WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
September 17, 2014
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AGENDA

• 6pm: Call to order
• Treasurer’s Report – Cindy Gallard
• Committee Reports
  o LUC update – pending redevelopment
  o Sustainability Program - 56pts so far
  o Website — Alan Burch
  o Newsletter – Bill Baker
• Liaison Reports:
  o Federal Blvd, INC, SLCG, etc.– Alan B
• Old Business
  o Library fundraising efforts
• New Business
  o Plan future general meetings
    ▪ October – Representative from Denver Mayor’s Office of Sustainability – Update on West Colfax Sustainable Neighborhoods Program
    ▪ November ??
    ▪ December ??
  o Volunteer appreciation dinner in November
  o Board leadership – transitions
• Other business?
  o ?
• 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)
  o Will form a Communications Committee with Alan as the head
  o Advertize in the next newsletter for writers, face book contributors, and others interested in serving on this committee

Newsletters (Bill)
  o Still in need of three carriers
  o 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
  o Jude of Confluence has been helping to fill in the delivery gaps
  o 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 4 hours. 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
  o 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
  o 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
  o 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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