

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
July 16, 2014
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AGENDA

- 6pm: Call to order
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard
- Committee Reports
 - LUC update – Barbara
 - Sustainability Program
 - Website — Alan Burch
 - Newsletter – Bill Baker
- Liaison Reports:
 - Federal Blvd, INC, SLCG, etc.– Alan B
- Old 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
 - Confluence Computer Lab donation update
- New Business
 - West Colfax Elementary School Drive – Leah
 - Website/email blast timing/scheduling/limitations
 - Planning West Colfax Neighborhood Festival – Aug. 9th
 - Plan future general meetings
 - August ???
 - Denver Public Works, Solid Waste Management to attend meeting to discuss Trash Cart Conversion in 2014
 - September (Potluck)???
- Other business?
 - ?
- Adjourn

MINUTES

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

In attendance –Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Alan Burch, Cindy Gallard, Natalie James, Art Marek, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, Ben Stetler, and Brittney Vernon

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Library fund is at \$2,367 plus the matching \$1000 from the library. The silent auction in July made about \$70.
- WeCAN Cares fund is at \$1524.28, \$1k of which will go to Confluence Ministries for the computer lab.
- An old senior account has about \$600 left in it, this money needs to be moved to a different account
- Roughly \$28k in all three accounts, WeCAN is staying financially stable
- Cindy's records show that metal recycling has made \$4k to date, Bill has previous records showing recycling has made over \$8k. Metal recycling brings in about \$1500-\$2k a year.

Old Business

- Eric, Director of Media and Technology at Confluence Ministries, gave an update on their computer lab
 - WeCAN gave an initial donation of \$2k, with \$1k more coming from the garage sale
 - Security is a top concern, especially with the lab being open to all members of the community (children and adults). Purchased a security system – users must agree to Confluence's rules when logging into their wifi, sites will be blocked, sites visited are monitored, histories are kept, etc.
 - \$2500 has been spent so far on security, more robust software, 5 new refurbished Dell laptops (\$2k from WeCAN, \$250 from a private donation, and currently \$250 in the red)
 - Next purchase will be GED software, which is \$750 a year (GED program will also be contributing to this)
 - Eric is currently working on a career readiness curriculum – hopes to have open, self-paced classes, designed for those who want to go to college or start their own business (QuickBooks, Marketing, etc)
 - GED classes will begin again this fall, already have 20 people interested. There were 50+ graduates from the program last year.
 - 5 computers were donated, but they're not as reliable.
 - Currently seeking monetary donations to purchase more computers
 - Eric has requirements for any technology donated
 - Goal is to have 50 devices (computers and tablets) in 1-2 years. Goal is to be at 15 devices by the end of this year

- Because of Confluence's religious-based status, cannot accept corporate donations. Cindy volunteered to help Eric find grants that are available to faith-based organizations

Committee Reports

- Land Use (Barb)
 - Barb talked with Richard about the disbanding of the Land Use committee and he was fine with this. Chad will contact the other members of the committee about this.
 - Need to appoint a planning group of about 3 people to take care of zoning and planning issues that are coming up
- Sustainability (Chad)
 - Currently have 44 points towards the 60 point certification
 - Metal recycling still needs to be written up
 - Leah is doing the school supply drive project
 - Lisa is putting together resources from the energy open house
 - Need to add in the walk-audits
 - The neighborhood festival will have a composting class by DUG and there will be a cooking demonstration, these might count towards sustainability points as well
- Website (Alan)
 - Deadlines for materials coming in to be posted in newsletters and email blasts
 - Newsletter submissions – the 20th of the previous month
 - 1st email blast (Sunday before general meeting) submissions by the 27th of the previous month
 - 2nd email blast (goes out 20-25th of the month) submissions by the 5th of the month
 - Still in need of content, Don has written some articles, and Suellen volunteered to write a monthly column about real estate.
 - Averaging 50+ hits a day
 - Would like to add some resources and information from the Jewish community
- Newsletters (Bill)
 - Need one more volunteer for a route. About 130 fliers in the SE area of the neighborhood
 - Have been delivering to the new area

Liaison Reports (Alan)

- Federal Blvd.
 - Alan has been helping them with their website
 - Federal is being redone from 6th to the Decatur light rail station
- SLCG

- Good to attend to interact and build relations with this group
- Possibly try to have WeCAN and SLCG booths side-by-side at neighborhood festival
- Have the police at their meeting regularly (Art will contact Commander Hazen and Susan Shepherd about attending general meetings)
- In the SL neighborhood property crimes have increased, many firework tickets were given, and there have been problems with the juveniles from the Tennyson Center
- 7 new recruits are coming from Denver Police
- Estimated 500 people at the movie night in the park put on by EFG
- INC
 - Important for WeCAN to continue going and be a part of this organization
 - Alan needs to be reimbursed for the membership dues
- Motion to spend up \$50 on 500 business cards with WeCAN's general information on it to hand out at meetings, etc. was seconded, and all voted in favor

Other Business (Ben)

- Design review committee for the St. Anthony's development is going well. The rezoning of blocks 1 and 2 are coming down the line soon
- Starbucks on Sheridan would like to join WeCAN as a partner or sponsor. They could help with funds on clean-up days, special events, sponsor various events, etc. Ben will continue talking with the general manager and get more information

Old Business continued

- Neighborhood Festival is Aug 9 11-4 at Paco Sanchez Park (Barb)
 - More volunteers are need to man the WeCAN booth (register new members, make and serve cold drinks between 12-2pm)
 - Barb has purchased cups and still needs to purchase the drinks
 - Bill is getting ice donated from the VFW
 - Composting classes and cooking demonstrations will have their own booth
- Possible clean-up day with Del Norte this fall. Have not heard anything back on this, Chad will contact them to see where they're at on this project

New Business

- School Supply drive (Leah)
 - Will be collecting supplies at the August and September general meetings for Colfax and Cheltenham Elementary.

- This will be a Sustainability Project, so someone will need to keep track of the number of people that donated at the meetings, Barbara volunteered to keep the tally
- Also need someone's help distributing supplies to Cheltenham, Barb volunteered. Leah will distribute to Colfax
- Add a mailing option for those who would like to donate money for supplies
- Planning for Future Meetings
 - August – Colfax Principal introduction? (Leah will contact her), Denver Public Works Solid Waste Management on the roll out of the trash barrel conversions? (Art will contact). Back up plan – Share Sustainability projects
 - September (potluck) – EFG update (Art will confirm), short presentation by the Library, big silent auction (allow people time to browse and bid on items mid meeting)
 - October – Candidates running for Council, allow time for introductions and prepared questions

Adjourn at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds

Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)