

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
September 17, 2014
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AGENDA

- 6pm: Call to order
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard
- Committee Reports
 - LUC update – pending redevelopment
 - Sustainability Program - 56pts so far
 - Website — Alan Burch
 - Newsletter – Bill Baker
- Liaison Reports:
 - Federal Blvd, INC, SLCG, etc.– Alan B
- Old Business
 - Library fundraising efforts
- New Business
 - Plan future general meetings
 - 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, Diana Dietvorst, Jim Dietvorst, Cindy Gallard, Natalie James, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, and Ben Stetler

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- Library fund is at \$3,160 plus the matching \$1000 from the library.
- Silent auction items made \$360
- Got a tax exempt card for Office Depot/Max, it must be used at the Lakewood branch, they will match price for newsletters, call manager if there is any difficulties with this
- The senior fund did not have any money in it to transfer to the library
- WeCAN cares fund has \$524, will leave that in place for now
- Motion to finish the library endowment fundraising by moving \$840 from the WeCAN general fund, motion was seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried
- West Colfax Partnership provided funding to WeCAN, about \$28k. Discussion on the possibility of donating a \$500 corporate paver to the library in their name
 - Is this the best way to spend the money? WeCAN has done a lot for the library already
 - Possibly doing hanging flower baskets or potted flowers along Colfax, these require a lot of maintenance and water
 - Donate to the Colfax Elem garden, with part of the donation going towards a bench or plaque to recognize West Colfax Partnership
 - Partner with Home Depot again to get supplies donated to the school gardens
 - Could do the paver and garden, or recognize two different groups
 - Do whatever will get the most eyes
 - The school garden contribution may count towards sustainability points
 - Need to figure out what needs to be written on the paver (4 lines, 30 characters), put a proposal together, and vote on it at the next board meeting.

Committee Reports

- LUC (Ben)
 - Letter in support of rezoning was sent to the Yeshiva
 - Letter is written in support for rezoning on block 1 of the St. Anthony's project, can be given to Cameron when he needs it
 - Susan Shepherd has been feeling pressure on this rezoning issue. Would be helpful for WeCAN to write a letter in support of block 1 rezoning and address is to Susan, also cc the entire city council. She can produce this letter at a hearing even if she doesn't vote
 - WeCAN and Confluence are non-profit and non-political, so any specific candidate cannot be endorsed. A reminder about this will go in the next newsletter.
- Sustainability (Chad)
 - Currently have 56 points towards the 60 point certification
 - Upcoming Light Bulb campaign by DPD

- Website (Alan)
 - Will form a Communications Committee with Alan as the head
 - Advertise in the next newsletter for writers, face book contributors, and others interested in serving on this committee
- Newsletters (Bill)
 - Still in need of three carriers
 - Recent article in the newsletter about the dog watching crime stopper group. Look to see if anyone has responded to these and would be interested in doing a newsletter route
 - Jude of Confluence has been helping to fill in the delivery gaps
 - Possibility of cutting routes in half to see if there was more interest, 65-70 fliers

Volunteers are needed for communication committee, newsletter delivery, etc. Identify and talk to regular meeting goers to see if they're interested in volunteering

Liaison Reports (Alan)

- Federal Blvd. – Last month's happy hour was well attended, had about 6 WeCAN representatives
- INC - Alan has not been going to these meetings. INC meets once a month on a Saturday for 4hours. WeCAN needs to consider whether it or not to renew this membership for next year
- SLCG - Pig roast is coming up this Saturday. Communication with SLCG has been better
- Reach out to Villa Park and Barnum neighborhoods to form partnerships and better relations.

Paco Sanchez Park

- Monday, September 22, at 10:45am is a Press Conference at the park with the Mayor and others to introduce the work/play initiative of this park
- Sunday, October 5, from 11am-1pm is a Community Tail-gate party, where Denver Parks and Rec and the design team will start gathering information and feedback from the community
- Put these events in the next email blast

New Business

- Plan for future meetings

- October: Representative from Denver Mayor's Office of Sustainability, Update on West Colfax Sustainability projects
- November: What does WeCAN do? Provide a brief history and share past projects. Share information on the needs and how to get involved. Breakout sessions, with a board member at each table. Possible topics include,
 - Communications Committee (Alan) – write content for newsletter and website, facebook, etc.
 - Volunteer Development (Ben) – possibly starting a newsletter carrier social club (someone would need to be in charge of organizing this)
 - Sustainability (Chad)
 - Events (Barb and Suellen) – Frisbee golf, garage sale, etc.
 - Community garden/School gardens (Matt of DUG, Pamela of Cheltenham, Leah of Colfax)
- December - ???
- “Together WeCAN Do Great Things” caption for new t-shirts. Alan will order 100 new t-shirts, blue with white lettering. Order 10 small, 24 medium, 30 large, 30 extra large, and 6 2X. Have 2 available for door prizes at the November meeting
- Hold a volunteer appreciation party on Nov. 20th at Suellen's house. No board meeting this month. Evite will go out to volunteers
- Still in need of new leadership for the board

Adjourn at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)