

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
October 16, 2013  
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## AGENDA

Call to Order and Attendance

Treasurer's Report

Committee Reports

- Land Use Committee
- Website—Alan Burch
- Newsletter

Old Business

- Library fundraising.
- RTD eco-pass

New Business

- Nov, Dec, Jan general membership agendas
  1. Nov. (potluck) – EFG-St A's – Nathan Stern Solar Roast Coffee
  2. Dec. – Students from UCD on a neighborhood planning project in response to St. Anthony's Redevelopment. Board elections
  3. Jan. – (potluck) Mayor?
- November board meeting/Volunteer Party
- Neighborhood get-together in January – With BID and SLCG???
- Sustainability Initiative??

Other business???

## MINUTES

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

In attendance –Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Chad Reischl, Cindy Gallard, Leah Rounds, Jean McKay, Suellen Mack, and guests Art, Amy, and Shane

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Funds are holding steady.
- It was suggested at the general meeting to divert some of the funds of the metal recycling program from the newsletter to the library fund. This is feasible if business sponsorships could be found to cover newsletter costs instead.
- Need to look at the input and output from the metal recycling program, but it tends to average out
- All expenses have been entered from the library fundraise, about \$140 short of the goal

## Committee Reports

- Land Use (Chad) – Meeting with Cameron from EFG this month to go over the changes to the General Development Plan (GDP) so board can take a vote on it. Cameron will be at next month's general meeting to present the information, can get a general consensus from the membership then. GDP will go to the planning board Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>, and possibly earlier, and need a letter from WeCAN at that time.

## Old Business

- Library Fundraising (Barb)
  - Decided to work the next year to reach fundraising goal of \$4k. Have raised almost \$1.5k, received a matching \$1k donation match, so just need to raise \$2.5k-2.6k
  - Next steps? Another party? Divert metal recycling funds?
  - Businesses that sponsor get a free month of advertising. Possibly offer businesses a range of sponsorship prices with an ad size that matches accordingly. Concern that there isn't too much space in the newsletter to have many ads. Businesses would get an online ad the rest of the year.
  - It costs \$150 a month from Office Depot for colored, double-sided prints. Corporate price of 7cents a copy. Amy and Shane will look at their company to find out their corporate rates
  - Barbara and Amy will look at various sizes and price ranges for sponsorship/ad
  - May want to target new businesses, may get more responses this way. Possible get a business to sponsor several months in a row.

## New Business

- Amy and Shane – Recently installed a kitchen in the basement without knowing to go to the city for permitting first. There is an appeals process under the disability clause (this kitchen was built for disabled family members), so the kitchen does not have to be torn out and redone. Requesting a letter from WeCAN for approval of this appeal. Currently the permits are displayed. Shane will present to the general membership in Nov to get support. Take a vote there and pass a petition to be signed. All moved in favor of letting Shane and Amy present in Nov, it was seconded and all voted in favor.
- Announcements
  - Planning students from UC-Denver have come up with “next steps for West Colfax” for the St. Anthony's site. They're holding a mock public meeting to practice and get more input from community members. It will be on Oct 22nd at 6pm at Confluence Ministries (1400 Quitman St). An email blast will be sent out to get more involvement.
  - Denver and Lakewood planners are holding a public meeting to talk about the Sheridan Light-rail station. Held Oct. 17 and 6pm at Cowell elementary. They want to know what opportunities we'd like to see developing in our neighborhood. There will be 2 more public meetings coming up on this as well.
- Future planning for general membership meetings

- Nov – (potluck) EFG and St. Anthony’s, Shane and Amy, and Nathan Stern of Solar Roast Coffee on hoping to partner with the CCH and open a training-based coffee shop in their retail space.
- Dec – UCD planning students are doing a project in response to the St. Anthony’s redevelopment. Also board elections
- Jan – (potluck) Mayor? Another request will be put in
- November board meeting/Volunteer Party - Suellen will host. For new and old board members, newsletter carriers, volunteers who have helped with various events throughout the years, land use committee, fast tracks volunteers. Barb is working on the invite list. Leah will send out an evite. Board members will bring food and drinks.
- Dan Shah from BID would like to organize a party in January for members of BID, SLCG, and WeCAN. Renting the top floor room of the Metro Manor. More info is needed on how WeCAN can help with the planning process.
- Sustainability Initiatives project
  - The city is choosing 2 neighborhoods in 2014 to pilot this program.
  - The BID and WeCAN could partner of this.
  - It doesn’t appear to be too difficult, and WeCAN already does some of the initiatives (school supply drive, plant trees, gulch clean-up, adopt-a-park, etc.). Could just have a presentation on various topics at general meetings.
  - Have a year of “sustainability.”
  - There is no city funding, just receive more recognition, signage, press coverage, etc. for the neighborhood. Dan Shah is looking into a couple of funding sources
  - Deadline for the application is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>. Moved, seconded, and all voted in favor of submitting an application to be a part of this pilot program
- Announcement
  - Mayor Hancock’s “Cabinet in the Community” meeting is Saturday Nov. 2, 9:00-11:00am with a free breakfast, at the Scheitler Rec Center at Berkeley Park 5031 West 46th Ave.
- Is the website set up to take donations for the library fund? Will have to check with Alan. Shane and Amy will look into adding WeCAN to [www.ColoradoGives.org](http://www.ColoradoGives.org)
- Cheltenham is starting a mentoring/reading program, where people are invited to come in and read with an individual student, smalls groups, or be a mentor. Can put volunteer information in the next newsletter. Invite Cheltenham principal to present about the program in Dec.

Adjourn at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

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