

WeCAN General Membership Meeting  
Minutes  
July 10, 2012  
Prepared by Chad Reischl

**Agenda**

- 6:00 pm Healthy Potluck dinner
- 6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- WeCAN Do Great Things Award – to HD-4 Leadership Team
- Presentation 1: Report on the Sports Authority Field Parking Study
- Presentation 2. Update on the New Library at Colfax and Irving  
Presenters will be looking for community feedback on proposed options
- Vote on zoning variance requested by Fival and Cindy Gallard
- Adjourn

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Following a wonderful pot-luck dinner, the meeting was called to order at 6:20pm by Chad Reischl

Announcements were tabled to the end of the meeting, to allow a couple of the speakers to present before running off to other meetings.

Officer Jay Wittenberg passed out crime statistics to the group. Crime was down around 30% over last year. He reminded us to keep up the good work reporting suspicious activity. A special thanks was given by Barbara Baker for the good policing that DPD did over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as illegal firework activity was way down in the neighborhood.

Cindy and Sean from the Denver Public Works' Traffic and Parking Department, reported on a recent study of parking demand and parking restrictions around Sports Authority Field and St Anthony's Hospital. These restrictions were put in place when there were two stadiums (Mile High and McNichols Arena) and a busy hospital; now that there is only one stadium with a much more limited number of games/events and no hospital, these restrictions are now somewhat excessive. The Plan calls for the elimination of the parking restrictions around the hospital (although they will be reassessed after the site is redeveloped), a shrinking of the restricted area around the stadium and fewer regulated days. Cindy and Sean answered questions and garnered input from those present at the meeting.

Following this presentation Leti Icolari from the Denver Public Library and Joseph Montelbano from Studio Completiva gave a presentation regarding the new West Colfax Library. Leti gave a brief overview on what little she knew on a construction timeline

(there seems to be a bit of a waiting game the contractor approval) and Joseph narrated a video fly-through of the library design. Both answered questions from the group.

Following this presentation, WeCAN board member Carolynn Billecci came forward to present a commemorative plaque that was presented to WeCAN in thanks for all the help the organization provided to Colorado Coalition for the Homeless in getting their new building approved.

WeCAN then awarded the HD-4 leadership team our WeCAN Do Great Things Award for their recent alley/graffiti/park clean-up day that they hosted in our neighborhood. We're very grateful for their volunteer efforts.

Other announcements:

- This Friday the West Colfax BID is hosting a celebration of West Colfax champions in the new community room at West End Flats from 4-6pm. On Friday July 13.
- Confluence Ministries' annual West Colfax Block Party is scheduled for July 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm at the St. Anthony's campus along Perry St.
  - a. We need volunteers to help serve beverages and staff our information table
- Fairview Elementary Farmer's Market: Runs every Sunday till October from 12-2pm at 12th and Decatur – this is a great event and really supports local youth programming.
- St Anthony's Redevelopment Open House July 18, 2012 – Come by anytime between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
- Sustainability Oasis (a project by the Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design and the West Colfax BID) will have an opening party on Friday July 27<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm in the parking lot at Colfax and Vrain
- WeCAN board of Directors meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 downstairs. All are welcome.
- WeCAN's next General Meeting will be held at Confluence Ministries at 6:00 pm on Aug 14<sup>th</sup>. – We will be collecting school supplies for Cheltenham and Colfax elementary schools at this meeting, please bring donations if you are able.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

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