

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
November 28, 2012  
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## AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Suellen Mack

Committee Reports

- Land Use
- Cop Shop/Neighborhood Watch
- Website
- Newsletter and Metal Recycling

Old Business

- Update on the current WeCAN insurance status (cost, time necessary to obtain a policy, etc.)...

New Business

- Dec, Jan and Feb general membership agendas
  1. December – Colfax Main Street Coalition (Brownfield Programs) & Elections – Bring Cookies/Animal Control
  2. January ??? (pot-luck meeting)
  3. February???
- Planning for 2013 – Budget, Dates of Major Events, Neighborhood Watch
- December Board meeting – time and place (should we have it on the 12<sup>th</sup> rather than the 19<sup>th</sup>? At the cop shop?)

Other business?

Adjourn

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Ben Stetler

In attendance – Ben Stetler, Leah Rounds, Barbara Baker, Carolyn Billeci, Jonathan Austin, Jean McKay, Suellen Mack, Alan Burch, Natalie, and Melissa

Treasurer's Report (Suellen)

- Cindy will be taking over as treasurer in 2013, have about a month to get this transferred over
- Website received a \$10 donation online recently from a new member.

## Committee Reports

- Land Use (Jonathan)
  - No meeting this month, no new news to share
  - (Barb) Vacant car lot at Osceola and Colfax, it is next to a house. Possibility of pushing for new zoning on this residential property so it can be turned into a commercial property and not another car lot. Possibly contact the property owners of both lots, and also see if there are any developers interested in the lots. Dan of BID has talked to potential developers in the past. Sloan's Lake RNO does not support this deeper commercial zoning. Land Use committee will discuss this at their next meeting
- Cop Shop (Carolyn)
  - Reached out to Regis and got a few more people interested in volunteering
  - Computers are currently out so they can be reconfigured for Police Officer use. Two DPD Officers will begin holding Chop Shop hours on Monday and Friday.
  - Susan Shepherd's office will hold its office hours at the Cop Shop starting in January. They will remain the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, and this may be coordinated with DPD roll calls some months.
  - Checking with Bill Baker to have Santa at the Cop Shop in the next few weeks
  - There will be a presentation to CCH residents as to what the Cop Shop is and what it does
  - Orientation and training of volunteers will be ongoing as the volunteer base expands, there are currently no specific trainings coming up.
- Newsletter
  - Michael Mack will be helping Bill out with the lifting for the recycling program. Alan currently has 3-4 truck-loads to be picked up

## Old Business

- Insurance discussion tabled until next board meeting

## New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings
  - December – In addition to what has already been planned, DPD will be presenting on animal control. Recently there have been concerns/reports of a neighbor catching cats and releasing them improperly. Officer Montoya will be at Dec meeting with Animal Control to discuss rules on animal control. Rocky Mountain Alley Cat association is very helpful in these situations. Melissa will also look into the Ferrell Cat Association.
  - January – (Natalie) Presenting on the free tree program, "Denver Digs Trees". Also bringing information on the community garden. Having a "WeCAN Digs Trees" day following this general meeting, possibly January 27. Canvassing the neighborhood to talk to neighbors about the program, getting them signed-up for a free tree, how to get help with planting, reminding them to water the trees, also handing out seeds or bulbs, getting WeCAN membership cards filled out. Possibility of having this be the annual January meeting. Talk with John Turner Grey to see if the Denver Post would like to come out for a story

- February – EFG Brownfield to present on St. Anthony’s redevelopment
- 2013 Planning
  - Neighborhood Watch no longer has a chairperson, and there is a need for someone to take over in January. The intent of this program is to work in conjunction with the Cop Shop and to build the program by talking with neighbors. Need 60% of the block to participate, must stay active, meet twice a year, be the eyes and ears for the block, and assign a block captain in order for DPD to put up a official Neighborhood Watch sign. There are currently only 3-4 active neighborhood watch blocks in the neighborhood. Carolyn will be the contact person for anyone interested in getting more information about this committee, [wcfb.copshop@gmail.com](mailto:wcfb.copshop@gmail.com)
  - Budget tabled until next board meeting
  - Dates of Major Events – Garage Sale May 18 or 19, 2013. Barb will check with VFW on using their parking lot again. April 20 is generally the tree distribution day.
- December’s board meeting will be held on Dec. 12 at 7pm at Suellen’s house, bring something to share
- Melissa and Natalie will be added to the ballot to become at-large members of the WeCAN board

Adjourn at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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