

## WeCan General Membership Meeting 1/12/16

Call to order: 6:06 p.m.

- WeCan collects Box Tops worth 10 cents each ticket for Colfax Elementary. Please clip and bring your Box Tops to the WeCan Meetings and give them to Leah Rounds.
- West Colfax clean up day sponsored by Extreme Community Makeover is May 21<sup>st</sup> and a great way to meet and help neighbors with yard and alley clean up, or outside home repair, and is available to anyone who has an outdoor project that they need help with. Partner organizations such as Confluence Ministries and WeCan help bring together a force of volunteers to complete the projects. This is a lot of fun and a happy neighborhood outreach and get together. Project leaders help get the word out with flyers. Volunteers are needed for canvassing the neighborhood to get additional projects. Renters are okay as long as the homeowner is in agreement. Clean up day counts as sustainable neighborhood points. For more information or to volunteer contact Diana at 303.550.9853 or [Diana@wecanddenver.org](mailto:Diana@wecanddenver.org).
- Community Resource Officer Gomez, Denver Police Department District 1 presented the crime incident map. 61 incidents are mapped out from Sept-Nov. 2015 range of dates. Officer Gomez's goal is to increase neighborhood watch in 2016, and is recruiting for neighborhood watch captains. Neighborhood watch captains gather neighbors once a year for an informational meeting. Top theft crimes in the West Colfax neighborhood are computers, identity, and tools. If someone is responding to a Nextdoor social media post they should ask whoever is posting an incident if they called the police because the police do not read the Nextdoor posts, and Denver PD needs to be alerted when a crime in the area occurs. Last year the West Colfax neighborhood had zero Neighborhood Watch block captains. This year even two or three captains would be great, and if we could earn a neighborhood watch sign that would help our crime level decrease. Officers Gomez is always willing to have a question and answer session for neighbors, and district one can conduct crime evaluation reports on anyone's residence. District One's number is 720.913.0400.
- The blue newsletter that currently is delivered door to door monthly is becoming increasingly difficult to distribute. There are three pockets of our neighborhood that don't even get the letter. Also the funding which use to be from scrapping medal has stopped. After a brief discussion the WeCan attendees made a motion and voted unanimously to electronically distribute the newsletter every month, and deliver it door to door every other month.
- Dan Shah Director of West Colfax Business Improvement District BID had a lot of progress to report. BID has developed an app for historic sites with the ability to receive comments, and QR code. An update was given on the outcome of the Imagine West

Colfax event where they tested a pedestrian signal had a band and food. BID has also received funding for enhancements of safe routes to school, and help is being received from Colorado Department of Transportation CDOT. Implementation of new crosswalk design and installation is scheduled for June. BID is working with an art studio and an architect who have developed a set of ideas, but it would be good to have others join the group. Also a design to enhance the bulb outs is underway, and any support or other roles the neighborhood could play is appreciated. March 17<sup>th</sup> is the next BID event; venue to be determined. BID encourages socially motivated business; in particular the Girls Inc. undertaking inside the new library was mentioned. Other details of neighborhood development were given; the new Starbucks, Sloans Lake Apartments have residents, and cinema will break ground. For BID details visit [westcolfaxbid.org](http://westcolfaxbid.org)

- 2016 is election year and processes for holding an election have begun. House District 4 Democrats and Republicans are having their caucuses on March 1, 2016. The Republican's Caucus will be at Lake Middle School at 7p.m. The Democrats usually hold their caucus at a public school, but a location was not given at the January WeCan meeting. At Caucus Precinct Committee People, and district representatives are elected and other business is conducted. Both groups have monthly meetings. House District 4 Democrats meet on the first Saturday of each month in the Argyle Senior Center they also had a special Tuesday morning meeting in January. House District 4 Republicans meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at My Brothers Bar everyone is invited to attend. Fundraising is starting, and election volunteers are being recruited by both groups. WeCan President Leah Rounds said she would accept informational literature from both of the groups.