

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
May 22, 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

Old Business

- Community Garage Sale.
- Viking Bar – Cabaret License
- Library paver block fundraising
- Meeting Minute approval process – this isn't working
- Terri Harrington and Mike Garner—bowl for Mike/gift certificate for her time
- Board membership – leadership

New Business

- June, July and Aug general membership agendas
 1. June – Ken Schroppel – Smart Growth
 2. July (Potluck) - EFG ???
 3. Aug ???? Solar, Mayor, Car Sharing, other ????
- Planning
 1. West Colfax Festival – tentatively scheduled for July 27th
 2. Alley Clean up (WeCAN day??)

Other business???

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Chad Reischl

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

Committee Reports

- Land Use (Alan)
 - Question on dangerous playground equipment at South Sloan's Lake. Could call 311 or contact Susan Sheppard

- Public nuisance and abatement. Alan is building a map on Google Docs and they will be entered as they come in. Richard will keep track of them and follow up. Nuisance abatements are felony activity (meth lab, domestic violence, etc). Chad receives the notices. Possibility of have the police and neighborhood services come to do some education on these issues
- Zoning change issues – WeCAN needs a process in place on how to react when notices come in. Jefferson Park and Highlands both have good policies in place, look at these for a basis.
- Website (Alan)
 - Maria brought mock ups of the new website. The old one has a lot of lost links and needs an update. Maria walked us through the website
 - Membership numbers are being stored in different places, Alan is working on getting them all into one database
 - Need to decide who to give editing rights to, so others can go in to add things or post articles, etc
- Newsletter
 - Looking for a new carrier, about 130 fliers, SE part of the neighborhood.
 - May expenses still not in, Bill needs to get receipts to Cindy

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Have insurance in place, a \$900+ expense
- Recently paid for the windows for the garage sale project, \$1500, but \$700 of this is from a private donation
- Need to come up with a better financial plan before more big expenses come in.
- \$850 will be taken from the garage sale funds
- There is still the DPL paver commitment of \$1500
- www.mint.com is a free financial program, owned by quicken program, and may be a better option for keeping track of our finances
- Start asking for \$5-10 donations at general meetings, possibly for a specific project. Possibly greeters ask for small donations at the door
- Need to move to true budgeting; keep better record of expenses, costs, etc. Need to make WeCAN financially secure and sustainable
- Add a sponsorship committee – someone to talk to business owners about sponsoring newsletters, etc
- One large yearly expense in the insurance. Discussed in the past having board members contribute towards this
- If revenues reach \$50k a year, more grants are available, WeCAN is far from being here
- Add information to the newsletter and website about donations.
- Budget will be discussed at the next Presidents meeting

Old Business

- Community Garage Sale (Barbara)
 - Ben's garage is full of donations, many nice things came in

- Need help hauling things from Ben's garage to the VFW parking lot the morning of the sale. Michael Mack will help and has a truck. Alan willing to rent a U-haul if needed
- Table signs needed to designate WeCAN tables
- There is a cashier plan, one person will have the cashbox
- Viking (Ben)
 - Jolene and Brian Knight didn't appear to have a full understanding of WeCAN's concerns at the last general meeting
 - Getting together to write up a "Good Neighbor Agreement," making them a larger part of the dialogue and invite them to meetings
 - Ben will work on the document and a communication plan. Those interested in helping with this plan can meet with Ben and the Knights in the next couple months.
 - Jolene Knight expressed that she would like the agreement before the licensing meeting on May 29th
 - Question on the enforceability of the agreement? As enforceable as any signed agreement by two parties
 - Ben will call Knights tonight to plan a timeline and try to meet before May 29th
- Library Paver (Barbara and Suellen)
 - Suellen and Michael will provide beer and wine for the fundraising party at their home. Possibly having it in September or October and midweek to include more of the Jewish community.
 - Music – Jude has a flamenco band available. Barb knows of a jazz musician she could ask
 - Food – Barb has a chef friend that could make appetizers
 - Will reimburse WeCAN for expenses and the rest will go towards the library paver
 - Need to come up with a more specific budget for this project
 - Will need to coordinate with the Jewish community
- Minute approval process does not work well, Chad needs more people to respond, he will send out reminders for approval
- Ben will get the \$50 Whole Foods gift card for Terri Harrington. When Barbara has the time she will look into the bowl for Michael
- All other old business tabled to next board meeting

New Business

- Future planning for future general membership meetings
 - June – Cameron from EFG, Ben will contact him
 - July (potluck) – Mayor?
 - August – Kern Schroppel?
 - September or November – Health care reform speaker? Ask for interest at general meetings and Natalie is willing to research a speaker
- A car-sharing program has expressed interest in advertising in the newsletter. Chad will contact them on a possible sponsorship
- All other new business tabled until next board meeting

Adjourn at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)