

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

February 8, 2022

Board Meeting Minutes

Pre-meeting presenters:

Kate Young, DPD Community Resource Officer

Scott Balderman, Denver Public Schools Board

Charlotte Pitt, CASR and Art Mejia, DOTI

Paul Kashmann, City Councilman

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim McHugh at 7:46 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.

Introduction of Board members.

Other sign ins to meeting:

Patricia Luby

Paul Kashmann

Charlotte Pitt

Helen and Bernie

Jamie Knies

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DPD Officer Kate Young

Scott Baldermann

Barbara Masoner

Susan Payne

Jeanne Dillon

Jessica Lally

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The minutes for the January 11,2022 meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tracy reported on revenues and expenses for the past month. The balance of the WPENA bank account is \$20 832.49. The report was accepted.

PayPal update:

Bill noted that he is not receiving PayPal notices of deposits and that PayPal has frozen our PayPal account for 21 days because of an unusually large (for us) number and amount of transactions, which reflect membership dues, business membership renewals and newsletter advertising fees. Bill is checking other payment venues.

Christine suggested that Bill add his own email address to the website list for PayPal notification; that should take care of the non-notification issue.

Committee Reports:

Communications: Christine Franck, Chair

Retreat:

Christine contacted Mike Hughes and he is willing to conduct the Board retreat. Christine will organize a date on a weekend in April.

Newsletter:

Tim asked Lance whether the schools have agreed to provide newsletter articles. This has been going on for more than a year without a commitment from either South High or Steele.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair

No activity.

Sustainability Committee: Adam Meltzer, Chair

Charlotte Pitt's presentation before the meeting concerned the proposed changes to collection of garbage, recycling and compost.

Adam asked Tim to add his committee to the list of presenters in March for a presentation regarding backyard habitats for pollinators.

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair

Bill discussed a recent article in the Profile about traffic crashes in Denver. He noted that he contacted the city about the intersection of S. Franklin and E. Dakota, where he has witnessed three crashes in the past several years, to be told that the city does not have any record of

crashes at that location. It appears that people are not reporting crashes, perhaps to avoid increases in their insurance rates and points on their driver's licenses.

Event Committee: Leslie MacRossie, Chair

There are no current events planned. Leslie will wait until we get feedback from the proposed neighborhood survey. In the meantime, she is planning to send the Board a sample of a proposed welcome/information letter to new residents of WPE.

Crime and Safety:

Leslie MacRossie shared information from the last meeting with the DPD:

- Most home invasions begin with a burglary; they don't realize anyone is home. Making noise when you suspect someone has entered your home can scare them off.
- The city anti-graffiti team says there has been an increase in tagging which has been traced to homeless people, not drug dealers or gangs.
- Gunshots or fireworks? Apparently, there have been a lot of calls to DPD after neighbors hear noises they suspect are gunshots. However, none of the calls have come from WPE.
- Reverse 911 has been reinstated. However, people must register their cellphone with the Reverse 911 to get a call in cases of emergency.

Membership: Ellin Rosenthal, Chair

Tim reported Bill's data on membership renewals for 2022 (so far):

Business memberships – 2

Household memberships – 29

Senior memberships – 28

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair

FANS is seeking new Board members to fill a couple of vacancies. FANS will be sending information about the upcoming proposal for a dog park at Veterans Park to its members.

INC: Tim McHugh and Susan Payne, INC Representatives

Next meeting is February 12th to include a presentation by CASR.

Adam Meltzer will chair an INC committee and become a Board Member At Large.

Old Business:

Future Speakers:

Neal Walia, Democratic candidate for Congressional District 1

Mars Casparian, Office of the District Attorney, Denver

Veterans Park:

Discussion about a dog park. Zoom meeting scheduled for February 23rd. WPENA has been asked to support this proposal. WPE neighbors near the proposed dog park are not happy about it and WPENA does not want to be responsible for any upkeep or cleanup of the dog park if it becomes reality. We will post information on the website about the process, including notices, meetings, outreach, surveys and postings.

New Business:

New zip code for WPENA post office box: 80250-1331:

Website, newsletter and handouts will be updated.

Denver Digs Trees/The Park People

It's time for the annual tree distribution (\$35/tree)

INC registration renewal was sent (\$40.00)

CPD registration forms completed and submitted.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m. by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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