

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
January 21, 2015  
Prepared by Leah Rounds

**AGENDA**

- 6pm: Call to order
- Treasurer's Report – Cindy Gallard 6:05pm-6:10pm
- Committee Reports
  - LUC – pending redevelopment—6:10-6:15
  - Sustainability Program—6:15-6:20
  - Communications Committee — Alan Burch 6:20-6:25
  - Newsletter – Bill Baker 6:25-6:30
- Liaison Reports: - **Tabled**
  - St Anthony's/South Sloans – Ben Stetler—6:30-6:35
- Old Business
  - To be determined. 6:35-6:45
- New Business 6:45-7:00pm
  - Plan future general meetings
    - February
    - March
    - April
- Other Business ???
- Adjourn 7:00pm

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Ben Stetler

In attendance –Barb Baker, Bill Baker, Alan Burch, Diana Dietvorst, Jim Dietvorst, Cindy Gallard, Suellen Mack, Nadia Patrick, Leah Rounds, Ben Stetler, and Britteny Vernon

Treasurer's Report (Cindy) – No treasury report this month

Other Business

Marijuana licensing hearing was today for the business at Colfax and Wolff, Cindy attended and shared her summary

- 15 were there in opposition with 1 lawyer, 1 there in support with 3 lawyers
- Each side had a chance to call witnesses and had 3 speakers each
- Those in support of the license cited the new business would improve the neighborhood, fill a dangerous vacant lot, fits well with what is already in the

neighborhood (liquor stores, car lots, bars), and would help bring new retail and people to patronize those businesses

- Those against the license cited that children were the biggest concern. There are families here that don't want this type of retail. Commander Pazen doesn't think it's a good idea, there is a lot of kid foot traffic at Colfax and Wolff. The neighborhood is classified as a neighborhood in transition, but there is not really any retail here geared towards families.
- Cindy could not act as the official WeCAN rep because she did not have a letter stating that she was.
- Next, a recommendation will be made on whether the license is approved or not, then it goes to a Director for approval
- They already have their state license

### Committee Reports

Sustainability – Josh is working on a plan for the year. He would like to meet with Barb to discuss the garage sale project. Josh will be present at the next board meeting to report

Newsletter – 1 carrier and 1 alternate is needed. The route has 160 homes, would take 1.5 hours at most, and could be split up

### Liaison Reports

St. Anthony's/South Sloans – City council passed the TIF for block 7 in its entirety. The design review committee is meeting this month and next about block 7. The Raleigh building is to get refaced, Alamo Drafthouse is being built, and there will be retail with a possible Starbucks.

### New Business

Plan for future meetings

- February: A speaker regarding an update and feedback on design at Paco Sanchez Park. The BID is having a happy hour to celebrate the art, talk about walkability, and a food co-op; at the Metro Manor building on the 17<sup>th</sup> floor, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm. WeCAN will provide cutlery and appetizers, and WeCAN will promote this event in the newsletter, email blast, etc. and at the next general meeting.
- March: Gold Sustainability celebration and 2015 kick-off
- April: Community Garden, Matt from DUG. Had a developer recently donate to have a shade structure built at the garden

## Old Business

T-Shirts should be available for the February general meeting. Gave away a few at the December meeting. Alan and Maria will get this done.

## New Business

### 2015 Calendar

- Change April and July board meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month
- Clean-up day in May. ECM brings the majority of the volunteers, will wait until they have a date set and plan around that. Diana will reach out to ECM on coordinating this date with Josh and WeCAN
- Garage Sale hopefully June 6<sup>th</sup>, it depends on the date for the clean-up day. Garage Sale earns WeCAN many of its sustainability points.
- Neighborhood Festival, August 8<sup>th</sup>, a part of the Mayor's Denver Days
- Volunteer party in November
- April 18<sup>th</sup> – half day tree-planting day with Denver Digs, will need a team to plant. \$200 was donated in honor of Chad's work; these trees will need to be planted. This event needs to be promoted to the neighborhood
- Other 2015 Sustainability projects: coat drive, school supply drive, walkability report, community garden projects/classes, possibly Box Tops
- Barb will update the calendar and get it sent out.

Need the details of what Chad took care of while he was Co-President, and those tasks need to be divvied up. Need to ensure nothing has fallen through the cracks and that projects are prioritized or tabled as needed. Monthly leadership meeting will resume.

Board roster needs to be updated, Leah will do this.

Dragon Boat races at Sloan's Lake at July 18 & 19 this year, need to decide if WeCAN will participate, last year a booth was offered for free. Could possibly team up with Sloan's Lake Citizen Group or the Federal Blvd. Partnership

An organizational checklist for weekly/monthly/annual events and projects exists and needs to be put together for the leadership. Chad has this information and it needs to be put in the shared google doc folder for easier access.

Adjourn at 7:05pm

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary

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