Treasury (Suellen)
 - Current total budget stands at \$29,644.45.
 - Recently switched \$5,000 from the money market account into checking because it was losing money on a fee.
- Land Use
 - Currently working on assigning 5 main goals out to people (similar to subcommittees)
 - Carol, the other Jonathan, and Richard are spearheading the information coming from the St. Anthony's redevelopment
 - Alan and Jonathan are learning about the historical aspects of the neighborhood, such as zoning along Colfax requirements and the process of getting a liquor license
 - McDonald's rebuilding is moving along, which will be a benefit to the neighborhood
- Newsletter/Metal Recycling (Bill)
 - A new carrier will be starting this month
 - Losing another carrier soon

New Business

- Dan Shah of West Colfax BID came to share what he is working on.
 - Street scoping project, including the improvement of the corner of Colfax and Irving. He currently has funds for plants. He wants to refresh the Welcome sign, using the West Colfax BID logo as part of the sign. The "W" is being used as an identity marker on all the businesses along Colfax, and Dan is currently working on getting more "W's" up on businesses. Suggestion for a sticker/window tag of the "W" for businesses. Concerns that the "W" will not be clear for meaning "West" on the welcome sign. "West" needs to be used on the entrance sign.
 - Creating a t-shirt for BID, but concerned there would be no market for it.
 - Dan has approximately 20 businesses that he has good working relations with and are members of BID. 5 of those are Used car Lots.
 - Very preliminary idea for the St. Anthony's redevelopment, exploring the idea of putting in some kind of cultural/performing arts center. Something along the lines of textiles, fashion, sewing workshops, and had cheap studio space for artists.

Old Business

- Insurance for the Directors application was completed at the meeting and will be submitted for a quote. Having General Insurance is another application and comes with

a minimum premium of \$1k. Barb will talk to Confluence Ministries to see if they would like us to get the General Insurance.

- Board training/Goal setting will be April 29th at 1:00pm at Suellen's house, 1368 Utica
- Membership Postcards will be printed soon. Went with a different printer company with better prices. Board approved \$159 for 1000 cards. There's a possibility of adding Spanish on future cards.

New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings
 - May – Summer opportunities for kids - Boys and Girls Club (Ben), Girls inc. (Ben), Ruddy Parks and Recreation (Chad), Mile High Youth Corp (Shane), Confluence (Barb), Denver Scores. Each would present for 5 minutes and bring pamphlets. Also DUG with concerns over the playground equipments, but this can be pushed to June if they're not ready.
 - June – RTD presentation on the light rail. Also, Chrissy Fanaganello, presenting on the multi-modal transportation planner with the city of Denver
 - July – Updates from the Denver Public Library, Del Norte, and St. Anthony's
- Nomination for the WeCAN do Great Things Award– Girl's Inc., who work to empower young women, especially those with lower income. Also working on compiling a list of all previous award winners. The gift drawing for new members will be in next newsletter.
- Commander's Citizen Advisory Group – Meets the 3rd Monday of every month. It's an open meeting for all RNOs, businesses, etc. Alan will try to start going to meetings.
- ECM's volunteer day/ally clean-up in May 19th. This information needs to go into the next newsletter. The focus will be cleaning up the NE quadrant. Confluence will be providing lunch for volunteers.
- Saturday, April 21, Chad and Bill will deliver 3 trees from the Denver Digs program
- Block Party is July 14th – WeCAN plans to do the drinks and getting ice from McDonalds. Having a cold drinks and registration table. Doing some kind of drawing for gift cards (King Soopers, Home Depot, etc) for those who register
- T-Shirts – need to have them done by the May meeting and for the clean-up day. Approved funds for 100 shirts. Jonathan had a quote from an online company and the timing of delivery needs to be looked into
- Garage Sale – Needs volunteers to help put that day starting at 8am. Set up would be earlier. Location is still TBD
- Garden Proposal – Senior Citizens high-rise on Quitman would like to start a container garden on the patio with residence. Mary (Shane's mother-in-law) will be in charge of the garden on site. They are asking for donations from the community, and WeCAN approved \$400 to donate to the program. This will help enhance WeCAN's membership as well.
- 7-11 liquor license – Chad drafted a letter or opposition to this issue with the thought of voting on it at the next general meeting. Suggestions of using a Google app to email the letter to the whole of the membership to get more signatures. There's a need for people who drink regularly to speak up at the hearing that they are opposed to this liquor license. A new lounge at 1630 Federal is now requesting a liquor license.

- The redistricting meeting is on April 23rd at 5:30pm. This is the whole City Council, the public can sign-up to speak for 3 minute time slots

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds
Secretary
West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)