

# WeCAN General Membership Meeting - 12/8/2015

Call to Order: 6:05 PM

1. WeCAN Announcements
  - a. **Volunteer positions available.** WeCAN needs volunteers to deliver the monthly newsletter. Open positions for the Board of Directors include a part-time Secretary. Contact leah@wecanddenver.org if you can help.
  - b. **Donations needed.** New Hope Ministries of Central Denver is accepting donations of coats, hats, gloves and boots in good condition, as well as new socks. Contact Barbara Baker at (303) 257-9088 if you are interested. WeCAN will collect Box Tops for Education at monthly meetings. Volunteers of America is accepting volunteers for the Snow Buddies program. Contact (303) 297-0408 if you are interested in volunteering.
2. Board of Directors elections for 2016

18 voted in favor (and 0 against) of the following Board for 2016:

  - Co-Presidents: Nadia Patrick, Leah Rounds
  - Vice-President: Alan Burch
  - Treasurer: Cindy Gallard
  - Secretary: Megan Yonke
  - At-Large: Diana Dietvorst, Jim Dietvorst, Dave Justice, Suellen Mack, Josh Patrick, and Brittney Vernon
3. Report from Denver Police District 1 Community Resource Officer, Rita Contreras on behalf of Denise Gomez
  - Winter tip: don't leave car running unattended
  - General announcements:
    - Denise will be out of pocket from 12/11 through the end of December
    - Office hours will be held at the Cop Shop from 9-4 on Thursdays and Fridays
    - Councilman Espinoza will hold coffee sessions with neighborhood citizens on Fridays at rotating coffee shops - check website for location
    - Their office is planning to start a monthly newsletter in January. Sign up for the distribution list via Facebook.
4. Jenna Lane from Lake International Middle School, Communications and Marketing Lead
  - Recent increase in priority for middle school to engage community to overcome any negative perceptions and to update neighbors on services available at the school.
  - There is a Volunteer Day coming up this Friday; all in the community are welcome.
  - School choice elections must be made for DPS in January
  - Denver Health and Mi Casa have locations at the middle school
5. WalkDenver on Denver Deserves Sidewalks, Madeline Keating on behalf of Jill Locantore
  - Madeline presented on the importance of having high-quality sidewalks to encourage neighborhood walkability, as well as the challenges in Denver of requiring private property owners to maintain sidewalks. There is a petition circulating to demonstrate support for sidewalks in the city, to be presented to City Council before the beginning of budget review

in March 2016. WalkDenver is advocating for the city to take over ownership and maintenance responsibilities of sidewalks and presented potential ideas for funding. There was a question from the group about where sidewalk permitting fees currently go and wonder why these funds are not directed today to sidewalk maintenance.

- Rita: City Council is currently discussing sidewalk policy and comparing Denver's goals and current conditions to those of other cities.

6. Other announcements

- Lunch meeting tomorrow (Wednesday, December 9th) on gentrification challenges at Confluence Ministries from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Adjourn: 6:55 PM