

WeCAN Board of Directors Meeting

Sun Feb 25, 2018 - 1pm – 2pm

1400 Quitman St. Denver, CO 80204

In Attendance: Leah Rounds, Truman Bradley, Cindy Gallard, Megan Yonke, Jude Del Hierro, Dave Justice

Guests: Andrew Rowe – Fluid Market

1:10 – Call to Order

1:13 – Fluid Market – Andrew Rowe

Fluid Market is a peer to peer item sharing platform launched about 19 months ago. They facilitate sharing of household items like recreational equipment, appliances, vehicles, etc. Fluid Market helps their users share vehicles for things like deliveries, pickup, etc. Assets can be positioned in the neighborhood nearest to where they would be used. There is also opportunity for individuals to make money by “renting” their assets (like vehicles).

Fluid Market makes their money by taking 20% of the total transaction cost. They believe that the cost of their service is about 60% less than a traditional rental company. Fluid Market insures the entire asset at \$300,000 and up to \$1M in liability insurance. The actual sharing transactions are facilitated by their app. Megan asked if any neighbors were using the app in West Colfax. Andrew pulled up the app and showed that several neighbors were sharing some recreational equipment. There is a way to rate or review users to indicate the care that they took with items that are being shared. Truman asked about whether or not users are required to show their face. Andrew mentioned that they encourage that users show their face but they aren't required to show their pictures.

They will present for 10 minutes at the next General Meeting.

1:30 – Board Approved Minutes

After independent review, the board voted to approval all outstanding meeting minutes that were submitted for approval.

1:31 – Lift/Elevator for Confluence Ministries (ADA Compliance)

Jude has been working with WJ Gavin on a feasibility study and design for a lift at Confluence Ministries. Schedule has been delayed a bit because of schedule of WJ Gavin. Once the study and design is done, Jude will obtain a quote. We can then determine sources of funding and/or grants. Megan mentioned that there may be some low-cost chair options and Jude will look into this.

1:35 - 17th & Newton Rezone Working Group

There will be a 2 hour working group on Wednesday 2/28. The goal is to get educational information to concerned members of the neighborhood so that we can either negotiate with Zocalo or vote on whether we will support the proposal. The goal of the first meeting will be

to set the goals for the group (e.g. pedestrian context, design, shadows, etc.) so that we can obtain information from Zocalo necessary to inform neighbors.

We will publish something on Facebook to publicize the meeting further.

1:49 – INC Membership

WeCAN is not currently a member of INC. We were a member in the past but did not feel that there was a lot of value provided back to WeCAN from INC. Megan mentioned that with the focus on the Denver right comprehensive plan, there could be some things coming out of it that could be of interest in WeCAN. However, we believe that we would need a person dedicated to attending INC meetings. We do not have a person that can be dedicated to this, therefore the board chose not to pursue INC membership.

1:52 – March General Meeting Plan

Historic Denver Neighborhood Action Fund will be there to present to neighbors on how to apply for historic status. Denver Urban Gardens will be here to present on the community garden by the gulch park and plots available. Megan asked if they can speak to the safety of the garden based on prior infill in the gulch.

We may keep a Meow Wolf introduction on the back burner in case we have time.

1:54 – Follow-Up on Stop Sign Letters

Leah and Cindy have been working on stop sign letters. Megan is going to assist with updating the remaining letters and getting them added to the map. The goal is to have the letters ready to send by the end of March.

Confluence will write some additional letters. Jude will also reach out to the Day Care on 14th to see if they have interest in writing a letter.

1:58 – Volunteer Appreciation Party – Even Stevens will host the event. Given the timing, our last set of dates are no longer viable. Dave will confirm a new date with Even Stevens and then write to Haley in order to have the invitations created.

Leah is working on organizing the next social event at Bar Fly.

2:02 – Congregation Zera Abraham Playground Fence – Letter of Support Request

Congregation Zera Abraham has built a playground next to the Synagogue, at 1560 Winona Court. The Synagogue is both a house of worship and an educational facility. Like any other school playground, they need a fence built around it. The City allows a 4' high fence along the street and doesn't appear to have an exception for playgrounds. Therefore Congregation Zera Abraham is going before the Board of Adjustments to request an 8' high fence. The congregation informed in their request that professional risk assessors, including DPD, recommend an 8' high fence. Public schools routinely have 8' high or higher fences.

The congregation is proposing a wrought iron fence with masonry columns spaced evenly along Winona Court so that the aesthetic impact on the neighborhood will be positive. They have requested that WeCAN write a letter to the Board of Adjustments in support of the request.

The board unanimously voted in order to write a letter of support in regard to the fence.

2:05 – Board meeting adjourned.