WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
July 16, 2014
Prepared by Leah Rounds

AGENDA
• 6pm: Call to order
• Treasurer’s Report – Cindy Gallard
• Committee Reports
  o LUC update – Barbara
  o Sustainability Program
  o Website — Alan Burch
  o Newsletter – Bill Baker
• Liaison Reports:
  o Federal Blvd, INC, SLCG, etc.– Alan B
• Old Business
  o Neighborhood Festival – Aug 9 11-4 at Paco Sanchez Park – pre
  meeting on Friday May 30 3-4:30pm at confluence
  o Possible clean-up day in fall with Del Norte
  o Confluence Computer Lab donation update
• New Business
  o West Colfax Elementary School Drive – Leah
  o Website/email blast timing/scheduling/limitations
  o Planning West Colfax Neighborhood Festival – Aug. 9th
  o 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?
  o ?
• 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)
  o 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.
  o Need to appoint a planning group of about 3 people to take care of zoning and planning issues that are coming up

• Sustainability (Chad)
  o Currently have 44 points towards the 60 point certification
  o Metal recycling still needs to be written up
  o Leah is doing the school supply drive project
  o Lisa is putting together resources from the energy open house
  o Need to add in the walk-audits
  o 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)
  o 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
  o Still in need of content, Don has written some articles, and Suellen volunteered to write a monthly column about real estate.
  o Averaging 50+ hits a day
  o Would like to add some resources and information from the Jewish community

• Newsletters (Bill)
  o Need one more volunteer for a route. About 130 fliers in the SE area of the neighborhood
  o Have been delivering to the new area

Liaison Reports (Alan)

• Federal Blvd.
  o Alan has been helping them with their website
  o 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)