

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
September 19, 2012
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AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Suellen Mack

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.)...
- Updates on ideas generated at last General Mtg.

New Business

- Oct, Nov and Dec - general membership agendas
 1. October – De-Brucing and School Board
 2. November – Health?
 3. December - ????
- Nominations for WeCAN Do Great Things awards – Groundworks Denver and Vail Resorts?
- West Colfax Community Garden issues
- Daffodil project

Other business?

Adjourn

MINUTES

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

In attendance - Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, Barbara Baker, Bill Baker, Cindy Gallard, Carolyn Billeci, Jonathan Austin, Ben Stetler, Jean McKay, Mike Garner, Alan Burch, Suellen Mack, and Shane Wright

Treasurer's Report (Suellen Mack) – A time has been scheduled with Dave to have the accounting software installed this Sunday. Suellen will purchase the software this week. \$1k has been given to the Cop Shop.

Committee Reports

- Land Use (Jonathan)
 - Prepping for the presentation by EFG Brownfield for their initial St. Anthony's plan on Oct. 3 at 5:30. Need to look at WeCAN's feedback for this project.
- Neighborhood Watch/Cop Shop (Carolyn)
 - The Cop Shop Grand Opening was last night. Volunteer hours are still being set up and these will be posted soon. There were quite a few people at the opening that expressed interest in volunteering. DPD is trying to process volunteer applicants quickly.
 - A lot of education and promotion of the Cop Shop still needs to get out. Need to utilize the newsletter, possibly using bullet points to highlight the relevant information that's going on in the neighborhood. Put details about the duties of a Cop Shop volunteer in the newsletter. Keep the Cop Shop a high priority and continue to promote it. Canvas Colfax Ave. and the businesses with information on the Cop Shop. Could provide trainings at the Cop Shop to get more people in.
 - Commander Pazen wants to eventually expand the Cop Shop so WeCAN and the neighborhood are playing a larger roll in helping DPD. Will need a solid pool of volunteers to keep it going.
 - Neighborhood Watch could be worked on at the Cop Shop. Currently searching for ideas on how to expand the Neighborhood Watch program. Focus on specific locations and canvas those streets every six months or so (especially streets that have signs but are inactive). Fliers and newsletters haven't been enough. Target people who have expressed interest in Neighborhood watch in the past and get them to help spread the word. Need to get a specific marketing tool in place (postcards, etc). Continue making announcements at monthly meetings.
 - Confluence Ministries can help by providing extra volunteers around the holidays. They could help with Cop Shop promotion.

New Business

- West Colfax Community Garden
 - 38 plots are funded for and will be available
 - A community garden is done in phases. Currently in phase one, getting the garden established. Planting will begin next spring, and the next phase will happen next year, by bringing in the aesthetics (fences, gates, benching, etc).
 - A proposed meeting for people interested in the garden is on Oct 10. Info on when the meeting will be exactly is forthcoming.
 - The next step is to assign plots and get the community more involved. DUG will take on the leadership for now, but they want to move it to a community member.
 - A need for a WeCAN volunteer workday? Will want to get these volunteer days started as soon as possible

Committee Reports cont.

- Newsletters and Metal Recycling (Bill)
 - Three new carriers came in with the last email blast

- Metal recycling has stayed stable

Old Business

- Still waiting on insurance
- Ideas that came from the last general meeting – pull together a “WeCAN Day,” making it a volunteer day and identifying people who need help in advance. A member is currently researching ideas on how this has worked in other cities.

New Business cont.

- Daffodil project – need volunteers to help bag the bulbs with John. The Denver Post will be coming to take pictures of the project and to do a story.
- Confluence Ministries is having a Thank You Party on Thurs Sept 20th from 6-8pm to celebrate the new windows. Snacks and beverages will be served.
- Future planning for future general membership meetings
 - October – De-Brucing and School Bond
 - November – Health care presentation. Ben will contact the clinic within St. Anthony’s. Also possibly having the Children’s dental clinic and the Mental Health clinic
 - December – board election. St. Anthony’s update. Del Norte development update. Dessert exchange/share

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds

Secretary

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