

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
August 22, 2012
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AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Suellen Mack - software?

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee
- Neighborhood Watch 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
- Rebuilding Together
- Tour de FasTracks

New Business

- Sept, Oct and Nov general membership agendas
 1. September – Looking back and ahead
 2. October?
 3. November?
- Nominations for WeCAN Do Great Things awards for June – Still need to award Girls Inc.
- Zoning amendment

Other business?

Adjourn

MINUTES

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

In attendance - Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, Barbara Baker, Bill Baker, Cindy Gallard, Carolyn Billeci, Jonathan Austin, Ben Stetler, and Jean McKay

No Treasury Report this month

Committee Reports

- Treasury (Barb)

- Software is being set up by Dick Bishop (an accountant in the neighborhood) to keep track of WeCAN's accounts. Whoever does the data entry must have a computer compatible with QuickBooks. Cindy and Dave will be set-up with the software, but there will be a backlog of account information to make-up on and that will take some time.
- Land Use (Jonathan)
 - A letter is being put together to send to the used car lots along Colfax. A friendly and positive statement from the WeCAN Board (with Jonathan as the contact person) reminding them of the neighborhood rules and considerations.
- Neighborhood Watch (Carolyn)
 - The Cop Shop is still in need of filing cabinets, shelving, desks, etc. Jude of Confluence had several filing cabinets and one metal desk he could donate
 - The grand opening for the Cop Shop will be Tuesday September 18, time TBD. District 1 will be present and have been asked to bring the canine unit, SWAT, mobile command, etc. This information needs to go in September's newsletter
 - A few new volunteers have signed up to help at the Cop Shop
 - Cop Shop is drafting a letter to WeCAN to ask for the formal financial contribution. There is currently about \$300 in the account for office supplies, opening day, etc.
- Newsletters and Metal Recycling (Bill)
 - Lost a long-time and reliable carrier recently, he had a large route and need a replacement carrier. An email blast will be sent out asking for volunteers.
 - Metal recycling has been down a bit (due to a price decrease in scrap and it being summer and people out of town), and currently not making quite enough money to cover the costs of newsletters.

Old Business

- Rebuilding Together (Barb) – Their project manager left and they didn't get the HUD funding they were hoping for, so West Colfax will have to go on the project list for next year. Approximately \$550 was raised at the garage sale for this project, the question of where that money should go now. Knows of a few seniors in the neighborhood that need small odd jobs done around the house. We can put the money towards small projects like these, or roll the money over for a Rebuilding Together project next year. WeCAN will likely play a roll in helping Rebuilding Together next year with the paperwork, etc. in hopes that this project will be back next year.
- WeCAN's Pop-up picnic will be Sunday Sept. 16 at Nettie Moore Park on 12th and Utica from 11:30-1:30pm; the new community garden should be complete by then. It is part of a citywide Pop-Up Picnic to promote slowing down, eating real food, and building a community. Jude of Confluence will provide music. WeCAN will provide some food and drinks
- Tour de FasTracks is happening Saturday, September 15. It is a bike ride along the West corridor that will start at Oak and end at the Fed/Dec station with a BBQ. WeCAN will be hosting a table at the Perry station from 8:30-12 and has \$200 budgeted for lemonade, candy, raffle tickets, raffle prizes, etc. The Set Free Church has offered to help as a water supply station. Still a need for volunteers to man the Perry station. Bill and Barb offered to help with set-up, Jonathan with wrap-up, Jean to help sometime in

the morning. Will pass around a sign-up sheet at the next general meeting to get more volunteers from 9:30-12

New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings
 - September – Healthy potluck month. A presentation on where WeCAN has been, how it's changed over time, and looking ahead. Barb will present on the conception of WeCAN. Mike will put together a slide show. Ben and Chad will talk about where we are going next. There will be a feedback session in the end, note cards, open forum, etc. Committee Chairs will present on what their committees do, what they're working on, past accomplishments, and what they need help with now. Provide a list of organizations we've worked with. Provide a list of city-wide issues we've worked on
 - October – Information on the community garden (there is still a need for a chairperson for this committee). Crime Prevention/Neighborhood Watch
 - November – Health care in the neighborhood – St. Anthony's to present on the medical services that are still provided at the clinic there, West Ends Flats to talk about the service at their new clinic, Denver Health, possibly the Kid's Dental Clinic and Mental Health Care services in the neighborhood. Provide information on health services, how to access them, etc.
- Discussion on health care in our neighborhood
 - Denver Health is still looking for a plot of land (at least one square block) in the neighborhood to put in a clinic. What can WeCAN do to help Denver Health? Barb will contact them again.
 - Possibility of WeCAN can help with getting more health care services in the neighborhood. Help to get residents to support a large clinic by Denver Health, and also to possibly work with St. Anthony's to improve services.
 - Does EFG have the rights to be the sole medical presence in the St. Anthony's redevelopment? There will be a medical presence for the next two years in the Raleigh building, and after that they will likely move into a new building on the campus. What will the long-term medical presence be?
- Nominations for the WeCAN Do Great Things Award for September – West End Flats
- Zoning Issue concerning the CO medical marijuana dispensaries in residential zones – There will be a change in the law to lift the expiration and making the current residential zone laws permanent in concern to dispensaries. Send out a poll by email to get a general membership to vote on this issue. Board voted all in favor of sending out an email poll.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

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