

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
October 29, 2014
Prepared by Leah Rounds

AGENDA

- 6pm: Call to order
 - Welcome to New member Nadia Patrick and Guests
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard
- Committee Reports - **Tabled**
 - LUC – pending redevelopment
 - Sustainability Program –
 - Communications Committee — Alan Burch
 - Newsletter – Bill Baker
- Liaison Reports: - **Tabled**
 - Federal Blvd, INC, SLCC, etc.– Alan Burch
 - St Anthony's/South Sloans – Ben Stetler
- Old Business
 - Planning Committee
 - Nominate and vote in members
 - Discussion of duties
 - Sustainability Program – Taylor Moellers in attendance
 - Where do we go from here? How to get to 100 pts by Feb?
 - Volunteer appreciation dinner in November
- New Business
 - Plan future general meetings
 - November – Retrospective and planning for next year, light bulbs again? Vote in Nadia? Vote on Liquor license for Solar Roast Coffee
 - December – Vote in new officers + ???
 - January - ????
 - Board leadership – transitions
 - Liquor License Committee needed
 - Neighbors of the Stadium Meeting – Nov 13th at 5pm
- Other Business ???
- Adjourn

MINUTES

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

In attendance –Barb Baker, Diana Dietvorst, Cindy Gallard, Suellen Mack, Chad Reischl, Leah Rounds, and Ben Stetler. Guests – Maria Todd, Nathan Stern, Taylor Moellers, and Nadia Patrick

Guest Introductions

- Nadia Patrick will be taking over at a Co-President
- Nathan Stern is opening a café at Colfax and Yates
- Taylor Moellers works for the Sustainable Neighborhood Network program

Treasurer's Report (Cindy)

- \$4,00 was sent to the Library for the endowment fund. \$1,000 matching with come from DPL
- \$3,200 currently in checking
- Got a tax exempt card for Office Depot/Max at the Lakewood branch and it has worked out well

Old Business

Sustainability Program – Taylor Moellers

- Currently at 64 point. There are some past events that still need to be submitted (metal recycling, Lisa's resource sheet, light bulb campaign)
- Need to have a Sustainability Chair to be the point person for Taylor (used to be Chad). Nadia's husband may be interested
- Put a mailer together for the Nov 11th general meeting to push the Sustainability program. Include information about volunteers for the health committee (would like to have a future CPR class). Chad and Barb will get info for the flier to Taylor tonight
- Other successful neighborhood projects – school mural in Chaffe, community gardens, potlucks, speakers or workshops (Nov. 11 general meeting will count as a workshop)
- With these additional 5 projects (3 above plus Nov general meeting and volunteer party), may be at 100 points
- Dan Shah has had a food-coop idea, if a speaker came to talk about this or a workshop is held it would count towards points
- Still short on points by January, could do a recycling bin sign-up, food bank drive for Bienvenidos, or have speakers (Car2Go)

Volunteer Party

- Will be held at Suellen's home, 1368 Utica, on Thursday, Nov. 20th at 6pm

- Board members will provide food and Suellen will provide beverage

New Business

Nathan Stern is opening a Café & board games style coffee shop in the Colorado Coalition of the Homeless (CCH) building at Colfax and Yates called Gathering Grounds

- Currently in permitting process with the city
- Hopefully be opening in March 2015
- Will serve kosher food
- Want to be welcoming to the Jewish community and students
- This will be a collaborative project with CCH/West End Flats – providing a rent-free period for the job training provided. Hope to employ as many people as possible through this program
- Busiest game time is Friday and Saturday nights, people like to have a beer or glass of wine while playing games
- Application for beer and wine license was submitted on Monday. The public hearing should be in a few months. Would like to have a letter of support from WeCAN, as this documentation goes a long way at the public hearing.
- Want this coffee shop to be a family-friendly place and an integrated business in the community
- Q&A
 - Will you hire door-to-door pollsters to gather signatures in support? Not planning to do this.
 - What games will you have? Classics like Monopoly and Scrabble. Also some European inspired games (such as Settlers of Catan) that are more interactive and shorter. Will be focused just on board and card games, not roll playing games
 - What will your hours be? Nothing is finalized, but generally planning on 7am-9pm M-Th, 7am-10pm F & Sat, 9am-6pm Sun
 - Don't you need a petition for the hearing? If we do a petition we (Nathan and business partners) would do it ourselves.
 - What are your price points? Comparable to Starbucks and higher quality coffee places (not 7-11, etc)
 - What is your business background? Been running the "Solar Roast" truck for 3 years. This is the first brick and mortar store, been working towards it for nearly 2 years.

- Has CCH written a letter in support of this license? Their other CCH building has Pizza Fusion, which has a license, so Nathan believes they will approve this license as well. Nathan needs to check with CCH and get this info from them before the hearing.
- When is the hearing? Estimated 2 months out, probably early Jan 2015
- WeCAN has the responsibility to contact any residents living within 200ft of this request for a liquor license
- Post-poned vote until Dec general meeting, but some people may come to Nov general meeting specifically for this item. Need to get information from CCH and decide by the end of the week if a vote would be better in Nov or Dec
- Will not be serving beer and wine during school hours. Nathan asked if the Jewish community and schools would be turned off by this license being granted. Cindy doesn't think so, it is serving on Saturday that may be the bigger issue
- Motion to vote on this approval of beer and wine liquor license at the November general meeting (seeing all information is in), seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Planning Committee – ZAG (Zoning Action Group)

- 3 people have agreed to serve on the ZAG (Carol MacLennan, Jonathan Wachtel, and Melissa Rummel)
- When a rezoning request comes in, there's a zoning violation, etc. these emails will go directly to ZAG and this group will determine what action (if any) needs to be taken by WeCAN
- Co-President Chad Rieschl appointed these 3 people to serve on the ZAG Committee
- A job description will be sent to the 3 members

Liquor License Committee

- With the St. Anthony's development there will be more liquor license requests coming in
- Need to appoint 3 people to review these applications and make recommendations to the board
- Usually have 2-3 licenses a year

- Mr. Gallard has agreed to join, Suellen Mack has a background in liquor license and would be willing to join, and Maria Todd volunteered to join. These 3 people were appointed to the Liquor License Committee by Co-President Chad Rieschl

Neighbors of the Stadium meeting is Nov. 13th at 5pm

- Will be discussing the noise complaints from the recent Riot Fest
- Alan volunteered (via Maria) to attend these meetings instead of INC (Inter-neighborhood Cooperation)
- Motion was made to not renew membership with INC in 2015, as they have not represented WeCAN well, the motion was seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried

Plan for future meetings

- November: Interactive planning session for 2015. Breakout sessions will be Communications, Volunteer Development, Sustainability, Events, and Community garden/School gardens. Also, possible presentation from Nathan Stern for vote on liquor license
- January: EFG to talk about block 1 rezoning for St. Anthony's and any other developments happening on the site. Ask Dan Shah for businesses coming to Colfax and ask those owners to come and talk for a few minutes on their business plan. Ben will work on putting this meeting together
- December: Vote in new officers. Board will meet briefly afterwards to confirm Jan and Feb meetings. Possible dessert swap. Food drive, have director of Bienvendios speak (Diana will ask him). If you bring a canned food to the meeting you will be entered into a drawing for a new WeCAN t-shirt

Board Leadership

- The Presidents group still meets monthly
- Ben is willing to be the other Co-President
- Motion to have a special ballot at the November general meeting to vote in Nadia and Ben as the new Co-Presidents, seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried

Other Business

T-Shirts

- Maria found a special, 100 shirts at \$4 each. Maria and Alan will work of graphic and design tonight and order the t-shirts. Give 5 away at the Dec. general meeting
- Maria will look into getting reusable WeCAN shopping bags (for newsletter carriers and to buy) and present information at the next meeting

Still in need of 2 newsletter carriers.

Adjourn at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds
Secretary
West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)