

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
August 20, 2014
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AGENDA

- 6pm: Call to order
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard
- Committee Reports
 - LUC update – pending redevelopment
 - Sustainability Program - 50pts so far
 - Website — Alan Burch
 - Newsletter – Bill Baker
- Liaison Reports:
 - Federal Blvd, INC, SLCG, etc.– Alan B
- Old Business
 - Recap on Neighborhood Festival
 - Confluence Computer Lab donation update
 - Library fundraising efforts
 - Land Use Committee
- New Business
 - Plan future general meetings
 - September (potluck and silent auction) – Yeshiva Tora Chiam: rezoning at 1555 Stuart - EFG and Nava Development: rezoning at St Anthony's Redevelopment
 - October – Representative from Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability – Update on West Colfax Sustainable Neighborhoods Program
 - November ??
 - December ??
 - Volunteer appreciation dinner in November?
 - Board leadership – transitions
- Other business?
 - ?
- Adjourn

MINUTES

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

In attendance –Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Alan Burch, Cindy Gallard, Natalie James, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, and Ben Stetler. Guests Diana and Jim

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Library fund is at \$2,800 plus the matching \$1000 from the library.
- \$200 donation for school supplies
- City tax is being charged at Office Depot, which is about \$150 for the year. Changing vendors is a lot of work, and there's no guarantee the tax would be waived at a new vendor. Cindy will research vendors in Lakewood. Print 2,200 fliers every month on blue paper, 2-sided, for \$175 a month.
- An old seniors fund has about \$600 left in it. Motion made to move this to the library fundraising account, seconded, all voted in favor
- WeCAN cares fund has \$524.28; possibly leave \$200 and move the rest to the library fund. Wait to see what comes in at the September general meeting on the silent auction items, and then move it over.

Committee Reports

- LUC (Ben)
 - Design review committee for St. Anthony's recently met. Block 1 (Raleigh-Stuart, 16th-17th) is asking to be re-zoned for 12 stories. Developers came with an impressive design that was artfully done. They will be for-sale condos. It is critical this rezoning happens and will serve as a catalyst to the neighborhood.
 - Sloan's Lake Neighborhood Association has filed an ethic complaint against Susan Sheppard, citing her campaign contributions from EFG and others involved in the project as a conflict of interest. Susan needs to hear from supporters of this density and rezoning
 - Some version of a LUC needs to exist to come up with a strategy to support this rezoning
 - At the September general meeting the WeCAN membership can vote in support of this rezoning. Nava Development will present their designs and Ben will have a chance to speak on this issue. May make fliers available for general membership on the benefits of this rezoning
 - President's group has a short list of people to ask to serve on the LUC. People involved need to have some familiarity with city planning
- Sustainability (Chad)
 - Currently have 50 points towards the 60 point certification
 - Might need to brainstorm more project ideas at the Oct. general meeting

- DPD is doing a light bulb program, giving out light bulbs and information on keeping porch lights on for safety. Having people take the light bulbs and fliers to neighborhoods could be made a sustainability project
- Ask DPD to present information on Neighborhood Watch at a future general meeting. Need a neighborhood coordinator to act as a liaison to DPD, and also each block needs a captain.
- Sustainable Neighborhood Network is having a potluck picnic on Sunday, August 24th at Sloan's Lake Park (17th and Utica). A chance to meet others participating in this project, please RSVP to the evite
- Website (Alan)
 - Still in need of more content, but some has been coming in
 - Maria and Don have been working on the website
 - Alan is happy to train anyone to add content to the website
- Newsletters (Bill)
 - One route has been filled, but still in need of three carriers
 - Jude of Confluence has been helping to fill in the delivery gaps

Liaison Reports (Alan)

- Federal Blvd. - Sponsoring a happy hour on Thursday, August 21st for all the surrounding RNOs. At Chili Verde with some free appetizers, \$5 margaritas, and the patio is reserved
- INC - Alan needs another WeCAN delegate to go with him to these meetings
- SLCG - Had their annual potluck recently. Their pig roast is coming up and it generally has a good turn-out

Old Business

- The Neighborhood Festival went well. The mayor stayed for a while and talked with people
- The Library fundraiser silent auction needs a letter from Chad for landscaping services and the Ace gift card

New Business

- Plan for future meetings
 - September: potluck and silent auction, Yeshiva Tora Chiam re: rezoning at 1555 Stuart for new boys' dorm, and EFG and Nava Development re: rezoning on block 1

- October: Representative from Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability, Update on West Colfax Sustainable, and possibly have DPD report on neighborhood watch programs
- November: EFG on the rezoning of block 2
- December: possible dessert exchange, cookie boxes for sale as a fundraiser, or a school music program
- Diana and Jim nominated to share a board position to act as liaison between WeCAN and Confluence Ministries (building unlocked for meetings, sound system, projector, etc.). Motion to approve this liaison position and appoint Diana and Jim to the board, seconded, and all voted in favor
- Motion to accept Karina's resignation from the board, seconded, and all voted in favor
- Idea to create a communications committee headed by Alan. It would be goal orientated, have a specific job description, and will have more help with content. Don has been keeping up with the calendar on the website.
- Hold a volunteer appreciation party in November, tentatively set for Nov. 20th at Suellen's house. Advertize specific volunteer opportunities at the party, Natalie volunteered to put a poster board together
- In need of new leadership for the board. Training a brand new person is tough; rather bring someone up through WeCAN to become the co-president. The goal is to keep getting new people involved. There may be a need for a membership committee.

Adjourn at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)