

# Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

May 14, 2019

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Board Members Present:

Tim McHugh, Bill Tracy, Lance Musselman, Lee Berkey , Jacquelyn Mabry

### Board Members Not Present:

Joanne Asher

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

Approval of agenda.

Introduction of Board members.

The minutes for the April 9,2019 meeting were reviewed and accepted.

Board members, guests and speakers were introduced.

### **Presenters:**

Jerry Tinianow, Chief Sustainability Officer, Mayor's Office

Denver is gaining prominence with national rating systems for sustainability. The latest is the US Green Building Program, which recently raised Denver to the Platinum level – one of only five cities to qualify. The Carbon Disclosure Project rates Denver in the top 7% of more than 600 cities reporting internationally, and Denver is fourth in ratings of energy efficient economies.

Denver is in the process of replacing outdoor lighting with LED lights. The Green Roof ballot issue that was passed by Denver voters has been modified by the city council to allow buildings to meet the requirements by using white paint, planting areas next to the building instead of the roof, or paying a tax.

Pay As You Throw is coming our way. Some of the reasoning behind this is to increase the recycling and composting rates by charging only for garbage pickup. Large Item Pickup will remain.

Paul Kashmann, City Councilman

Paul informed us that the city is waiting for a final report on the effectiveness of the Spring anti-goose efforts to coat the eggs with oil to prevent hatching. There are a lot of young goslings in the park right now.

Ballot initiative 300 failed to pass, but many people have been asking the city how we can address the issue another way. The November sales tax increase of .25% will provide additional funding for mental health services and additional shelter space for the homeless. The Mayor's Office will provide an extra fifteen million for homeless issues. Most people don't realize that many of the homeless work 32 hours per week or more, yet still cannot afford housing.

The department of public works is streamlining the rate of safety improvements – it currently takes three years to approve and develop a project.

The Trolley Station at Downing and Marion is on track for restoration sometime this summer. The city's review of the structure found significant damage and deterioration and has decided it is in need of a complete rehabilitation.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bill Tracy presented the report on revenues and expenses for the past month. The balance of the WPENA bank account is \$9189.77. The report was accepted.

**Open Discussion:**

There was discussion about a new policing initiative, the Denver Opportunity Index.

**Newsletter discussion and vote on proposed changes.**

The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the newsletter. The Board consensus after the last meeting was to reduce the number of editions from four to three, one of the latter being electronic. Lance provided additional information about the effect on ad revenues and scheduling for Board consideration.

Lance made a motion to change the schedule from four print editions annually to two print and one electronic edition, keep ad rates the same but cut the rates for electronic editions in half for advertisers who commit to a full year of advertising. Seconds: Bill and Lee. Vote: all approved.

**Elections for Board of Directors:**

Household versus individual voting was discussed but the Board did not take any action. A review of the bylaws shows that each resident who pays dues is entitled to vote.

The Election Slate prepared for the election was as follows:

Lee Berkey

Tim McHugh

Jacquelyn Mabry

Lance Musselman

Bill Tracy

Additional nominations from the floor: None.

Ballots were distributed to six attending Class A Members (paid dues) and for eleven signed proxies from Class A Members.

Results: All members on the Election Slate were reelected.

### **Committee Reports:**

Communications:

Website:

Tim offered to contact Monica on behalf of a member of the audience to offer his assistance with website upkeep.

Crime and Safety:

South High School lockout May 7 – 10 was discussed, which resulted from a threat by a student from Cory Merrill.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair

No activity.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair

Electric vehicles in the park – scooters are now allowed, but must remain in the roadway.

The roof of the Eugene Field House was damaged in a windstorm last month, and the roof was moved four inches. The city is in the process of preparing to fix the roof.

The old horseshoe pit on the west side of the park will become a new basketball court, and the one by the city ditch a little to the south of the new one will be demolished and resodded.

Membership: Jacquelyn Mabry, Chair

Jacquelyn is developing a follow up for identifying former paid members and ways to contact them. Various ways were discussed, including a mailing to "Occupant", which reduces postage.

INC: Tim McHugh and Susan Payne, INC Representatives

Susan reported on the last INC meeting. The city Excise and Licensing division is considering ways to allow transport and consumption of alcohol within carefully controlled and identified common areas, such as buildings with multiple beverage servers, that are permanent, not event permits.

Denver housing has raised \$50 million for a Supporting Housing Group.

The city is adding eight new bicycle lanes around the city.

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair

Meeting re bicycle lane on S. Marion May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:**

Happy Hour:

April 11<sup>th</sup> at Campus Lounge was successful, with more than twenty people attending.

June 19<sup>th</sup> croquet in the park, will be coordinated by Susan Payne.

July 4<sup>th</sup> event:

Phil Goodstein will attend and provide books for sale. West Wash Park is co-hosting with WPENA.

Home Tour vendor stand at the event

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 800 block S. Vine, saw numerous visitors to the WPENA booth, which was free in exchange for an ad in the newsletter.

Mayoral Candidate Forum cancellation:

Although the forum was cancelled at the last minute due to security concerns because of the problems encountered at the candidate forum hosted by South High School a couple of weeks before, Tim read a thank you email to Ann Shively, who had organized the forum, expressing the appreciation of the Board of Directors for her work.

Additional forums for Mayor and City Clerk/Recorder are scheduled for candidates in the runoff elections.

**New Business:**

Future Speakers:

June: Beth McCann, Denver D.A.

Tim O'Brien, Denver Auditor

Anna DeWitt, Tay Anderson, candidates, Denver School Board

Other:

Members of the FANS RNO have noticed that two brick pillars at Arizona and Gilpin, by the entrance to the park, are showing evidence of mortar deterioration. The city will be notified.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 by Tim.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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