

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
February 19, 2014
Prepared by Leah Rounds

AGENDA

- 6pm: Call to order
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard
- Committee Reports
 - Land Use Committee
 - Sustainability Program
 - Website — Alan Burch
 - Newsletter – Bill Baker
- Liaison Reports:
 - Federal Blvd – Alan B
- Old Business
 - Library fundraising — Shane and Amy Burgan
 - Plan West Colfax clean up day w/ECM and HD4 Dems
 - Garage sale
- New Business
 - Leah Rounds – West Colfax Elementary 5k Walk/Run
 - INC membership renewal
 - Plan future general meetings
 - March Potluck – Grow Local CO Residential sales of garden produce – Comm garden? Library?
 - April – EFG
 - May – Neighborhood inspections? TBD by Sust. Committee???
- Other business?
- Adjourn

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Art Marek

In attendance –Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Alan Burch, Amy Burgan, Cindy Gallard, Suellen Mack, Art Marek, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, and Brittney Vernon. Guests Corrina Sanchez and Maria Todd

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- No change, recent \$20 donation, Bill will be picking up a large metal donation in the morning
- WeCAN needs to apply for a Denver tax exempt letter for Office Depot, Cindy has already put it in

Committee Reports

- Land Use
 - Working on creating a protocol for responding to questions from outside organizations/media/etc. in an appropriate and timely manner (for example, when a board member is asked to give an opinion on something happening in the neighborhood on behalf of WeCAN at large). Things must be brought to the board first for discussion and then to the general membership for a vote.
 - JPUN already has a protocol like this in place; look at theirs to see what parts of it will work for WeCAN.
- Sustainability Programs
 - Next Wednesday, February 26 at 4:00pm at Barb Baker's house sustainability leadership will meet to go through surveys and general meeting ideas
- Website
 - Maria has put in many hours updating the new website, a few things still need to be entered (calendar, maps, contact information, etc.).
 - Website can be seen at wecan.wengine.com. It is not yet live, content is still being put in
- Newsletters
 - Would like to have the newsletter ready for delivery on the Friday before, but it's been coming in on Saturday. Don will need to contact Office Depot about moving it up one day
 - Need a new carrier, Art needs to give up his route but can serve as a back-up

Introduction of board members and guest, Corrina Sanchez. Corrina attended the February Sustainability general meeting and would like to work on getting Spanish-speaking neighbors more involved.

Liaison Reports

- Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group (SLCG)
 - Alan has attended the first of three meetings SLSG is having to set the year's goals and plan for 2014 (an 8 hour commitment to attend all meetings).
 - SLCG covers a large geographic area and has had few new members join over the years
- Federal Blvd. Partnership
 - Alan attended the two Saturday meetings where they set their goals and plans for 2014
 - They have stopped using committees and instead assign projects

Old Business

- Library Fundraising Update (Amy)

- Have been delivering newsletters to businesses and getting more sponsorships
- Have contacted Natalie about setting a date for the Pool Party, it will probably be in June. Party will need a lifeguard and Suellen can get one. Need to decide whether it will be a flat entrance fee or by donation only. Will have food; possibly ask Chipotle to cater
- Information on the pumpkin patch needs to go into the next newsletter
- West Colfax clean up day w/ECM
 - Groundworks Denver will provide youth volunteers for the day
 - Clean-up day is Saturday May 17th and will be alley clean-up, graffiti removal, etc.
 - Start promoting this day now as a sustainability project, and hopefully get 100+ volunteers through the various organizations for the day
 - WeCAN will help provide some of the food for the day
 - No Chair-person for this project yet, may get someone at the sustainability meeting next week
- Garage Sale (Barb)
 - Will be held June 7, get this information in the newsletter and on website right away
 - Held at the parking lot on Colfax and Vrain across the alley from the BID office. Lot is owned by Golden Manor
 - All funds will go to helping Confluence upgrade their computer lab and a smaller housing project for a low-income senior.
 - Raised approximately \$1300 at last year's sale
 - In need of storage space, Leah offered half their garage

New Business

- Colfax Elementary projects (Leah)
 - May 3rd will be the Mile High 5k Race around Sloan's Lake to help raise money for several NW Denver schools, including Colfax Elementary. Advertise this information to encourage more neighborhood participation in the race in the March and April newsletter, website, etc.
 - Totally Tennyson is another fundraising event Colfax participates in, all funds raised go to fund the school's counselors and therapists (this totals \$3000 needed). The event is April 25th and tickets are \$25, so Colfax needs to sell 120 tickets to meet its goal. Will advertise this event in the March and April newsletters, website, etc. Will also sell tickets at the April general membership meeting
- T-Shirt
 - They are a good marketing tool. Get some new ones printed up to sell. Possibly have a few to give away on clean-up day
 - Vista Print charged \$800 for 100 t-shirts last year. Brittney will look into having the shirts redesigned and other options for printing
 - T-shirts sell easily for \$10, want to break even on this while having some to give-away

- \$900 proposed for new t-shirts, seconded, all in favor of approving funds for new t-shirts.
- Inter-Neighborhood Coalition (INC) membership renewal
 - This is a city-wide organization that connects all the Denver RNOs
 - WeCAN can pay \$65 in annual dues and have 2 people attend the meetings and vote
 - Art volunteered to be one of the representatives. WeCAN will try to ensure at least one member attend the monthly meeting
 - March 9th is the next meeting when dues must be paid and the new board is voted in
- Planning for future general meetings
 - March (potluck) – Slow Foods Colorado to speak about amendments being proposed that deal with zoning and garden produce, and a DUG representative. Sprout City Farms can't attend due to a board meeting.
 - April – EFG
 - May – DPL update, promote the June pool party fundraiser. Sustainability Committee to promote the clean-up day
 - Neighborhood inspection information can be pushed to a later meeting

Other Business

- For the Sustainability Program, Art will look into how to document and get points for on-going programs (metal recycling, clean-up day, garage sale, etc.)

Adjourn at 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds

Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)