

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
April 17, 2013  
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## AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee
- 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 – This is Done!
- Outreach to Senior Housing

New Business

- May, June and July general membership agendas
  1. May (Potluck) RTD??? Ken Schroepel????
  2. June – EFG ???
  3. July ????
- Planning for 2013—
  1. Opening day festivities – April 27<sup>th</sup>.
  2. EMC work day May 18th
  3. Community garage sale – June 1st--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?
  4. West Colfax Festival – tentatively scheduled for Aug 3rd
  5. Alley Clean up (WeCAN day??)
  6. Holiday Art Fair?
- Viking Bar – Cabaret License
- Library paver block fundraiser

Other business

1. Meeting Minute approval process – this isn't working
2. Do we need to find someone to be permanently in charge of meeting sign in sheets and new member drawings?
3. Terri Harrington and Mike Garner—bowl for Mike/gift certificate for her time
4. Board Membership - leadership

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm

In attendance – Alan Burch, Barb Baker, Ben Stetler, Bill Baker, Chad Reischl, Cindy Gallard, Leah Rounds, Suellen Mack, Jean McKay

Treasurer's Report (Cindy) – Holding even. \$938 went to insurance. Metal recycling remains small and steady. Fundraisers/Garage sale will help re-coop some losses. For library donations, checks can be made to WeCAN and Cindy will start a fund specifically for this. Cindy will get tax receipts for library donations as well.

### Committee Reports

- Land Use (Alan and Chad)
  - Recently met with the planning people and learned the process planning goes through. The stages the city goes through and all the spots along the way they are required to interact with the RNO. Chad gets the emails from the city about zoning, etc.
  - Could the land use committee take over the job of keeping track of nuisance abatement properties? Keep in contact with the officer involved and follow these properties to see if they've been cleaned up in a year. Could help us clean-up some trouble properties. Need to be more proactive about some of the problem properties. Land Use will talk about this at their next meeting and pick someone to keep track of these.
- Website (Alan)
  - Working on redesigning the website, advertising about it in the newsletter when it is ready. Possibly figuring out a way to give more public access to post articles, add things, etc.
  - Updating mailing lists (board, Land Use, etc)
- Newsletter
  - Looking for a new carrier, about 160 fliers.
  - Jean got the newsletter posted at the Metro campus.
  - Newsletters are delivered to the large complex at 17<sup>th</sup> and Hooker, possibly look into getting them posted at other large apartment buildings on a bulletin board

### Are other committees needed?

- Neighborhood Watch. Announce this need at the next general meeting and put it in the newsletter to see if anyone steps up. Barb would be willing to take it over after the garage sale.
- Continue with the bulb give-away
- Ask for new leadership at the next general meeting. Also identify people and ask them directly to join

### Old Business

- Insurance in done. D&O coverage for errors and omissions

### New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings

- May (potluck) – RTD
- June – hopefully reschedule Ken Schroepel to speak about smart growth and development
- July (potluck) - EFG
- 2013 Planning
  - April 27<sup>th</sup> is the RTD opening of the W lightrail line. Suellen has the brochures; Barb will have the banners, candy, lemonade, and tea. Offer the volunteers working the table a free WeCAN t-shirt. Set-up at 9:30am, break down at 4pm. Signed up volunteers to man table. Will sell t-shirts too
  - Garage Sale is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Barb asked BID about gift certificate donations, but has not heard back, and will try again. Ben will see Dan next week and ask him.

Possibility of getting a neighborhood RTD Eco-pass for the neighborhood. WeCAN could serve as the liaison. Will ask RTD at the May meeting.

Barb received a call for about a \$700 donation from a neighbor, but a specific project needs to be identified for this donation to be committed. There is an older woman on Raleigh that has extremely high energy bills because the windows on her house are original. Home Depot gave a quote of about \$1700 for new windows. Could the WeCAN garage sale raise the extra \$1000? In the past the garage sale has raised rough \$700, possibly better advertise the garage sale to get more interest. Ask EFG to donate the rest of the money.

In relation to above, set up a specific separate fund for these types of projects. All voted in favor of starting the “WeCAN Care Fund”

New Business continued

- Viking Bar is applying for a cabaret license, which allows them to have live music/karaoke (not a dance club). Barb suggested the Viking come and present to the general membership on what they want and why we should support them.
- 2013 Planning continued
  - Extreme Community Makeover is working in our neighborhood on May 18<sup>th</sup>. Email blast to membership to nominate neighbors that need help around the outside of their house (yard, painting, fences, etc.)
  - West Colfax Festival is scheduled for Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> – WeCAN will still do a booth and drinks
  - WeCAN Day/Clean-up scheduled for September
  - Holiday Art Fair tabled

All other business tabled to next month’s meeting

Adjourn at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

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