

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
May 21, 2014  
Prepared by Leah Rounds

## AGENDA

- 6pm: Call to order
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard
- Committee Reports
  - Land Use Committee - Alan
  - Sustainability Program
  - Website — Alan Burch
  - Newsletter – Bill Baker
- Liaison Reports:
  - Federal Blvd – Alan B
  - INC, Sloans Lake Cit. Group, etc.
- Old Business
  - Library fundraising — Pool party
  - Follow up on West Colfax clean up day
  - Garage sale - Barbara
  - Plan future general meetings
    - June – Neighborhood inspections – Solar garden guy.
    - July (potluck): ???
    - Aug: ???
  - Logo
- New Business
  - Neighborhood Festival – Aug 9 11-4 at Paco Sanchez Park – pre meeting on Friday May 30 3-4:30pm at confluence
  - Possible clean-up day in fall with Del Norte
  - Need someone to write thank you's and other correspondence
- Other business?
- Adjourn

## MINUTES

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

In attendance –Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Shane Burgan, Alan Burch, Cindy Gallard, Natalie James, Suellen Mack, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, and Ben Stetler

### Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Year to date in checking is \$8,925

- Outflow to date is \$3,428 (bulk was \$2k donation to Confluence's computer lab and almost \$1k for insurance)
- Took in \$1400 to date, mainly through metal recycling, newsletter ads, private donations, and library donations
- There is a little under \$7k in savings
- Did not qualify for city tax exemption (have to serve the entire city to get this exemption)
- The library fundraising to date is approximately \$450, an exact count needs to be made and newsletter ads still need to be added in

### Committee Reports

- Land Use
  - St. Anthony's zoning variance being asked for on one of the lots. Required to have a "hammerhead"/3 point turn available for moving vans internal to the building.
  - Elexen Apartments are asking WeCAN for a letter in support of this variance and it is needed as soon as possible for the mid-June public meeting
  - Having this "hammerhead" would put a large dent in the design on the first level, which deters from the street-scape we are trying to create
  - There would be on street (carved-in) parking as well as loading zones that moving vans could use
  - A letter in support from the WeCAN board can be sent right away, and can write a letter in support from the general WeCAN membership after a vote at the June general meeting.
  - Put on the agenda for the June meeting and have an EFG rep come to explain and bring visuals.
  - Motion for the board to write a letter in support of allowing this variance was made, seconded, and all voted in favor, motion carried
- Sustainability Programs
  - Have 4 points of credit for composting class, 12points for the clean-up day
  - Need 60 points for certification, 100 points for an "excellent" rating
  - Still have credits from the garage sale, solar energy efficiency open house, walkability project
  - Potential projects and points include a community garden harvest fest, pumpkin fundraising, and the Cheltenham garden
- Website
  - Need help adding content – especially on the sustainability projects
  - Don is being trained to help maintain the website
  - There is a nice calendar feature that could be better used
  - Averaging 30+ hits a day
- Newsletter
  - Need a new carrier for the businesses along Colfax and Federal

### Liaison Reports

- Federal Blvd. Partnership – Alan has been helping them with their website, they got 350 hits this month
- Sloan's Lake Citizen's Group (SLCG) – Many people on the board are considering resigning. There have been no elections and the same two people basically controlled the group. There is frustration that projects can't move forward. They do have a very good newsletter that is distributed. Their website has not been updated since 2010.

### Old Business

- Library Fundraiser/Pool Party
  - There are 10 silent auction items so far, donations are still being accepted
  - Evite allows for Natalie to cap the maximum people; the cap will be based on the number of people that actually pay ahead of time (roughly 85 person max)
  - PayPal link will be added to the evite
  - Goal to raise \$2k
  - Information about the library pavers will be available at the party too
  - This information will be put on the website. Possibly add a progress bar on the website of funds raised so far too
  - Art has volunteered to help the day of the party. Could use another volunteer to help take payments, hand out wrist bands, etc
  - Argonauts is donating a keg, Mondo Vino is donating the wine
  - Still looking for food donations
  - Suellen is looking for a lifeguard
- Garage Sale
  - Donations are coming in and are at a good point, could always use more though
  - More garage space may be needed; 3 garages are close to being maxed out
  - Will be held June 7 in the BID parking lot
  - Signs are being made by the Colfax Elem leadership club
  - Need volunteers to help day of
  - Need tables, several were volunteered by board members
  - Clean up will be around 2pm
  - An email blast will go out for volunteers and information about the garage sale and what the money is going towards
  - Email blast the day before the garage sale to advertise
- Planning for future general meetings
  - June - Neighborhood inspection (Art needs to confirm). A short presentation from EFG on zoning issue at St. Anthony's
  - July – Outdoors bbq potluck, more of a “get to know your neighbors” event with only announcements and no real agenda. Motion to spend

\$100 of event funds for this bbq, seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

- August – back to school, new Colfax Principal, Boys and Girls Club, Girls Inc. all possibilities
- September – EFG update, mid year elections for council possibly

#### New Business

- Neighborhood Festival – August 9. Need someone to go to the May 30<sup>th</sup> planning meeting
- Kelly from the Avondale Apartments wants to organize a clean-up day for the East end of the neighborhood. She is working with Wells Fargo to get a \$3600 donation, and would like to give it to WeCAN to run the event. Chad will get more information
- Need someone to write thank you notes (for speakers, donations, etc.) Suellen volunteered to do it if specific directions are given to her.
- Logo – Want something that is more modern. Open it up to the neighborhood as a contest (would need a prize)

#### Other Business

- Discussion on other funding sources for WeCAN.
  - Are there other funding sources/revenue streams for WeCAN? Currently just the metal recycling, newsletter ads, and donations.
  - Should WeCAN come up with more ideas to make money? An end of the year or end of summer campaign
  - An EFG donation to WeCAN should be coming
  - SLCG has a pig roast every year that raises \$3-4k
  - INC has a tickets formal event that raises about \$8k
  - Pumpkin patch sales on Federal makes roughly \$20k
  - Possibly do a tented event at Sloan's Lake to highlight and honor WeCAN's successes. Would need entertainment, dancing, a band, etc.
  - EFG could possibly put on this type event for WeCAN at the Chapel Square at St. Anthony's, then WeCAN can continue it annually

Adjourn at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)