

WeCAN General Membership Meeting Minutes 05/10/16

Call to order: 6:07 p.m.

➤ Announcements

- The 2nd Northwest Diaper Drive to benefit the Bienvenidos Food Bank is being held from May 1st to May 31st. Drop off donations at the Corky Gonzales library. All donations are tax deductible. Rocky Mountain Diaper Depot partners with Bienvenidos in this drive.
- Friday May 13th is Migratory Bird Day. The event will be held at Sloan's Lake Park 10:00 a.m. to noon. More information, parksandrecreation@denvergov.org.
- Volunteers of America VOA are having a volunteer day at the Safe Haven location. VOA's email address for general inquiries is info@voacolorado.org and volunteering information inquiries can be directed to bgulley@voacolorado.org.
- Girls Inc Garage Sale is Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st. They looking for any donations. For questions call 303.893.4363 ext. 114.
- Earthlinks non-profit organization is having a plant sale on Friday May 20th and Saturday May 21st. Earthlinks website is <http://www.earthlinks-colorado.org>.
- Extreme Community Makeover partners WeCAN for the Annual Neighborhood Cleanup day on May 21st. Projects to include alley cleanup, some Confluence projects, a house project and the Gulch Community Garden. Pizza will be served for Lunch. <http://www.extremecommunitymakeover.org/tag/denver/page/12/>

- Chief Gallegos spoke about the upcoming emergency preparedness training to be held on Tuesday June 2nd, 6-8:30 p.m. Topics include blizzards, tornados, earthquake, active shooter, devise your own 72 hour emergency survival kit and more. This training is hosted by Confluence Ministries.

Q. A. to the Chief: Q. How is emergency preparedness different from the independent study that FEMA has? A. FEMA is based on counter terrorism A. However there are a lot of similarities, but some different material

➤ EconoLot Cease and Desist Appeals Hearing

- Alan and Maria went to the hearing. EconoLot will not be able to park on the residential streets effective immediately, they have 30 days to tender a sight plan, and to tender a circulation plan. It will be interesting to see if and how EconoLot has enough space to park all of their cars and their customer's cars on EconoLot's property.
- Hopefully this will apply to all car lots in the future, EconoLot tried to plead as their defense that all car lots are doing what they were doing.

➤ Police Report

- DPD was successful in mitigating problems that the neighborhood was experiencing with EconoLot today 05.10.2016
 - Shot spotter gunshot location is being used by DPD.
 - Theft of motor vehicles is still big, license plate thefts are still a problem, and DPD is working on getting plate screws that cannot be manipulated
 - There was a broken window in the area, but again if there is no report with Denver Police Department DPD then they are out of the loop. No matter how small the report at least make a report online to collect data
 - Attend the Commander's Advisory Group every third Monday at the District 1 police station. DPD District 1's police commander gives an update for the department and provides food for attendees.
- Denver Housing Authority (DHA) and the 13th and Perry corner development plans include:
- Other recent projects in Sloans: Community Gardens at Conejos Place, Construction at the end of the summer, and Time capsule from Colfax Elementary
 - Block 9: The property now is about an acre. The senior affordable living project will include a health care component. The demolition and construction is not happening until the end of summer. The work will get started in August. The project plans include a store front, preventative care, geriatrics and emergency care. DHA community services program will include an 8000 sq feet for senior center. A lot of work will be around the health component: activity and fitness side and PCP. DHA plans a five story apartment complex, community gardens, and four stories dedicated to senior housing. The other side of the property will be 7 stories of senior housing with funding through Colorado Housing and Finance Authority CHFA. 176 units of senior affordable housing and 30,000 square feet of on the ground space. DHA is looking at underground parking. Zoning to be addressed for this project.
- Sloans Lake Development vendors include Starbucks, Highland Tap and Burger, 50% of the office building has been leased, and another local North-side restaurant will be opening up. The property up zone challenged from the Sloans Lake Neighborhood Association SLNA appealed to the state appellate court. The leasing office for the townhomes is open.
- Dragon Boat festival, Natalie Ta. Two day festival July 30 and 31. Traffic control plans include street closures. Street closures start early Saturday and Sunday at 6:00 a.m.. The organizing committee will send out a letter on the closures. Bike and walk or shuttle to the festival is suggested. 20 police officers will be on site both days. The

Dragon Boat hotline goes live early June to answer questions. Also the organizers of the Dragon Boat festival are also sponsoring a film festival. The Colorado Dragon Film Festival www.cdfilm.org starts in June.

- Colfax marathon goes through the neighborhood this Sunday May 15th.

Adjourn 7:14 p.m.