

1-10-17 WeCAN General Membership Meeting

Meeting called to order by Leah Rounds at 6:00pm

Last day for Treecycle is this Saturday.

WeCAN running club had 18 runners last night and is still going strong.

Community Resource Officer Bob Anderson at 6:04pm.

He gave a big "Thank you". Crime went down in police district 1 in 2016. Crime went down and population went up, so that is a big accomplishment.

New brochure developed for people who are victims of theft or car burglary. The department provides, free of charge, assessments of properties to suggest how a property can be improved to make it less attractive to potential vandals or burglars. More information in the brochure, such as "What is a Community Resource Officer?", the neighborhood watch program, etc.

Question was asked about a neighbor that has too many cars, and it appears the cars are being worked on. Officer Anderson responded that city ordinance states that each household may have one car per adult living at the home plus one additional car and that a call to 311 would resolve that issue.

Question was asked about the particulars of the crime reduction. Officer Anderson stated that crime was down about 6% for calendar year 2016. Much of the crime reduction is vehicle theft and/or theft from motor vehicles.

Question: Neighbor is having severe problem with people driving too fast on the nearby block of Perry between 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Officer Anderson will forward that information to the appropriate offices and follow up. Denver looks into all traffic complaints.

Shannon McGinty from Denver Urban Renewal Authority came to share about housing programs.

- Emergency home repair program. For people at or below 50% of the area mean income. They can address issues that would otherwise require people to vacate the homes.
- Single Family Rehab Program. Do an extensive inspection of entire home. Loans would be 1% interest or deferred interest.
- All programs based on family size and income.
- RHAM Rental Housing Access Modification. Modifications for people with disabilities
- Wastewater Loan Program. Come and repair wastewater with interest rate of 1-3%.

Dan Shah from West Colfax Business Improvement District

Project purpose is to activate the Lakewood gulch, make it more usable, safer, etc. Also, to address the safety of the 13<sup>th</sup> and Federal crossing.

Today wanting to get feedback on suggestions for adding wayfinding to the Lakewood gulch trail. This would add signage through the trails to provide directions directly on the pavement. Suggestions requested are the destinations that are important to be pointed to and what designs should be used.

Online version is also hosted on the [westcolfaxbid.org](http://westcolfaxbid.org) website in Spanish and English.

There will be one more iteration of the design based on input, and the installation will be done in May. Volunteers are being sought out. This was all for phase 1.

For phase 2, they will look at the interchange of Colfax and Federal in terms of access to pedestrians and bicycles. What modifications can be made to enable access and provide an infrastructure for pedestrians and bicyclists. The clover interchange is 29 acres. There will be a walk to circumnavigate the exchange, about 1.6 miles with community persons, urban planners, engineers, then prepare a design demonstration sometime in December.

Next step is a community meeting in the next month or two.

Meeting closed by Leah at 6:51pm.