

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

DATE: May 12, 2015

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Lance Clem, Joanne Asher, Neil Jorgenson, Tim McHugh, Biddie Labrot, Susan Payne, Lance Musselman.

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim McHugh at 7:01 p.m. at St. John's

The minutes for the April 14th meeting were amended. Neil Jorgenson made a motion to approve with amendments, seconded by Susan Payne; all approved.

Treasurer's Report: Biddie Labrot, WPENA Treasurer, reviewed current revenues and expenses. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Susan and seconded by Neil; all approved.

**Presentation:**

Charlotte Pitt, the Manager of Denver Solid Waste Management, discussed the present state of plans for converting WPE to trash carts. Another community meeting will be held in July to present the final schedule for conversion and answer any final questions.

Trucks will haul off the old dumpsters, which will be sold or recycled, and the new trash carts will be delivered to each home, with the owner's address on the cart. Carts come in three sizes: 95 (standard size), 65 and 35 gallon. Homeowners will have the option to exchange for a different size, but the carts will be expected to be kept on the owner's property and set out for pickup the day before, as with recycling carts. Large item pickup will be increased to every four weeks, and the city will come out for overflow garbage if called and can cite the homeowner if necessary.

This is year two of the changeover, and will eventually phase out dumpsters and individual trash barrels citywide as the standardized carts are distributed.

**Committee reports:**

Fourth of July: Lori Poole reviewed plans for the 13<sup>th</sup> year of celebrating the Fourth at the Wash Park Boathouse. A band has been arranged and people are preparing materials for the event. Volunteers are still needed.

Yard Sale: Lori Poole reviewed the yard sale plans, which will occur on the first Saturday in August. ARC will have a truck at S. High School for unsold yard sale items.

Newsletter: Lance Musselman reminded the Board of the decision to establish a single point of contact for the NL editors, and asked the members to send all communications through him.

Neil distributed copies of the NL Guide, which allows the Board to review and plan articles, ads and ideas for each edition. This will be used at future meetings to give the editors feedback and guidance.

Crime and Safety: Joanne Asher stated that 49 crimes were reported in district 312, reflecting an increase in property crimes over the past several years. The PD suspects that there is a drug grow property in WPE and has been monitoring it. Joanne stressed the importance of being proactive to prevent crimes, and to give the police your contact information when reporting a crime – it seems to get your report kicked up to a higher priority that way. One of the general members in attendance offered to volunteer along with Joanne on the Crime Committee.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot reported that only one variance request was received, and it was for a different neighborhood association.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh reported that the next meeting of FANS – scheduled the following night – would address issues concerning the wildlife in the city parks, including geese.

Croquet: Susan Payne reminded the Board that the Jimminy Wicket event is on May 28<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 till 7:00, come rain or shine.

Membership: Susan Payne reported that membership is up to 230 members.

INC: Susan Payne and Tim McHugh are WPENA representatives. INC represents registered neighborhood associations in Denver and advocates for neighborhoods and issues. The next meeting will discuss short term rentals, which are occurring in many of our neighborhoods. INC is asking the city to enforce municipal laws regarding rental of property.

## **ANNUAL ELECTIONS**

Tim McHugh distributed the slate of candidates for the WPENA Board of Directors. Seven candidates had indicated their intent, and additional candidates were solicited from the attending neighborhood

residents, resulting in one volunteer. This brought the slate to eight candidates. The Bylaws of the WPENA require an odd number of Board members. After discussion, Biddie Labrot removed herself from the slate of candidates, leaving seven. Ballots were distributed and votes cast, electing all seven candidates. The new Board of Directors for the WPENA is:

Tim McHugh (returning)

Susan Payne (returning)

Joanne Asher (returning)

Neil Jorgenson (returning)

Lance Musselman (returning)

William Tracy (new)

David Kottcamp (new)

The new Board will elect a President, Secretary and Treasurer at the June Board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

WPENA Board Secretary