

WeCAN Board of Director's Meeting - May 17, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Board members present, Michael, Megan, Leah, Dave, Cindy, Diana, Truman (via phone)

The meeting began with the presentation by David Zucker of Zocalo Development on the rezone request at 17<sup>th</sup> and Newton, the location of Beth-Israel Hospital. The property is owned by Michael Geller. 40% and 60% market-rate condo building will be planned for the current vacant parcel. There would be about 230 units and 16 stories. Currently, it is zoned PUD. The requested rezone is G-MU-5 and CMPH. Question was raised whether to connect Meade St. all the way through. It was also asked whether pedestrian access would be possible through the block if not automobile access. A community area is planned on the northwest corner, with the possibility of café/bakery or some other kind of retail space or public meeting area. Zocalo will attend the August meeting to present to the general membership..

Jude DelHierro presented on Ordinance 300. He gave an update on a social consumption advisory team he served on, and talked about some of the restrictions and regulations on the public consumption and use of marijuana. June 13 is a public hearing on this topic. Jude recommends that we advise the community and talk openly about the issue that is on the table. Both sides of the issue will be presented on at the August 8 general membership meeting.

Motion made to approve the recommendations of the business committee to accept donations from certain businesses based on the business codes. Motion as seconded. Motion was approved 5 to 2.

Megan Yonke gave an update on the PS You Are Here project. There is concern that when digging the holes for the posts, there might be debris with asbestos uncovered. Interns from the city are available to help with the digging process to identify any such debris. Concern was raised that if funds are taken to complete the project, if there is debris found with asbestos, and it is not possible to finish the project or it would be too expensive, how liable are we to finish it? The question will be looked into.

Board liability insurance is due this month and it will be paid for and renewed.

Upcoming August 5<sup>th</sup> Neighborhood festival, will meet possibly in July to work on the organizational details.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.