

**WeCAN General Membership Meeting**

**1400 Quitman St., Confluence Ministries Building**

**January 10, 2012 6:00pm**

- Potluck dinner...please bring a dish to share
- 6:20 pm Call to order, announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award, new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer
- Presentation by Denver Urban Renewal Authority on funds available for low income families to repair and remodel their homes...bring a neighbor

The **December meeting of WeCAN** was devoted to the presentation of EFG Brownfield Partners of the general proposal of the redevelopment of the vacant St. Anthony's Hospital Campus. EFG Brownfield Partners (EFG BP) was given exclusive status in December to negotiate for purchase of the campus. EFG BP will not be able to determine the scope of the redevelopment until a purchase agreement is in place and the due diligence process has been completed. The firm expects to develop the site to the point it can be utilized for housing and retail space and will not function as a vertical developer but parcel out the site to commercial developers for the final development. This is just the beginning of a long process and WeCAN looks forward to being a part of the process until a successful conclusion is achieved.

**The January General Membership meeting** will host a potluck... please, bring a dish and an appetite. The newly elected officers for 2012 will assume their offices and conduct this meeting. The program will be given by a representative of the Denver Urban Renewal Authority on available

funding for low income families for home repair and remodeling.



**Sports Authority proposes dramatic change in signage at Mile High stadium.** Sports Authority has announced their intent to install new signage on three sides of Sports Authority Field at Mile High and has posted signs requesting a zoning variance around the stadium. The new signs will include highly visible changes on the north, east, and west sides of the stadium, to supplement the new "badge" on the South Stands of the stadium. Under the 20-year Invesco sponsorship, which Sports Authority took over, the signs were contained in a well-defined rectangle where the current temporary Sports Authority signs are on the north, east, and west sides of the stadium.

Under the Sports Authority proposed sign amendment, the new illuminated signs will be much bigger (9' 6" x 178'), much brighter, and much higher than the former signage and will span much of the distinctive metal loop at the top of the stadium (see photo above for rendering of new design). This signage will remain lit throughout the night.

Many stakeholders are concerned that the new signage design will substantially increase light pollution in surrounding neighborhoods and brand

mountain and downtown views, for residents and businesses east and west of the stadium. The WeCAN Land Use Committee and WeCAN Board of Directors have both voted to oppose the signage change in its current configuration. A petition is posted on the WeCAN website, <http://wecanddenver.org>

**Denver Digs Trees' Spring Street Tree Program** is able to offer **FREE street trees to ALL residents of Denver**, regardless of their neighborhood of residence.

The City of Denver's *Mile High Million* tree planting initiative's funds for Trees for Energy Savings expire in August. We need to make use of this money for **free trees to be planted on the west sides of buildings** (front, side, back yards and street trees). This offer is also available to any Denver resident!

These 2 great offers present a powerful opportunity to get trees to thousands of people in *all* of Denver's neighborhoods. Tree Applications are available NOW and availability is limited. The **application deadline is February 15**. Go to **www.TheParkPeople.org**, to apply or download the application.

The highly successful Denver Digs Trees program has benefited the WeCAN neighborhood greatly in the past and this year in conjunction with the Mile High Million program we can benefit even more. Further information will be available at the January WeCAN meeting.

#### **The WeCAN newsletter needs a carrier.**

One newsletter carrier is needed to distribute approximately 90 newsletters monthly. The route takes an hour to an hour-and-a-half to walk door-to-door...perhaps you are a sprinter and can do it faster for a more aerobic workout. The area is bounded by 14th Ave. on the North, the Gulch on the South, Xavier on the East and Sheridan Blvd. on the West. Please call Bill Baker, 303-946-8230 or email [bigbuddy2@comcast.net](mailto:bigbuddy2@comcast.net) to volunteer.

The next scheduled **Large Item Pickup** will be Jan. 30 – Feb. 3. Place your items for pickup by Monday, Jan. 30

**Broncos Playoff Schedule:** AFC Wild Card Sat. Jan. 7, 2012 and if necessary AFC Conference Championship, Sun. Jan. 22, 2012. Times to be announced. Remember all **parking restrictions** in the Sports Authority Field at Mile High will be enforced on game days.

**Recent snows** have highlighted the need to understand snow removal regulations for the neighborhood.

- **HOMEOWNERS:** Once snow has stopped falling, residences have twenty-four (24) hours to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **BUSINESSES:** Once snow has stopped falling, businesses have four hours (4) to remove snow from public sidewalks adjacent to their property.
- **REPORT A PROBLEM:** Please contact Denver 3-1-1.

#### **Support WeCAN Fundraiser Recycling:**

All scrap metal or items that can be resold on Craigslist are welcome. All donations are tax deductible, receipts on request.

Contact Bill Baker: 303.946.8230 or [bigbuddy2@comcast.net](mailto:bigbuddy2@comcast.net)

The **WeCAN Land Use committee** will meet Wednesday, January 12, 2012, 6:00pm at 1400 Osceola.

The **WeCAN Board of Directors** will meet Jan. 18, 2012, 6:00pm at Confluence Ministries, 1400 Quitman. Board meeting are open to the public and offer an opportunity for airing opinions.

Estimados Vecinos!

Sabias usted que hay una organizacion en nuestra comunidad que se interesa por la calidad de vida de ustedes? Este grupo se llama West Colfax Area Neighbors (*WeCan*). *WeCan* quiere saber que piensa usted que ayudaria a mejorar nuestra comunidad.

Por ejemplo, tendremos una libreria en nuestra comunidad y estamos removiendo grafity sin costo alguno para ustedes.

Desea escuchar mas sobre asuntos de nuestra comunidad o quiere compartir ideas, por favor venga a las juntas este 10 de enero (son cada 2ndo martes del mes). Generalmente aqui hay algunos asistenstes biligues quien podran ayudar traduciendo los temas. Vengan! Nos encantara verlos!