

## WeCAN Minutes

December 09, 2014

Ben Stetler called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm

Ben thanked Chad for a wonderful job.

Ben and Nadia are now co-presidents

Board Meeting will follow the general membership meeting. WeCAN is a Registered Neighborhood Organization. (RNO) We have over 600 members.

December 31<sup>st</sup> - Retail marijuana license application meeting at the Webb Bldg

December 15<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am - Liquor license hearing for Gathering Ground at West End Flats

December 18<sup>th</sup> – Councilwoman Susan Shepherd office hours

January 13 @ 6:00 pm – Healthy potluck and general membership meeting

There was a planning board meeting concerning EFG South Sloan's Lake development. It is now up to 12 stories. The next important meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup> in front of City Council. Ben said, "My bias is for the re-development. It will revitalize the neighborhood. Please see me, Barbara, or Sue Ellen to get educated."

### Police Officer Report:

Corporal Dreyfuss and Corporal Hussin gave the crime report. They reported that sexual assaults have decreased from approximately 25 for 2013 to 4 for 2014.

The police did say there are more "stick-ups" with guns around marijuana retail facilities. They also warned about package theft that happens around the holidays.

They also mentioned they are offering a free 4-hour women's self-defense class at the Scheitler Recreation Center on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

A hand vote was taken for 2014 WeCAN Board of Directors elected.

Presentation by Greg Pratt, Executive Director of Bienvenidos Food Bank. The main pantry is located at 32<sup>nd</sup> & Wyandot. There is a mobile pantry that comes to the VFW at Colfax & Wolff. There is also a pantry at Cheltenham Elementary School. These pantries are often able to assist people in need of food immediately, when the need is greatest.

Dan Shaw – head of West Colfax Business Improvement District spoke about how they'll be applying for technical assistance to improve pedestrian and bike access in the neighborhood. He asked WeCAN for a letter of support and for participation of the membership. Ben made a motion that was seconded for WeCAN to provide a letter of support.

Nathan Stern spoke about the liquor license application for Gathering Grounds at 5004 West Colfax. The business is called a board games café. It will have a full food menu and 200 games to play. The plan is to have 4 beers and 2 wines on the menu. The landlord of the proposed business is The Colorado Coalition for the Homeless. The hours of operation are to be 6:30 am to 10:30 pm. Ben made a motion that was seconded to provide a letter of support for the liquor license.

Barbara Baker spoke about providing free light bulbs for front and back porches.

Barbara also asked for donations of coats, blankets or boots before December 20<sup>th</sup>. Items can be dropped off at her house at 14<sup>th</sup> and Osceola.

The winners of the drawing were;

Sue Ellen Mack – t-shirt

Will Rounds – t-shirt

Kathryn Kabala ?

Brittney Vernon – t-shirt

Allan Burch – t-shirt

Mary Gonzalez t-shirt

Ernest Gurule – homemade jam

Angela Padilla – paper whites.