

WeCAN General Membership Meeting

Minutes

December 13, 2011

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AGENDA

- 6:00 pm Call to order, announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award, new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer
- Election of 2012 WeCAN Board of Directors and Officers
- Presentation by Brownfield Partnership, the developer in final negotiations with St. Anthony's Hospital to redevelop the 19 acre site
- Holiday dessert exchange and non-perishable food drive for local food bank

MINUTES

- The meeting was called to order at 6:05pm by Barbara Baker
- Announcements
 - Nonperishable food will be collected for a local food bank at WeCAN meetings
 - Tudors are needed for the neighborhood after school Whiz Kids program at Confluence every Tuesday, 4:30-7:00 pm. For more info call 303-377-3050.
 - Recycle metal and old appliances and support WeCAN. Call Bill Baker, 303-946-8230 or email bigbuddy2@comcast.net to pick up your items. Since March the program has raise \$2,200 to help support the WeCAN Newsletter
 - The next WeCAN Board meeting is January 18, 6:00pm, 1400 Quitman
 - Next month's WeCAN General Membership meeting is January 10, 1012. The speaker is from Denver Urban Renewal Authority with information on programs for West Colfax home repairs and emergency needs.
 - Bike enthusiasts will not have a happy hour gathering this month due to the holidays. Look for information for next month; it is usually the 4th Friday of every month at The Viking.
 - Land Use Committee meeting, Wed., Dec. 14, 6:00pm at 1400 Osceola St.
 - Support WeCAN by volunteering to be a board member (3-4hrs./month).
 - WeCAN needs someone to sell t-shirts at meetings and events.
- Election of officers by members. All were people were voted in unanimously. Positions for Community Garden Chair and Environmental Committee Chair are still open

Co-President – Chad Reischl
Co-President – Benjamin Stetler
Vice President – Alan Burch
Secretary – Leah Rounds
Treasurer – Suellen Mack
President Emeritus – Barbara Baker
Community Garden Chair –
Environmental Committee Chair –
Land Use Committee Chair – Jonathan Austin
Liaison – Laurie King
Crime Prevention Chair – Carolyn Bellicci
Newsletter Distribution Chair – Bill Baker
Communications Chair – Maki Garner
At-Large Member – Cindy Gallard, serving on Land Use Committee
At-Large Member – Shane Wright

- Drawing for new member – gift certificate donated by Lake Steam Baths
- Denver Police Officer was not in attendance; no police report.
- Jeff from the Jefferson Park Neighborhood Association (North of Sports Authority Field) came to talk about concerns over a lot of new signage going up on the stadium and came to ask for support on the issue. Those with questions were invited to talk to Jeff after the meeting.
- Ben Stetler introduced

they are around pedestrians. Perhaps this should go in our newsletter.

- WeCAN needs someone to fill in for our Secretary taking minutes Oct. & Nov.
- “A” Sticker Parking parking restrictions will be enforced for the CU-CSU game.
- State Rep. Dan Pabon was in attendance, he informed us that while he’s not in session right now he’s still hard at work meeting with communities and planning for next year. He handed out postage-paid comment cards and asked us to fill them out and mail them in, so that he can get a better sense of what the needs are in the local community. He extends a big thanks to all the work that WeCAN has been doing in the neighborhood.
- Guest Speaker Susan Fry was on hand to speak about Denver Parks and Recreation’s Adopt-a-Park program. Chad Reischl introduced the subject by saying that WeCAN was looking to Adopt “Nettie Moore Park” at 12th and Tennyson. Nettie Moore (who was in attendance) has left a great legacy for us in this park and it would be great if we could work on keeping it clean and beautiful. Susan oversees the volunteer programs and joint partnerships with in the P&R department and said that its truly wonderful when community groups come together to help take care of their local parks. If we were to adopt the park we would do so on a yearly contract that is renewable. She said that ideally 3-5 members from WeCAN would meet with her and P&R staff at the park to determine the scope of work. These volunteers would need to get background checks (due to the playground) and co-ordinate clean-up/maintenance efforts over the next year. She admitted she was impressed by our organization and looked forward to working with us. Chad finished by passing around a sign-up sheet for interested members.

- WeCAN board member Ben Settler has been representing WeCAN on the Mayoral Task Force for Emergency Planning and passed out some information regarding emergency planning including some fun activities for children to learn more about being prepared.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chad A Reischl
Temporary Secretary
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