

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

September 14, 2021

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Lance Musselman, Christine Franck, Leslie MacRossie, Tim McHugh, Bill Tracy, Adam Meltzer

Board Members Not Present:

None

Quorum? Yes

Pre-meeting presenters:

DPD Community Resource Officer

Deputy Denver District Attorney Chad Harple

Denver Public Schools Board member Scott Balderman

Paul Kashmann, City Councilman

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim McHugh at 8:05 p.m. online.

Approval of agenda with the addition of a membership report.

Introduction of Board members.

Other sign ins to meeting:

Susan Payne	Brent Fahrberger	Jeanne Dillon
Trina Jacobson	Bri Barkes	Jamie Knies
Officer Antonio Pacheco	Scott Balderman	Mika (NLN)
Paul Kashmann	Walter (NLN)	Chad Harple
Wendy (NLN)	Patricia Lutz	CCoeshott

The minutes for the July 13, 2021 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tracy reported on revenues and expenses for the past 2 months. The balance of the WPENA bank account is \$20,858.69. The report was accepted.

Bill observed that the cash reserve is declining, and suggested that the Board consider raising the dues, which are now \$20/yr. per household and \$10/yr. for seniors. Tim said this would be an agenda item next month and we should check with other RNO's about their dues. We also need to identify the increases in our costs (newsletter, Zoom, etc.) that are causing the decline.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Christine Franck, Chair

Christine reported that her work schedule is increasing, and limiting her ability to keep up with the demands of managing association communications, which include Facebook, the website, and emails. She noted that Leslie could take over the Facebook duties.

Website: Christine has received several quotes for a website overhaul ranging from \$1500 to \$50,000. Leslie will look into getting a DU intern who might be willing to do some work in exchange for school credit.

Newsletter: request from Jacquelyn Mabry to sponsor the newsletter as sole sponsor – no other ads – with one full page for real estate articles and information, was turned down. The Board did not want to lose editorial/content control of the newsletter, and the cost has been reduced through changes to the publishing schedule and online editions.

Crime and Safety:

DPD Community Resource Officer Antonio Pacheco presented crime data prior to the Board meeting.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair

No activity.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair

Loop road has been repaved. Now there are complaints that the pedestrian portion is narrower than it was before the repaving. The city is waiting for the paint to finish striping and painting the icons on the roadway for peds, bicycles and skaters.

Recreation Center wall mural sponsored by Meow Wolf Denver has been finished. The work, on the east wall next to the entrance, depicts women focusing their energy to manipulate matter,

embodying physics, perception and perseverance. Two trees were removed to allow the mural to be seen clearly.

FANS Board: resignations of Cindy Johnston and Sonia Johns have left vacancies which FANS wants to fill.

Bird watching event scheduled for 9/15/21 by FANS. Reservations filled quickly and if WPENA wants to host one we will have to hurry.

Membership: Ellin Rosenthal, Chair

Ellin will only be able to attend meetings every other month due to other commitments.

INC: Tim McHugh and Susan Payne, INC Representatives

There have been two INC meetings since the last WPENA Board meeting.

Discussions included information from the Denver D.A.'s Office about a proposed ballot issue to eliminate the Council-at-Large positions and add two more districts. The city council decided not to propose the ballot.

There was discussion about developing a WPENA template for Good Neighbor Agreements, allowing us to respond more quickly in future situations where we may want one. Other RNO's have entered into these agreements with businesses in their neighborhoods. There was discussion several months ago about the possibility of entering into a GNA with the marijuana business that wanted to move in next door to Bonnie Brae Ice Cream, but the MJ business did not follow through. INC has templates available for our use if we need them, and one of the stipulations in the agreements is that the RNO must express support for the business; it's not intended for use in opposing the business.

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair

DRCOG is pushing signage warning against "slow speeding", but has found few takers from neighborhood associations.

Sustainability Committee: Adam Meltzer, Chair

The committee took the summer off and has a meeting planned next week.

Event Committee: Leslie MacRossie, Chair

Movie nights were well attended, but the late sunset during summer made it too late for children's movies. The last movie (in September) was Knives Out.

Band concerts: three bands at different locations in WPE played for a total audience of roughly 160 people. The different locations underlined the need for a second WPENA banner. Lance will ask Mikki to get a quote for that.

Yard Sale: about 30 households signed up for the event on the first Saturday in August. Will continue next year.

Another event will be the Holiday Lights contest. October will host a pumpkin carving event.

Old Business:

Future Speakers:

October: RISE Denver (ballot issues)

Denver D.A.: scam protection

The Park People: Lindsay Cutler, Program Manager, Tree Information

Tim O'Brien, City Auditor

Bird Conservancy or Denver Audubon: bird watching in the spring.

New

Fourth of July: there was considerable interest in continuing this event, in coordination with WWPNA. The following needs to be done:

- reserve the Boathouse (midnight on November 1st)
- meet with WWPNA Fourth of July committee (Zoom?)
- ask WPENA members to help set up and take down (Bill will check members who have indicated willingness to help)
- ask the Denver Municipal Band to set aside the date to play at the event.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. by Tim.

Lance Musselman

Secretary, Washington Park East Neighborhood Association