

WeCAN Board Meeting  
Minutes  
February 18, 2015  
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## AGENDA

- 6:00: Call to Order
- 6:05: Treasurer's Report-Cindy Gallard
- 6:10: Committee Reports
  - ZAG (Arroyo Village)
  - Communications-Alan
  - Newsletter-Don
- 6:20: Old Business
  - Sustainability Party Planning for March Meeting-Josh/Barb
  - BID Party-Nadia
  - Library Opening-Barb
    - Where do we stand on sign in sheets/new posters-Leah
- 6:35: Sloans Development/Short Re-Cap of Design Overlay City Council Meeting-Ben
- 6:40: New Business
  - Water Study Presentation-Nadia
  - Neighborhood Energy Plan-Josh
  - Sloan's Movie Night Participation-Nadia
  - Do we want to host a candidate forum for upcoming elections with BID?
- Other Business?
- Adjourn

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Nadia Patrick

In attendance – Alan Burch, Diana Dietvorst, Jim Dietvorst, Cindy Gallard, Mary Gonzales, Josh Patrick, Nadia Patrick, Leah Rounds, and Brittney Vernon

Treasurer's Report (Cindy) – Received a letter to register WeCAN as a non-profit on Amazon Smile, 0.5% of eligible products can be donated WeCAN. Alan will reset the password for [treasurer@wecandenvr.org](mailto:treasurer@wecandenvr.org) and send the information to Cindy so that this email address can be registered and WeCAN begin collecting donations.

### Committee Reports

- ZAG (Nadia)

- Arroyo Village developers on King and 13<sup>th</sup> is being asked to be rezoned from 30 stories down to 5 stories. This is a homeless transitional housing unit, and rezoning would increase the number of beds from 15 to 90, and put in 100+ unit of transitional housing. They are requesting rezoning approval from WeCAN.
- Developers need to meet with ZAG and ZAG needs to present to the board before developers can speak to the general membership.
- Discussion: there is a lot of transitional and homeless housing already in the neighborhood, it is near the new Paco Sanchez Park

### Old Business

- Sustainable Neighborhood Network Party for reaching the 100+ point goal. Need to figure out what this will look like for the March meeting. Earthlinks will also be presenting in March. This is a potluck meeting.
- BID “Healthy Happy Hour” is tomorrow, Feb. 19, 4:30-7:30pm at the Metro Manor. WeCAN is providing appetizers.
- Gonzales library opening is Saturday, Feb. 28. Barb has sent out the schedule on who will be volunteering at the WeCAN table. Leah will finish display poster and make sign in sheets for volunteer events (tree planting, clean-up day, and energy audit). Alan has ordered business cards to be available. Need to find the Sustainability information packets. Leah will email Brenda to see if wifi will be available to sign up new members
- South Sloan’s rezoning of block 1 recap – unanimous approval from city council for rezoning!

### New Business

- Water Study Presentation (Nadia) - Middle School students in the area have recently done a water quality study in which Lakewood Gulch was one of several water sources tested. They would like to present their findings to a general meeting. This project could possibly fit in with Sustainability or the community gardens. Nadia will follow up on having them present.
- Energy Plan (Josh) – Xcel offers a free home energy audits and make recommendations on how to improve your home’s energy usage, providing information on approximate costs and contractors. Josh is going to have it done on his own home and report back. Having people resister and take part in the energy audits can be a Sustainability project
- Sloan’s Movie Night (Nadia) – Last year the board was split on whether to sponsor this event so WeCAN did not participate. The sales from beer last year was split among those who sponsored. Last summer’s movie was a big success. Nadia will attend the planning meeting for this summer’s movie event.
  - Motion was made for WeCAN to participate in the Sloan’s Movie Night this year, seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried

- BID is asking WeCAN to co-host a candidate forum for the upcoming election of city council. Federal Blvd. partnership and JPUN will be hosting one in April.  
Discussion: Susan has been a good resource for the Jewish community, opponent Rafael Esponosa was part of the “no high rises” in West Highlands. Previous forums have been a lot of work – need a moderator, sign-up sheets, time limits, etc. Diana will check with Jude of Confluence on their thoughts on a forum in the building.
- Clean-up Days (Diana) – WeCAN will be partnering with Confluence Ministries and ECM on May 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - WeCAN can request a specific project (normally alley clean-up, adopt a block, gulch, graffiti removal and murals). Will solicit project ideas at the general meeting, and overflow projects can be done by ECM over the summer. Proposals need to be submitted 7 weeks an advance. The idea is to help out neighbors and build community. The Golden Hills cemetery is in need to maintenance, but this is out of ECM’s area for projects.
  - \$10 per volunteer is being collected for lunch. In the past WeCAN has grilled and provided sides. WeCAN will pay the entry fee for volunteers.
  - Rose Lady Marijuana shop has offered to sponsor WeCAN in the past, and could possibly be asked to cover the \$10/person.
  - Another clean-up day is planned for October 17 in partnership with Villa Park, Confluence Ministries and ECM. WeCAN has been asked to participate.
  - Motion was made for WeCAN to participate in both clean-up days, seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried
  - Motion was made for WeCAN to cover the \$10/person volunteer lunch costs up to \$200 per clean-up day (\$400 total) if a business sponsor cannot be found. Discussion: WeCAN’s general budget is at about \$26-28k, so we can covert the entry costs. Motion was seconded, passed with a 6-2 vote, motion carried.
  - Josh will talk with the Marijuana shop about their willingness to give to this event and sponsorship will be readdressed.
  - Diana will present the information about the May clean-up at the March meeting, have sign-up sheets for volunteers, etc.
- PO Box (Brittney) is up for renewal in April. Never receive any mail but are required to have a physical address for non-profit status. Brittney will renew the PO Box and get reimbursed.

Adjourn at 7:15pm

Respectfully submitted,

Leah Rounds

Secretary

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN)

