

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

DATE: March 14, 2017

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present:

Tim McHugh, Bill Tracy, Lance Musselman, Joanne Asher and Ryan Schulz.

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

The minutes for the February 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Board members, guests and speakers were introduced.

Presenters:

Maro Casparian, Director of Consumer Protection, Office of the District Attorney, Denver

Spoke on identity theft and scams. Social Security numbers are the gold standard, and once stolen can be used to create a fake ID and apply for credit cards. Recommended that people not carry SS or Medicare cards with them, but make a copy, white out the first 5 digits and recopy. These can be used in most circumstances where the numbers are required for proof of insurance or identity. The under 18ers are most likely to have theirs stolen and not realize it for years, until they apply for credit or college. Scams include phone and email solicitations, using fear (this is you grandson – I've been arrested and need bail), ask for money, and warn you to tell no one. Anyone asking you to purchase prepaid credit cards to pay them is also likely to be a scam.

Paul Kashmann, city Councilman

Paul followed up on the request last month to talk to BOA and ask if they communicate and coordinate with Contractor Licensing – they do. Complaints are entered on the contractor's record for follow up, and some have had their licensed revoked.

This is construction season, and complaints about loud music, litter, and beginning and ending work too early and too late are increasing. Call 311 to report and also BBB. After calling 311, keep the incident number for future reference, especially if calling Paul's office to get help.

A bill has been introduced to extend the hours of operation of MJ dispensaries until midnight, to compete with Glendale and Edgewater.

The city is setting priorities for the budget, and mobility is at the top of the list. The bond issue will address mobility also, and 3000 projects have been recommended so far for funding. Selected projects must have a ten year life span.

The waivers of parking requirements for micro developments continues to be an issue. The moratorium is still in place.

#### Treasurer's Report

Bill Tracy presented the report on revenues and expenses. Our bank balance is \$10,907.12, not including some recent checks received. The report was accepted.

Membership envelopes: We spent \$638 on envelopes (including stapling into the newsletters) and 107 were returned, providing \$1955 in revenues, for a net income of \$1317. Debate ensued over the cost and returns, especially since more members are choosing online payment through the website. One suggestion was to forgo envelopes and print a cutout section in the newsletter that can be folded and serve as an envelope. It was suggested that a question about this be added to the survey.

Liability insurance: INC pays about \$800 per year for Board liability insurance. Paul confirmed that our registration as an RNO with the city does not provide any protection. Ryan will contact an insurance agent that handles liability insurance for more information.

Website expenses: Tim needs receipts for website expenses.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### Newsletter

Lance Musselman told the Board that he has recruited a new contributor for the newsletter. Jeanette Neubeiser, a realtor with Keller Williams, has offered to do interviews with prominent neighborhood residents for newsletter. The first will probably be the owner of Bonnie Brae Ice Cream. This could help bring the businesses into more contact with us and, perhaps, help advertising.

##### Monthly emailer

Ryan has had success pulling information and articles from the website. This brought up the question of whether articles from the newsletter should be posted individually to the website (in addition to a copy of the newsletter itself) to allow people to search for specific articles or information.

## Website

Monica reported on the status of the website.

## Crime and Safety

Joanne Asher reported that car thefts are up but burglaries are down. Summer usually sees an increase in burglaries, though. DPD has approved the use of cellphones for calling 911.

There was a discussion by several guests about a grow operation on S. University that took more than a year and a half to shut down, and Joanne told them that they could contact her when they felt that DPD was not responding, and she would contact her sources in the department for information.

## Zoning

No new requests for zoning regulations were received. Discussion centered around suggesting that neighbors file formal complaints against their contractors if they feel that they are in violation.

It was suggested that the newsletter develop a comment section for discussion of contractor violations.

## Park/FANS

Tim McHugh reported that there will be an event to dedicate the Einsley bench in the park, to which WPENA donated money.

The brass plaque commemorating the City Ditch that was stolen is being ordered. WPENA will split the cost with FANS and WWPNA, for \$44 each.

The Fourth of July event is in the beginning planning stages.

## Membership

Ryan Schulz discussed ways of encouraging more to join WPENA and ideas for adding value to membership. Ryan and Tim will contact Susan Payne for help developing a list of membership duties, and work with Monica on ways to use the website to help automate the processes.

Motion: Ryan, seconded by Tim, to require membership of neighbors who want to be listed on the map for the Yard Sale. All approved.

## Traffic

Bill Tracy attended the Mobility Conference. Intel has begun to purchase hardware for autonomous driving cars, and plans to have them on the road in ten years. GM has purchased Lyft and is investing heavily also – says that one day there will be no privately owned cars. Ownership is decreasing at a rate equivalent to one 747 full of people. Companies like Lyft and RTD together are targeting the last mile of transport – that distance from public transportation to home.

Old Business:

Future Speakers

April: Jim Lopez, DPD

May: Grace Lopez Ramirez, OSE

WPENA Survey

In process. Test survey is on the website and can be accessed by Board members who want to try it before it is released.

Happy Hour

Sponsor for Spring HH: Barbara Perusso, Great Places Real Estate. Barb also offered to sponsor the Summer HH ,and the Board decided to see if there were other businesses that want to sponsor summer's happy hour before we commit this far in advance.

New Business

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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