

West Colfax Association of Neighbors (WeCAN) General Meeting Minutes
April, 11, 2012

Meeting called to order at 6pm with WeCAN announcements. Ice cream samples provided by Little Man Ice Cream

- Box Tops for Education are collected at General Meetings to support the Learning Garden at Colfax Elementary
- WeCAN will host a Colfax marathon water station on 5/21, clipboard sign-up for volunteers
- WeCAN Clean-up Day is 5/20, clipboard sign-up for volunteers
- Meeting sign-in, please sign in and add email and address to receive the newsletter and become a member
- Running Club meets every Monday

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Commander Pazen thanked us for caring for the community and being committed to making it better. Crime is relatively flat, a little up on violent crimes and a little down on property crimes, which is good considering the exploding population in this area. Focus is on prevention of crime.

34 additional Neighborhood Watch blocks went online in 2016. Burglaries are down. Increased of theft of motor vehicles this year. He emphasized the importance of locking our cars and not leaving valuables in the car. Criminals will go the path of least resistance.

A question was asked about the homeless issue in the gulch. The commander assured everyone that they are aware of the issue and are actively working to improve it.

Chevy trucks, tahoes, suburbans, vans, subarus, jeep Cherokees, honda civics seem to be most targeted. F-250s were targeted a lot 8 or 9 months ago. Also, there is not a correlation between the homeless people and the car vandalizations.

Driving increases in violent crimes is aggravated assault with a firearm and aggravated assault-other. Also, there has been a change in state statute. For example, if a doctor or nurse is kicked, that now counts as aggravated assault.

Overall, we have done very well with the increased population and lowering crime in general.

Little Man Ice Cream by Loren Martinez, which is expanding now into West Colfax.

A brief history of the business and owner was given first. Current expansions were also shared and the "scoop for scoop" program was explained, which is a philanthropic endeavor to use profits to fund people in need. The location at West Colfax will be at 4409 W. Colfax. Will be producing by this summer but will not be open to the public until Summer 2018.

Connie Raynor presents next on Master Gardening. She gave useful advice on preparing soil and gardening in general in Denver.

Bruce O'Donnell of Starboard Realty Group presents information on the requested rezone for 1208 Quitman St. They are applying for the GR-X-5 zoning. There is no developer involved for development plans as of yet. The city now has the zoning application posted online. In 3 or 4 months, there should be a public hearing.

Concern was expressed that there is nothing preventing the builders to put in a 5 story building right next to all the other 1 or 2 story homes. This is a possibility but there is no sign at this time that there is any intent to do something like that.

Someone expressed that it might be better to have high-density building nearby transit locations such as this one.

One difference between the G-RU-3 zoning and the G-MX-5 zoning is that the building could be built right up to the property line. There is also the potential for commercial uses on the ground floor, although that would probably not be marketable on a cul-de-sac.

Final reminder, street cleaning begins this month.

Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm