

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
May 15, 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 April 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

New Business

- June, July and August general membership agendas
 1. June: RTD Presentation & Chrissy Fanaganello – Multi-modal transportation planner w/city of Denver
 2. July: ?
 3. August: St. Anthony's?
- Nominations for WeCAN Do Great Things awards for June – Still need to award Girls Inc.
- Gifts for new member drawing
- Commander's Citizen advisory Group – Volunteer?
- ECM Volunteer Day/alley clean up May 19th
 1. T-shirts to be sold?
 2. Bring pamphlets and sign people up on the spot?
- Block Party = July 14th What form of participation by WeCAN?
 1. Pamphlets to register people for WeCAN
- Garage Sale—Barbara Baker
- Garden at Senior Center – Barbara Baker.

MINUTES

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

In attendance - Chad Reischl, Alan Burch, Leah Rounds, Barbara Baker, Bill Baker, Cindy Gallard, Maria Todd, Carolyn Billecci, and Mike Garner

Treasury Report (Barb) - \$140 worth of t-shirts have been sold, total of \$28 for WeCAN's general fund raised so far

Committee Reports

- Treasury (Barb)
 - Met recently to formulate a budget, no pressing issues at this time
- Land Use (Maria)
 - The planning committee for the Denver Livability Projects met recently (Lisa attended), to look over the traffic, buses, etc, in West Denver. The meeting was not well attended but there will be future meetings
 - Maria and Alan are assigned to become more familiar with code regulations (as it relates to car lots and code enforcement). As summer approaches many empty lots and houses get overgrown, need to call code enforcement to take care of this.
 - A public meeting about the light-rail Sheridan garage is coming up
- Neighborhood Watch (Carolyn)
 - The new Cop Shop is working on getting its lease. The Federal shop is open and staffed with volunteers Monday-Friday 10-2, and longer on some days
- Community Garden (Barb)
 - People are identified at the Senior Center high rise and they are ready to start planting their container garden

Old Business

- Update on insurance – just going with E&O insurance, not general liability. An email answer should be ready soon and Maria will forward it so a check can be written and the policy can go into affect

New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings
 - 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 (Chad to find contact information)
 - August – St. Anthony's redevelopment update
- Nomination for the WeCAN do Great Things Award for June– Girl's Inc.
- Gifts for new members – Lake Steam Baths will continue donating gift certificates indefinitely
- Commander's Citizen Advisory Group - Alan will try to start going to meetings.
- Asking for more people to become board members mid-year. Currently there are 12, possibility of adding 2 or 3 more
- ECM's volunteer day/ally clean-up in May 19th.
 - This has been a big event in neighborhood in the past. There are 2 groups from ECM doing projects North of Colfax. WeCAN will also be doing alleys in the area. Focus on the VFW lot too for the water station at the Colfax marathon.
 - A need for 2 team leaders (Carolyn will be one) and Confluence needs someone to help grill and serve lunch (Alan and Maria volunteered).

- Want to do t-shirt sales, Barb will contact Joan to help with this. Plan to add information on where to buy t-shirts to the website, Suellen will have to be the contact as she stores them.
- Will also bring WeCAN postcards to get new members signed up.
- Garage sale is June 2nd at the VFW parking lot, but will have to be out by 12:30pm.
 - There is still a need for donations. Also need more volunteers to come early and help set up, clean-up, and pack-up at the end of the day (Maria volunteered for the am and Leah to help pack up at the end).
 - Be pricing most things, but the goal is to make bargains and sell a lot for cheap.
 - Rebuilding Together has received 6 applications from our neighborhood, they will match WeCAN with one of the projects based on the amount that is raised
- Block Party is July 14th (Carolyn attended the meeting and forwarded the information in an email)
 - There will be a luncheon May 25th to talk about sponsors and a vision for the party. Library, BID, CCH, and others are being talked to about having a presence.
 - The central focus will be community coming together, and want WeCAN to be a represented. We will provide our own table and canopy. WeCAN will provide beverages and needs 5-6 coolers and will ask Starbucks to donate cups as they did last year.
 - Party will take place at the St. Anthony's parking lot. Last year there was a BMX show, medical station, pedicures, haircuts, bike repair, face painting, folklore dancers – hoping to bring all of this back.
 - There has been talk of including Sloan's Lake and Villa Park to the festival, but having representation from West Colfax businesses is a priority before asking other neighborhoods to join. There is a possibility of a name change to include these other neighborhoods for the party, but Dennis Cox wants to wait another year before this is decided upon.
 - There will be no vendors; everything is free.
 - Would like to ask the Denver Livability Partnership to come and provide information on bike lanes, etc. Also consider asking the Boys and Girls Club, Girl's Inc., and Rude Rec Center to provide information on programs that are available. Hoping to make it more interactive, like a art project or a game
 - Party will run 11am-4pm but will be setting up before hand as well
 - Question if there are any art co-ops in the area and if they would be interested in participating. Possibly asking the Art College in Lakewood to see if any of the artists would want to come do an art project with the kids. Send any names to Carolyn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds

Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)