

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
January 16, 2013
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AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Welcome New Board Members (Natalie James and Melissa Walker)

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard

Committee Reports

- Land Use
- Cop Shop/Neighborhood Watch (should this be renamed crime/safety? New leader?)
- Website
- Newsletter

?? – Are there other committees we need (i.e. environmental (garden, parks, trees, trash, etc.), events committee, etc. ??

Old Business

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

New Business

- Tree canvassing day Jan 27th.
- Feb, March and April general membership agendas
 1. February: Dan Shah (BID update and announcements) & St. Anthony's
 2. March – RTD – “What you need to know about riding the light rail” ??? or Denver Public library – update and naming/fundraising initiatives
 3. April - ???
- Planning for 2013 – Budget, Dates of Major Events, Neighborhood Watch
 1. Opening day festivities?
 2. Community garage sale
 3. Alley Clean up (WeCAN day??)

Other business?

Adjourn

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

In attendance – Alan, Burch, Ben Stetler, Bill Baker, Chad Reischl, Cindy Gallard, Leah Rounds, Melissa Walker, Natalie James, Shane Wright, Suellen Mack, Mike Garner, Jean McKay

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Handout on the banking summary of WeCAN's income and expenses
- Early deposits were from unknown (most likely from recycling program though), a few deposits were categorized
- Expenses categorized as best as possible, the newsletter is the biggest expense
- Everyone needs to be better about keeping a paper trail - invoices, receipts, etc., and getting them to Cindy
- Recently filed a 990 tax form to maintain non-profit status
- Look into getting a non-tax # for future expenses, Cindy has all the paperwork to get a certificate for a non-profit non-tax #
- Initial income money came from Colfax Partnership
- Google+ - get a very small amount for ads on our Google pages
- Discussion on putting aside enough to cover expenses for a year or two, and then putting the rest in some kind of interest earning account (small bonds, etc.). There is very little available for the size of our budget for this. Subject tabled for next month's board meeting

Committee Reports

- Land Use (Chad)
 - Cameron Burton is to come to the Feb. 6th land use meeting to present on zoning regulations, especially as they pertain to the St. Anthony's redevelopment.
 - When rezoning comes up it is important that WeCAN solidly supports a good development plan. There will have to be consensus from the neighbors, but there seems to be a general agreement for the mixed use and mixed housing that is being proposed
 - The timeline for development will be more specific at the Feb general meeting
 - Starting a Facebook page in support of the redevelopment
 - Discussion on the King Soopers in Edgewater. The KS at Sheridan and 38th has been remodeled twice, while the KS in Edgewater hasn't been remodeled for over 20 years. Possibility of reaching out to KS corporate to ask for a more robust grocery store
- Cop Shop/Neighborhood Watch (Chad)
 - Possibly rename the committee to crime and safety
 - New leader? Barbara Baker has expressed interest, but she is currently organizing the garage sale, and will only take over Cop Shop/NW if someone else takes on the garage sale
- Website
 - Close to the 500 membership mark
 - Chad volunteered to take over as facilitator of the Facebook and Twitter pages
 - A few announcements will need to go out soon – voting for the community garden name and their meeting on Jan. 25, and canvassing for trees on the 27th

- Newsletter (Bill)
 - Recently filled a carrier position

Discussion on the need to start new committees

- Have had the Environmental committee in the past. Should it be tied in with the Land Use Committee because of the larger involvement and support in that committee
- Adding an Events committee. Making bigger and higher quality events
- Need the leadership to form new committees, and is there enough interest?
- Possibility of doing sign-up sheets at the next general meeting to get more people involved in committees.

Discussion on Metro Manor.

- 200 residents live there, and there is an opportunity to present to them about WeCAN, its history, volunteer opportunities, sign up new members, etc.
- Going late February, a Monday or Thursday around 1 or 1:30pm is best. Jean is going to take membership cards. Ben and Melissa volunteered to go with as well
- Should also contact the large senior housing on 16th and Yates
- A more specific plan will be discussed at the Feb board meeting

Old Business

- Need to check with Maria on insurance status, this is something that needs to be done very quickly
- Articles of Incorporation need to be filed; it is a simple online form. Shane will talk to Cindy about getting this done, it may be the 990 that Cindy already filed

New Business

- Tree Canvassing (Natalie)
 - Going door-to-door on Jan. 27th. This will be a building year, but hoping to make it an annual event. The idea is to talk to the people on your block, your neighbors, to help build community
 - An email will go out this week to help with the canvassing. Will meet at 10:45 to train and go over a “cheat sheet” of concerns that generally come up when talking to neighbors. Will have more fliers available, door hangers, and WeCAN membership cards when meeting with neighbors
 - Goal of getting 25 trees planted this year, and a lot of community building
- Future planning for future general membership meetings
 - February – EFG Brownfield and Dan Shah
 - March – Denver Public Library update – they have run into some issues with the soil and may have to push back opening day. Sharing fundraising opportunities, buying a brick, etc.
 - April – RTD talk on lightrail
- 2013 Planning
 - Choosing 4 days out of the year to hold events (mirroring the seasons)
 - Spring – Alley/Graffiti clean-up, making this a bigger “WeCAN day”
 - Summer – Garage Sale

- Fall – Harvest/Picnic at Nettie Moore Park and the community garden – doing the daffodil give-away at this time, more of a fun and community building event
- Winter – Craft Fair
- Colfax and Cheltenham schools should get event information so students and families can help and participate, Melissa volunteered to get information to them

Adjourn at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)