

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

DATE: June 14, 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present: Joanne Asher, Tim McHugh, Susan Payne, Lance Musselman and William Tracy

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

The minutes for the May 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed. Susan made a motion to approve, seconded by Bill, all approved

Introductions:

Guests: Ryan Schulz, Valerie Kerns, Janet Hulme, Julie Connor.

Speakers

Tim O'Brien, City Auditor, described the role and accomplishments of his position, to which he was elected in 2015. Designed as a check and balance to the Mayor, the office has 53 staff, including 6 CPA's on staff with more to be hired soon. The office reviews all city spending and enforces the Prevailing Wage requirement for city contracts. He reviewed recent confrontations with the Denver Zoo, which conceded that the City Attorney has authority to conduct an audit of their expenses. He plans to conduct proactive auditing on the upcoming I-70 and Western Complex projects. Since his election, he has introduced data analytic processes to the office, increased professional staff development and increased the focus of audits on financial and contract compliance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Tracy presented the report on revenues and expenses for the past month. WPENA had a balance of \$11,576.29 as of June 14, 2016. Bill reported that he filed our IRS form 990,, only to have it rejected because the IRS has not updated their system to recognize WPENA as an exempt organization.

Bill also asked the Board to consider setting a time limit within which reimbursement requests can be submitted for payment, after a request was made for last year's Fourth of July event.

Reports:

Communications: David Kottcamp will continue to provide maintenance and support of the website. Ryan Schulz will take over maintenance of our Face Book account.

Newsletter: Lance Musselman reported that the newsletter will be delivered the week of June 20th.

Crime and Safety: Joanne Asher reported that the next CAB meeting will address scams, which are increasing. The PD has arrested two of the members from the so-called African Crew, which worked 24/7 at committing robberies and burglaries, and has charged them under the RICO laws.

Zoning: No report.

Traffic: Tim McHugh, at the request of Bill Tracy, renamed the committee the Transit Committee to reflect the larger issue of transportation. There have been requests for two new stop signs, flashing light warning signs at the crosswalks on Virginia at Marion, and turn signals on Downing at both Virginia and Louisiana.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh announced that the FANS photo contest is ending soon. Also, there is a new Park Manager for Washington Park, who will be meeting soon with FANS to discuss park projects.

Membership: Susan Payne reported that we have approximately 240 paid members. She reviewed past records and found that the average over the past ten years has been about 260. Our recent conversion to a calendar year membership schedule has confused some members, but we should be on track soon to increase membership.

Business membership: Lance Musselman gave Bill checks for two business renewals in June (Wish and Flirt).

INC: Susan Payne and Tim McHugh attended the last meeting. Issues concerning INC at this time are:

- The I-70 corridor development

- Drainage issues

- Reduction of the number of parking spaces required for developers of micro apartments

- Speer/Leetsdale Mobility study, which is studying traffic ideas for the corridor

Old Business:

Fourth of July: The project is being sponsored and managed jointly by both the east and west Washington Park associations. Volunteers will be needed beginning at 9 a.m. on the 4th to get ready; and assistance is also needed for cleanup at the end.

Yard Sale: Lori Poole has decided not to continue to coordinate this event. Ryan Schulz will take over the coordination, including the geo mapping, ARC or Goodwill truck, and contacting last year's participants.

Veterans' Park Design: DU students are developing a redesign of the park, including ideas for beautification and addressing neighborhood issues.

New Business:

Future speakers:

July - Paul Kashmann

August - no meeting

September - Denver Board of Adjustment (Tina Axelrod or Janet Tilton?)

Other - Norml

Jiminy Wicket schedule (all from 6 till 8 p.m.):

July 8th

August 4th

September 8th

Ryan Schulz volunteered to sponsor all three summer events.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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