

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

January 11, 2022

Board Meeting Minutes

Pre-meeting presenters:

Antonio Pacheco, DPD Community Resource Officer

Tim O'Brien, City Auditor

Paul Kashmann, City Councilman

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim McHugh at 7:45 p.m. online.

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Not Present:

None.

Quorum? Yes

Approval of agenda with the addition of discussion about the proposed Board retreat. .

Introduction of Board members.

Other sign ins to meeting:

Jerry Garcia, Office of the Denver District Attorney)

Tim O'Brien, Denver district Attorney

R. Cooper

Sara del Valle Ruiz, Denver Labor Community Engagement Specialist

Brent Fahrberger, Office of Paul Kashmann

Biddie Labrot

Anne Bensard

S. Howe

Patricia Luby

Jamie Knies

Paul Kashmann

The minutes for the November 9, 2021 meeting were accepted, with a note that the word "ticket" was misspelled.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tracy reported on revenues and expenses for the past month. The balance of the WPENA bank account is \$18,469.25. The Profit and Loss statement for the previous twelve months showed no income from newsletter ads and only one business membership; Lance stated that he was in the process of contacting advertisers and business supporters to renew their ads and memberships, which are expected to produce considerable income. The report was accepted.

Bill asked the Board to approve a bonus of \$200.00 to Mikki for her work on the newsletter. When the newsletter distributor announced in December that it was going out of business, Mikki reached out to the manager and arranged for distribution. Motion made by Bill Tracy and seconded by Lance Musselman. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill stated that he continues to have problems with Paypal, which does not always report transactions or the addresses of payors.

In addition, Bill noted that he issued a stop payment order on the check to Yankee Peddler, the newsletter distributor, at a cost to WPENA of \$30.00.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Christine Franck, Chair

Newsletter

Lance was asked if the two local public schools had responded to requests for articles. Lance stated they had not, and Tim reported a recent email from South High asking about renewing communications between WPENA and the school. Lance and Leslie will follow up.

After the problems with distribution of the winter edition of the newsletter, there was discussion about the next edition, due to be distributed at the end of April, 2022. Lance explained how Mikki was able to arrange distribution through the former manager of Yankee Peddler and paid the individual distributors directly. Tim McHugh made a motion to approve paying Mikki for her editing duties along with distribution costs through Mikki's invoice; seconded by Leslie MacRossie; all approved.

Website

Christine reviewed the process for updating the website with events, meetings and other information relevant to the neighborhood. Tim thanked Leslie and Adam for posting events on the website.

There was discussion about the need to update the website with logos of current advertisers and business members and to look at the current process and discuss streamlining.

Board Retreat:

Christine led the discussion about the planned retreat, which will provide a forum for the Board to conduct 2022 planning and formulate a corporate vision for the future. She found two facilitators with the needed experience who are willing to lead the retreat. The Board discussed issues concerning schedules, locations and procedure. Christine made a motion to schedule the retreat, using Mike Hughes as the primary facilitator and Steve Charbeneau for a follow up on our relationship with the city; Lance seconded; all approved.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair

No activity to report.

Sustainability Committee: Adam Meltzer, Chair

Adam reported that the committee is experiencing a reduction in active members and has changed its schedule to meet every two months.

The city council is considering whether to require households to pay for trash collection, in return for providing recycling and compost pickup for free.

Possible future speaker: Becky, Office of Climate Action Sustainability and Resilience

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair

The INC Transportation Committee will meet January 13th.

Event Committee: Leslie MacRossie, Chair

Support for victims of the recent Marshall fire in Boulder County. Attempt to coordinate with S. Gaylord Merchants Association did not raise enough commitment to follow through. Leslie proposed conducting a survey of residents asking for feedback and ideas on this. Leslie also wants to get more people involved. Christine offered to provide login and password information to Leslie and Adam for the Survey Monkey account she set up for WPENA.

Crime and Safety: Leslie MacRossie, Chair

DPD Community Resource Officer reported crime stats before the meeting.

Membership: Ellin Rosenthal, Chair

No report.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair

Tim thanked Lance and Mikki for acknowledging Campus Cycles in the newsletter.

INC: Tim McHugh and Susan Payne, INC Representatives

Nov. 13- Bylaws update. Delegate vote to approve changes, 39 approved, 3 against, 0 abstain.

Dec. 13- didn't attend.

Jan. 8, 2022- Path to Prosperity. 6 guest speakers - Emmet Cobley-Black Wall Street Syndicate; Randy Hughes-land trusts; Matthew Davis-financial planner; Walter Huff-real estate broker; Sunni Benoit-attorney, environmental and social justice, climate change; Jennipher Jones Bonino-civil rights attorney.

Old Business:

Future Speakers:

Becky, Office of Climate Action Sustainability and Resilience

Neal Walia, candidate for CD 1 (contacted by Alyssa Nilemo, Director of Operations)

Mars Casparian, Office of Scam Protection, Denver District Attorney

District 6 RNO Leadership Council meeting with Paul Kashmann

November 17, reps from 8 RNO's (East Evans Business Association, Cherry Hills Vista Community Association, Bonnie Brae N.A., Cook Park N.A. Indian Creek N.A., University Neighbors N.A., Rosedale Harvard Gulch N.A., WPENA)

Purchase of a second WPENA banner

Motion to purchase a second banner postponed. Further discussion needed on WPENA brand and logo to better represent WPENA.

Dues: no response from INC, waiting for all RNO's to complete registering with the city.

New Business:

Neighborhood cameras:

Interest in neighborhood cameras to reduce crime (Next Door). The Board took no action.

Survey to explore interest in rebate incentives from Denver Water – Adam talked to Denver Water, which said that lawns are not the biggest use of water because they are only watered a few months of the year.

Renewal of registration with City and County of Denver

Contact from Alexandra Foster at CPD; deadline January 31st. Tim and Lance have been pulling together the information requested, which appears to be a new initiative by the city to gather more information about the RNO's.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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