

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
March 20, 2013  
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## AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee--Ken Schroepel, AICP Instructor, Master of Urban and Regional Planning Program College of Architecture and Planning | University of Colorado Denver
- Website—Alan Burch
- Newsletter
  - ?? – Are there other committees we need (i.e. environmental (garden, parks, trees, trash, etc), crime/safety, events committee, etc. ??

Old Business

- Update on the current WeCAN insurance status (cost, time necessary to obtain a policy, etc.)...
- Outreach to Metro Manor—more to do?

New Business

- April, May, and June general membership agendas
  1. April - RTD – “What you need to know about riding the light rail”  
(Colfax art Installation will be up for this meeting)
  2. May (Potluck) Ken Schroepel???? See above
  3. June????? Efg possibly???
- Planning for 2013—
  1. Opening day festivities – April 27<sup>th</sup>.
  2. Community garage sale – May 11<sup>th</sup>--Would it be OK to ask the BID to participate in the garage sale? Possibly do a drawing for gift certificates for businesses on West Colfax. Any other promotional ideas for the garage sale?
  3. Alley Clean up (WeCAN day??)
  4. West Colfax Festival – tentatively scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>
  5. Fall Event?
  6. Holiday Art Fair?

Other business

1. micro grant to Slow Food Denver for canning classes at Confluence this summer. Need a letter of support from another nonprofit. Want to make sure the board is OK with this.
2. McDonald's wants to be a partner with WeCAN. We should discuss how this should be approached...what we would ask of them to be our partner and listed as such on our website.
3. Do we need to find someone to be permanently in charge of meeting sign in sheets and new member drawings?

4. Terri Harrington and Mike Garner—bowl for Mike/gift certificate for her time

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm

In attendance – Alan Burch, Ben Stetler, Bill Baker, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, Natalie James, Shane Wright, Suellen Mack, Jean McKay

No Treasurer's report this month

Membership needs to be updated online. Alan needs to get the information from Mike Garner so he can take over the website. Chad and Ben will contact Mike to get this information

### Committee Reports

- Land Use (Chad)
  - Possibly having Ken Schroepel come in to speak about smart growth and development. Ken is willing to speak to Land Use Committee or at a general meeting. Possibly do this at the May general meeting and Land Use could meet with Ken after that.
- Newsletter
  - Chad will work with Don to get the newsletters printed earlier so carriers have 2 weekends to deliver

### New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings
  - April – RTD talk on lightrail and Matt from the community garden needs a few minutes
  - May - Ken Schroepel to speak about smart growth and development
  - June – EFG presentation and update
- 2013 Planning
  - April 27<sup>th</sup> is the RTD opening of the W lightrail line. BID is asking WeCAN for volunteers to use the “B” cycle station at Perry and ride to the festivities on Colfax and Raleigh. More info from Dan Shah is needed on this. WeCAN will have a table at the Perry station for welcoming, directing, drinks, giving out brochures, possibly some kind of trinket, candy, etc. to give away too. Jude's band will be playing. There will be 1 morning food truck. Sloan's Lake Citizen's group will also be there. \$250 was allocated for this day (\$100 for printing brochures, \$100 for give-away, \$50 for refreshments). All this info will be in the April newsletter.
  - Garage Sale is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Barb will ask BID to participate, possibly they can see about getting gift cards from local businesses for give-aways. Tables will be available for “rent” for \$10 to anyone interested in participating; this info needs to get to Metro Manor, as many residents there have expressed interest. McDonald's has agreed to provide ice, and also breakfast burritos and drinks for volunteers. Shane will see

about getting a few teen volunteers for set up again. A map will go out to neighbors, advertising WeCAN's garage sale and locations of other garage sales in the neighborhood.

- Remaining New Business items tabled to next board meeting

#### Other Business

- EFG will try to save as many trees on the periphery of the St. Anthony's development as possible. Will hopefully be able to dig up and replant many of the small trees on the campus as well
- All voted in favor of providing a micro grant to the Slow Food Denver for canning classes at Confluence this summer.
- McDonald's is interested in becoming a partner with WeCAN. They are offering gift cards for general meetings (Lake Steam certificate will still be used for new member drawing, McDonald's cards will be drawn for anyone who wants to enter). What else could WeCAN and McDonalds partner together with? Ideas include, McDonald's providing trash barrels on right away streets, contribute future sponsorships, drinks, ice, etc for events, adopt a bus stop, list them as a partner on website.
- Need someone in charge of the general meeting sign-up, someone to make sure everyone signs in and are registered for the new member drawing. Natalie and Jean volunteers to take turns with this responsibility
- Barb is still figuring out the going-away gift for Mike, and a \$50 gift card to Whole Foods for Terri Harrington who provided a board training last year.

#### Old Business

- Chad will contact his insurance agent to get DNO Insurance for the board. Funds have already been approved for \$1mil for coverage with a \$k deductible at a premium of \$938 a year. Board members may be asked to contribute to cover this cost. There was also general agreement there should be a donation jar at all general meetings.

#### New Business Continued

- Doing a presentation at the senior housing on Yates, similar to the one done recently at Metro Manor. Jean will look into this and find a possible date.
- Metro Manor has had an issue with the lights at Andy's Auto Shop, this is an issue to bring up with Susan Shepherd, she will know the codes and neighborhood inspection services
- There was recently a car accident at Colfax and Irving; talk to Susan Shepherd about adding flashing lights along Irving, similar to what is already on Colfax.
- Start posting our newsletter on the Metro Campus, reaching out to the possible students that live in our neighborhood
- Library fundraising – Melissa has offered board member hair cuts at half price and donating other half to the library. Suellen has offered to host a fundraising garden party at her house this summer, need to start thinking of people that could be invited to this. Possibly start showing the progress of donations for the library on the website and newsletter.
- Discussion on adding a QR code to the newsletter.

Adjourn at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)