

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
September 18, 2013
Prepared by Leah Rounds

AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard (will not be in attendance)

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee
- Website—Alan Burch
- Newsletter

Old Business

- Viking Bar – Good neighbor agreement update
- Library paver block fundraising
- RTD eco-pass

New Business

- Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec general membership agendas
 1. Sept (potluck) – 311. Maybe food access on Sheridan?
 2. Oct – Housing??
 3. Nov (potluck) – Chad has put in a request for the mayor to speak
 4. Dec – Students from UCD on a neighborhood planning project in response to St. Anthony's Redevelopment
- November board meeting/Volunteer Party
- 2014 board and officers

Other business???

MINUTES

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

In attendance – Alan Burch, Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, Jean McKay, Suellen Mack, and guest Art Marek

Treasurer's Report (Chad) – WeCAN received a 10% cut from the proceeds of the light-rail opening day activities from the Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group, which will cover that day's expenses.

Committee Reports

- Land Use (Alan) – Richard has a Good Neighbor Agreement from the Highland RNO in hand. Barb will contact Ben about following up on this with the Viking Bar.

- Website (Alan) – Not much has been updated since the last meeting. Feedback on site – nice layout, but change the colors, make it as recognizable to the old website as possible
- Newsletter (Bill)
 - Metal recycling didn't make enough to cover newsletter costs in August. Recycling has been hit or miss, but no cause for concern yet.
 - Need to continue to get and update sponsorships. There are many listed, but a \$30 donation was required to get on WeCAN's sponsorship list. Cindy will need to contact businesses/groups for renewals

Regarding membership numbers – Members remain in system until the individual un-subscribes

Old Business

- Library Paver Fundraiser (Barb)
 - Library will receive all money raised for the endowment fund, less expenses for the party
 - Can advertize in future newsletters if \$1500 isn't met
 - Barb has already received some donations in the mail.
- RTD eco-pass (Barb and Jean)
 - Negatives of this program are that it seems to be a lot of work
 - Need to collect all the money up front. There needs to be a block captain the collects the money from the people on the block, then that will go to WeCAN, and WeCAN will pay for the RTD program
 - We can select as much or as little of the neighborhood to participate
 - Cost depends on the number of people involved, there is a minimum contract of \$7497, and it needs to be renewed every year
 - It is a huge project, but potentially very beneficial for the neighborhood
 - Barb and Jean will work further on it after the library fundraiser

New Business

- Future planning for general membership meetings
 - Oct – Councilwoman Kniech coming to speak on affordable housing. Chad will follow up with Marvin and Diane about participating as well
 - Nov – request for the Mayor to speak has been put in. Schedules are made six weeks out, so will find out on this in early October
 - Dec – UCD planning students are doing a project in response to the St. Anthony's redevelopment. Also board elections
- November board meeting/Volunteer Party - Usually do a December holiday party, but do a November party instead. Invite all WeCAN volunteers (past and present) to party too. Suellen offered to host, likely will be on November 20th. Have a regular December board meeting with outgoing and incoming board members present
- 2014 Board and Officers
 - Need a way to step-ladder the Co-Presidents, so there is a new Co-President every other year

- There was a movement to amend the bylaws, seconded, and all approved the following changes. "In order to encourage fresh, new and innovative leadership within the organization, WeCAN's co-presidents shall serve as a team for no more than two years. A single co-president may stay on for an additional (third) year, however, in order to train an incoming co-president."
- Chad has agreed to stay on for a third year. Art has expressed interest in being the next Co-President
- Barb has been asked to serve on the Collaborative School Committee (CSC) at Cheltenham Elementary. She would serve as a board member representing WeCAN and her community church.
- Cheltenham could use some volunteers to help students with homework. Put this in the next newsletter
- Leah is presenting to Colfax Elementary parents on WeCAN's history, community involvement, and hopefully get members signed up. Hoping to present to Colfax staff and at Lake Middle School in the future
- Need to order more membership cards. They need to be updated - not glossy, separating the information, adding Spanish, etc. Chad and Alan will work on redesigning and ordering cards. 500 news cards were approved
- Inviting Nathan to a future board meeting. He is a businessman hoping to put a coffee shop in at the West End Flat of the CCH building

Adjourn at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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