

WeCAN General Meeting Minutes

2-13-2018

Leah Rounds began the meeting at 6:03

Community Resource officer Bob Anderson shared an update on crime in the West Colfax neighborhood. A big emphasis lately is on discouraging puffers, because cars get stolen that way. He brought an updated crime map of the West Colfax neighborhood.

The next item was from Max Nardo of the Park People and Denver Digs Trees. He talked about the purpose of the organization and how they provide free and low-cost trees to areas with lower tree canopy counts and lower income areas. They are trying to offset some of the losses that are expected from the invasive Emerald Ash Borers. There are multiple ways to sign up for a tree. They are also looking for volunteers to help plant trees. They are also looking for more long-term volunteers for the Community Forester Program.

The next item was from Area Director Walter Chaw from the Alamo Drafthouse. He shared about the local partnerships that the theatre has created with local nonprofits and schools in the area that they are able to benefit. He shared how much they want to be a benefit to the community and whatever the needs are Alamo wants to be a part of it and help out.

Leah Rounds made some local announcements. Blueprint Denver is holding a workshop on February 27, 5:30pm at the Gonzales library

Next was a presentation on Accessory Dwellings Units from David Shultz. They put on free events to talk about zoning, cost, etc. of these units. Brief overview of what ADUs are and costs for constructing them. Shared zoning requirements and took questions

The next item was David Zucker from Zocalo Development. He gave an update on the developments for the rezone request at 17th and Newton. David Zucker shared their plans for the lot, including a condo for sale building, affordable housing apartments, retail space, a parking garage, and the possibility of a community space. After the presentation and question and answer time. Zocalo has requested a letter in support from the WeCAN membership on this rezone. About a third of the group was in favor to supporting this rezone, about a third of the group felt there was not enough information to vote, and a third had no opinions. The vote will be postponed until more information can be presented. Megan will get a working group together to look at this rezone more closely and asked for volunteers to serve on this working group.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.