

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

May 8, 2018

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tim McHugh, Bill Tracy, Lance Musselman, Joanne Asher and Lee Berkey.

Board Members absent:

Ryan Schulz, Butch Clark, Monica Brisnehan and Ana Quintana.

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim at 6:45 p.m. at St. John's.

The minutes for the April 10, 2018 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Board members, guests and speakers were introduced.

Presenters:

Peter Smith, Unaffiliated Candidate, Colorado State Senate

Peter described himself as a Denver native and CU graduate who is accepting only individual donations to his campaign. He supports additional investment in infrastructure, schools and affordable housing. He sees himself as a progressive and supports equal pay for women and protection of immigrants. He has begun the petition process to get on the ballot, and has a website at electpetersmith.org.

DPD: Sgt. Kevin Hines, Officer Emily Bastien

Car thefts in WPE are down 66% from this time last year.

Bicycle registration can be done online; WPENA will publish the registration document on the website or provide a link for interested neighbors. Mikki proposed stickers for bicycles that are registered as protection against theft, and provided examples. Joanne will follow up with DPD.

Summer brings special problems, and this year it seems to be popular to let children play in the streets, setting up goal nets and using the street as a playground. DPD notes that it is illegal to try to block traffic without a city permit to close the street.

Pups On Patrol is training dogs – and their owners – in how to report suspicious activities or changes to the police. DPD noted that dog owners who let their dogs roam off leash can be charged retroactively, with proper evidence, and that this should be reported to Animal Control. When the dogs are on school grounds, however, DPS should be called.

Valerie Kerns, representative for Paul Kashmann, City Councilman

Valerie reported that work on replacing the south playground in the park is nearing completion, possibly by August or September, and the public process for changes to the north playground, next to the Boat House, will begin soon.

Ann Gifford, Rocky Mountain Human Services.

RMHS serves two primary populations. The first is homeless veterans, about 1100 per year, providing them with safe and stable housing by helping them with rent, deposits and assistance accessing benefits. Funding comes from the VA and does not allow them to provide assistance to veterans who were dishonorably discharged.

The second population is children with developmental disabilities. Those up to 3 years old, about 2500 per year, are provided early intervention, assessment, nutrition and therapy, with case management and no waiting list. Older children and adults with DD, another two thousand, must have permanent disabilities and receive services funded through Medicaid and DPS.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tracy presented the report on revenues and expenses for the past month. The balance of the WPENA bank account is approximately \$7000, with another \$1000 in the PayPal account. The report was accepted.

Elections, Board of Directors

Elections were held for Board members. Current Board members were queried as to whether they wanted to seek reelection.

Slate of Candidates:

Tim McHugh, Lee Berkey, Bill Tracy, Joanne Asher and Lance Musselman

Additional nominees from the floor:

Jacquelyn Mabry

Election ballots were distributed to all attending paid (voting) members and proxy holders. Eight attending members and nine proxy votes were counted.

Voting results:

Tim McHugh: 17

Lee Berkey: 17

Bill Tracy: 17

Joanne Asher: 17

Lance Musselman: 17

Jacquelyn Mabry: 16

Cameron Kruger: 1

Cameron Kruger was not nominated for election from the floor or by proxy, and therefore is not elected to the Board of Directors. The remaining six members of the slate of candidates were elected.

Following the vote for Board members, the new Board elected the following officers:

President: Tim McHugh

Treasurer: Bill Tracy

Secretary: Lance Musselman

Open Discussion

(A new addition to the agenda to allow open discussion about topics important to guests and members.)

Mikki having had to leave the meeting early, Lance distributed copies of a flyer proposed by Mikki, for use at the Home Tour as handouts for prospective members. The Board requested 200 for the Home Tour and to hand out at food truck events.

Lance provided copies of a bicycle sticker developed by Mikki for use in identifying bicycles as having been registered with DPD. Joanne will follow up with DPD.

A copy of the bicycle registration form was discussed, and a pdf version, or a link, will be put on the website for neighbors who are interested in registering.

Lance showed a permanent meeting sign developed by Mikki to replace the current signs, which use inserts that do not stand up well to the weather. After discussion, Lance offered a motion, seconded by Lee, to approve purchase of five more permanent signs; all approved.

Committee Reports:

Communications:

Newsletter:

Deadline June 1st for articles. Jacquelyn Mabry has offered to help sell advertising and business memberships.

Monthly emailer:

No one has yet been assigned to take this over from Monica.

Website:

Monica has offered to remain as the website manager for WPENA on an as-available basis. Butch Clark has previously agreed to be a backup for the website.

Crime and Safety: Joanne Asher, Chair

Combined with DPD presentation.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair

No new zoning requests.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair

City Greenhouse tour is tomorrow. Signup is available on the FANS website.

Membership: Jacquelyn Mabry, Chair

Jacquelyn agreed to be the chairperson of this committee, replacing former Board member Ana Quintana.

INC: Tim McHugh and Susan Payne, INC Representatives

Tim reported on city efforts to cite homeowners who fail to maintain their sidewalks.

Jason Boardman, from CU, is conducting a study which will interview 100 neighborhood residents in the WPE census tract to determine their social health.

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair

Speed bumps on S. Downing – no new information.

New No Left Turn NB on University. The new traffic lights are ready to activate.

A crash on S. Franklin at Dakota today illustrated the need for a stop sign on S. Franklin at that location. Besides the danger to school children, speeders on S. Franklin are often trying to avoid rush hour traffic at Alameda and S. University. Joanne will contact the head of the Traffic Division at DPD about this problem. Bill will follow up with the city traffic engineering division.

Old Business:

Future Speakers:

June: Tim O'Brien, City Auditor.

July: Denver Sustainability goal (recycling).

August: no meeting.

No response from Andrew Rowe, Fluid Market.

House Tour May 12th.

Free space at Event Center in 400 block S. Gilpin in return for free ad for them in newsletter.
Setup 9:30 – 10:00, takedown at 3:00.

Bus Stop Shelter: Lee Berkey, Lead

Lee reported that, according to Paul Kashmann, the city was ready to solicit bids for restoration of the bus stop shelter at S. Marion Pkwy and S. Downing.

DPR revisions to alcohol policies

Denver Parks and Rec is seeking input from RNO's on its proposed changes to alcohol use policy in city parks. DPR wants to allow all beer, wine and liquor in the parks, subject to acquisition of special event licenses from the city and the state, and standardize use across all parks, ending differences that create confusion and contribute to noncompliance. INC will consider the recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Committee, which include the removal of references to 3.2% beer, requiring TIPS training for servers and removing requirements that alcohol drinks be premixed or prepackaged. A final discussion will be held July 11th.

Reservations for use of St Johns in 2018 – 2019

Tim has reserved the chapel for the next year.

Happy Hour:

Croquet event May 23rd with Jiminy Wicket. Susan provided a notice for the website.

New Business:

Wash park Lawn Bowling Club – WPENA event?

Tim asked the Board whether WPENA should allow the Lawn Bowling Club to sponsor a Happy Hour. The consensus was yes.

Rainbow Militia

This group is contacting RNO's and businesses to get donations in order to qualify for a grant to conduct performance art in the Denver area for 3 to 12 months. There was no motion to donate funds or take action.

Other:

Amendment to bylaws

There was discussion regarding a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow non-resident property owners to become voting members. Issues included the possibility of landlords with multiple properties having multiple votes. The issue was tabled.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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