

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

DATE: February 10, 2015

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Joanne Asher, Neil Jorgenson, Tim McHugh, Biddie Labrot, Susan Payne, Lance Musselman. The Board meeting was brought order by Biddie at 7:05 p.m. at St. John's

The minutes for the January meeting were reviewed and amended. Tim made a motion to approve with amendments), seconded by Susan; all approved

Treasurer's Report: Biddie Labrot, WPENA Treasurer, reviewed current revenues and expenses, reporting a balance of \$6,945.09. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Susan, seconded by Neil; all approved.

Committee reports:

Fourth of July: Lori Poole will not be able to continue as Coordinator of the event. She provided detailed instructions on the process and contacts, and another person has stepped forward to take over the event. A co-coordinator is needed to help organize the event and provide long term stability.

Yard Sale: Lori Poole is in the process of coordinating this event and it is scheduled to be held in August as planned.

Crime and Safety: Joanne Asher reported that the annual Polar Plunge sponsored by the Denver Police Dept. will probably be held at City Park. Joanne asked if WPENA would donate to the event and support the District 3 Team. A donation was approved in the amount of \$50, motion by Tim and seconded by Susan; all approved.

A street robbery on S. Gaylord occurred in January, involving a masked man using a gun, during which employees of one of the restaurants leaving work were robbed. No leads have been reported. Another armed robbery occurred in front of the Sushi Den in February.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot sent out a letter from the Denver Country Club informing WPENA of a zoning change they are seeking to expand parking on their grounds. Consensus was that this will not affect the WPE neighborhood and that we will not take a position for or against the petition.

INC will be discussing short term rentals at their next meeting. This affects many Denver neighborhoods and is also a concern of city government.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh attended a recent FANS meeting at which the city's Dept. of Environmental Health reported that the water in the park lakes is not drinkable or suitable for swimming, but is suitable for watering the grass.

Passive use of the Meadows area in the park will be discussed at a hearing in February. Passive use areas will be identified, which will be moved as needed to avoid long term damage to grassy areas.

There has not yet been a final proposal on the Loop Road and how it will be modified to accommodate the mixed use of pedestrians and bicyclists.

New plantings around Grasmere Lake are planned.

Communications: Neil Jorgenson reported that the fundraising event at Reiver's brought in about \$160. He is also going to update the website with information about the 4th of July event and the August Yard Sale.

There was discussion about getting \$10 gift certificates from S. Gaylord businesses for use as incentives, including winners of the trivia questions to be posted on the monthly emailer.

Happy Hour and Croquet: Susan Payne is planning a croquet event in May. Happy Hour for April will be held at the Tap & Dough.

Membership: Susan Payne brought checks totaling \$1,260 representing 130 new members.

Business membership: Lance Musselman

The Board discussed whether the business membership application from Wish Boutique was for both stores on S. Gaylord or whether only one should be mentioned on the website and in the newsletter. If they want both stores to be members, then the owner should pay for two memberships, not one.

INC: Susan Payne reported that INC is looking for a permanent business sponsor for its Dictionary Drive. WPENA's dues to the INC were paid in December and we are up to date.

New business: In a follow up to last month's discussion, the Board voted to remove Jonathan Jensen from the Board for non-attendance. Susan made the motion and Tim seconded; all approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. by Biddie.