

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
June 18, 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, INC, SLCG, etc.– Alan B
- Old Business
  - Library fundraising — Pool party
  - Logo
  - 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
- New Business
  - Movie in the Park this weekend – June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - West Colfax Neighborhood Festival – Aug. 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Plan future general meetings
    - July (potluck): ???
    - August ???
      - Denver Public Works, Solid Waste Management to attend meeting to discuss Trash Cart Conversion in 2014
    - September (Potluck)???
- Other business?
  - Email blast for TUCC Mens Challenge – July 12<sup>th</sup>?
- Adjourn

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Art Merik

In attendance –Barb Baker, Alan Burch, Cindy Gallard, Natalie James, Suellen Mack, Art Merik, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, and Brittney Vernon

### Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Year to date in checking is almost \$8,000
- Year to date savings, \$15,126 in one account and \$5,021 in another
- Took in \$1,263.85 from the garage sale. Barb had counted a little over \$1,300, the discrepancy will have to be looked into
- Library fund year to date is \$953. The 2013 funds need to be added in. It should be at around \$2,500, so another \$1,500 needs to be raised

### Old Business

- Library Fundraiser/Pool Party
  - PayPal has been set up for the silent auction items
  - There are two generic WeCAN evites set up. Sent evite to all those in the family group and then to the entire membership. Got 25 no responses and 0 yes responses
  - Typically expect 50% of those invited to show up, but it would probably be lower for this type of event
  - Have 10 baskets for the silent auction, and it should bring in roughly \$500
  - Discussion on going forward with this fundraiser –
    - Could try the pool party at a later date (advertise the lifeguard and possibly a lower ticket cost)
    - Do the silent auction at September general meeting and have a short presentation from the library.
    - Have the silent auction at a large event, like the movie night
    - Decision on the silent auction - spread the baskets out with 2-3 at each general meeting over the next few months.
  - Need a gauge to show the progress of library fundraising. Alan will put it on the website and in any email blasts that go out. Britney will make a physical one for display at meetings
  - 3 baskets at the July meeting – grill set, chocolate moose, and key lime pie
  - Natalie will make figure out which baskets to bring to each meeting. Possibly do more at the September meeting and have the library present
  - Regroup after September to see how much still needs to be raised and set up events then

### Committee Reports

- Land Use
  - Has not been meeting regularly and there have been complaints about the leadership
  - Discussion that possibly the land use committee needs to be dissolved
    - There is still a need to have people for a planning and zoning committee

- The President of the Land Use committee should be approached first. Barb agreed to contact him, and then Chad would send an email to the entire Land Use committee
  - Leave the Land Use committee in place for now and phase it out at the end of the year
  - Start fresh with the zoning issues coming up, only a small group of people are needed.
- Sustainability
  - Currently have 32 points towards certification
  - Will look into seeing if the fundraising for the library can be used as a sustainability project
- Website
  - Still in need of more content
  - SLCG recently updated their website
  - The calendar has been set up and Don has been trained to add events and add articles to the website
  - Any email blast sent out will have the library fundraising gauge from now on. Natalie will do the write-up for this.
  - Any newsletter articles should be posted on website
  - Need past events posted. Possibly need a person to be the WeCAN historian. Advertise in the next newsletter for someone to who will help with posting photos, info on events, writing blurbs, etc.
  - Averaging 40 hits a day
  - Sustainability projects need to be added – a link to the sustainability page would be sufficient
- Newsletters
  - Need one more volunteer for a route. Bill needs to look into rearranging routes to accommodate everyone
  - Art and Natalie volunteered to be alternatives

### Old Business continued

- Neighborhood Festival is Aug 9 11-4 at Paco Sanchez Park
  - Would like to appeal to the young families in the neighborhood
  - Matt from DUG could possibly do a composting or gardening class at the WeCAN booth
  - Disc golf tournament? Suellen agreed to look into this. Have a low entry fee and possibly use it towards the library fundraiser
  - WeCAN table – do something to bring people to our table and get people registered. Need to promote what will already be at the festival (puppet show, music, dancers, kids activities, etc) to the young residents in the neighborhood
  - A motions was made to spend \$200 on drinks at this festival, seconded, all voted in favor, motion passed
- WeCAN Cares Funds

- A water heater was recently donated and will be installed for a low-income senior in the neighborhood. Natalie volunteered to come take pictures and promote this and the plumber on the website
- \$1200+ was made at the garage sale, will donate \$1k of this towards the computer lab at Confluence, with the remainder going into the general WeCAN Cares Fund. WeCAN has already donated \$2k.
- There was a verbal report from Confluence that money donated so far have gone to 5 new systems, improving security and firewalls, and adding software to support the GED and career planning programs
- Barb will get a written report on what specifically our \$3k will go towards. Also, information on what money Confluence has already received and what other partners are part of this project will be included.

### Liaison Reports

- SLCG
  - Dragon Boat Festival is July 19&20 and SLCG elected not to have a booth at this year's festival. Art will contact SLCG about WeCAN possibly taking their booth space, or at the very least, be a participant next year
  - SLCG helped to promote our garage sale, recently updated their calendar and newsletter, and are going to start "move-in" care packages for new neighbors
- INC
  - Recent article in their newsletter against the development along 17<sup>th</sup> (written by INC President Larry Ambrose). General consensus that INC has not been representing our neighborhood very well.

### Other Business

- Susan Sheppard is hosting a "walk to connect" through the neighborhood on Saturday June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Adjourn at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds

Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)