

WeCAN General Membership Meeting
Minutes
November 13, 2012
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AGENDA

- 6:00 Potluck
- 6:20 Call to order and Announcements
- Police Officer Report
- Presentation by Becca Modrell, Practicing Manager of St. Anthony's Primary Care Services
- Adjourn

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:20pm by Ben Stetler, following a healthy potluck dinner.

Announcements

- WeCAN Board of Directors meeting: Nov 21, 6:00 downstairs. All are welcome.
- WeCAN's next General Meeting will be held at Confluence Ministries at 6:00 pm on December 11, 2012
- WeCAN's board will be elected next month, we have openings, so if you have any desire to be a part of the WeCAN board, please let us know. It's a great way to make a difference in the neighborhood. The neighborhood watch committee is looking for a new leader.
- THIS SUNDAY is the last day to drop off bags of leaves at Sloan's Lake between 11:00am and 3:00pm
- Recycle metal to support WeCAN: call Bill Baker, 303-946-8230 or email bigbuddy2@comcast.net. Metal recycling is the main source of WeCAN's money
- Leah Rounds asks you to help her support local schools through the "Box Tops for Education" program, bring your boxtops to WeCAN mtgs and she'll take them to the schools.

Denver Police was not in attendance; no report this month.

Jordan Trainor from Susan Shepherd's office took questions

- Question on the timing of the light at Tennyson and Colfax (and all lights along Colfax between Irving and to Tennyson). The light has not been changed and there is concern over the many children and seniors that use the cross-walk there. Shepherd's office has been told it has been changed, but that hasn't happen so Jordan will look into it and be in touch.
- Question on getting a handicap parking spot in front of a house, a resident hasn't been able to get one. Jordan will look into the matter and be in touch.
- A thank you from Shepherd's office for passing 2A

- Any questions or concerns can be sent to Jordan at Jordan.Trainor@denvergov.org or 720-337-7701

Announcements continued

- New member cards were handed out at the last meeting to see who could sign-up the most neighbors to join WeCAN. The member that brought back the most cards at this meeting won a gift card
- WeCAN has a goal to get 500 members by the end of the year. Having this many people involved in WeCAN makes a big difference when talking to city officials, council, etc. on issues that affect the neighborhood

New Member Drawing – Gift certificate to Lake Steam Baths

Becca Modrell, Practicing Manager of St. Anthony's Primary Care Services presented on the services that are available at this location

- The clinic moved into the Raleigh building on June 1st, and with that move additional services were brought - radiology, family practice, internal medicine, same-day sick appointment, among others
- Looking at opening an Urgent Care facility at the new year. Hours will be 5-8pm Monday-Friday and 9am-2pm Saturday and Sunday, with the hopes of adding additional hours in the future
- The clinic will stay in the Raleigh building for the next two years, after that they have committed to staying in the neighborhood. They may need to move into a new building on the St. Anthony's campus, or find another location along Colfax. They are committed to staying in the neighborhood for the long term; the long-term location depends on what happens with the St. Anthony's redevelopment.
- They offer wellness programs and a health passport program, which helps people determine the best Medicare plan for the individual, but also organizes walks, classes, dinners, education, etc.
- Clinic accepts most health care plans, including Medicare and Medicaid. For people not insured, they will receive a 25% discount but a 50% payment is expected up front. They provide financial assistance for those who have trouble paying. Care will not be denied because the 50% cannot be paid upfront, payment plans can be set up. Information on these financial services could be added to a future newsletter.
- Will be looking at health programs for the homeless, low income, etc. at the beginning of the year
- Question on the use of digital medical record – Becca was unsure on this and will check with the IT department.
- There is a free clinic at the West Ends Flat, but there is a waiting list for services
- Clinic provides taxi rides to the hospital if they cannot be treated at the Raleigh building.
- Primary care is open 8-4:30pm Monday-Friday

Conversation/Brainstorming session on what the future holds for WeCAN

- The neighborhood is undergoing a lot of rapid changes (light rail, St. Anthony's redevelopment, etc) and WeCAN wants to be a part of these
- RTD is having opening day festivities on April 27th, and WeCAN would like to have some kind of "WeCAN Day" and ride the light rail before this day.
- All the EFG Brownfield information sessions have gone well, everything is going well in the planning and they should be under contract by Jan 2012. There has been a high interest in the project from the neighborhood, and WeCAN will continue to be involved
- There is a need at our neighborhood schools. What can WeCAN do to help? Leah Rounds will contact Colfax Elementary and Jean McKay will contact Manor House regarding a partnership to help at Colfax where they need it.

Asking everyone at the meeting to please take one registration card home and get one new neighbor to join WeCAN, so we can reach our goal of 500 members by the end of the year. RNOs have their own recognition in city ordinances, and they must be contacted for feedback on any projects.

Annual Garage Sale in May

- This year we were able to raise enough money to put a new hot water heater in for a senior who had been living without one for two years.
- Possibility of making it a community-wide event this coming May, where WeCAN would be just one of the community members there
- Asking the VFW now to get the whole parking lot, where WeCAN will take a large part of the lot, then take \$5 donations to "rent" a booth to others who want to sell
- Possibly putting together a neighborhood map of all the garage sales happening on that day. Also advertising to the neighborhood so individuals can set up their own garage sales

There is a Food Bank at Set Free Church. This is the only food bank in the neighborhood and it provides food for 35 families a week. They need pantry staples like canned goods, soups, pasta, rice, and beans. Barb will take donations over, or you can drop them off any time at the church.

Mi Pueblo Market is now open at Colfax and Irving. The grand opening will be Nov. 17th with bargains, music, prizes, etc. This is a chain market in Denver with 5 or 6 locations; they have a lot of fresh produce, basics, bakery, deli, etc.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

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