

Washington Park East Neighborhood Association

September 13, 2022

Board Meeting Minutes

Pre-meeting presenters:

DPD Community Resource Officer Kate Young

Denver Public Schools Board member Scott Balderman

Paul Kashmann, City Councilman

State Senator Chris Hansen

The Board meeting was brought order by Tim McHugh at 7:43 p.m. online.

Board Members Present:

Lance Musselman, Leslie MacRossie, Tim McHugh, Bill Tracy, Adam Meltzer

Board Members Not Present:

None

Quorum? Yes

Other sign ins to meeting:

Remington Ruyle

Biddie Labrot

Nancy Pauls

Jeffrey Spinzig

David Howard

Helen and Bernie

Patricia Luby

Joan Deming

Approval of agenda.

Introduction of Board members.

The minutes for the July 12, 2022 meeting were accepted.

The summary of the Written Board Action of August 25<sup>th</sup> was accepted.

## Treasurer's Report:

Bill Tracy reported on revenues and expenses for the past month. The balance of the WPENA bank account is \$26,228.27, which includes payment to West Washington Park Neighborhood Association for half the profits from the Fourth of July event but does not include payment for the proposed website and logo design. The report was accepted.

## Committee Reports:

Communications: Leslie MacRossie, Chair

Website update: contract with Mothershed.

There was discussion about the contract with Mothershed Design. Issues included when the remaining half of the payment will be due (answer: upon completion); expenses for add-ons such as Jotform and Webflow are not specified in the contract (we will have to get those ourselves but Bill estimates about \$400 annually); Webflow is not software but a service paid by the month, incurring ongoing cost; is the initial consultation session scheduled for Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>? (Leslie will check). Bill commented that we have not been maintaining our current website adequately, which is one cause of our current problems with the website.

Leslie has found someone to assist her with website maintenance (including Word Press) in the meantime.

Sustainability Committee: Remington Ruyle, Chair

Introduction of Remington Ruyle. Adam has found someone to replace him on the Sustainability Committee as Chair. Adam made a motion to nominate Remington Ruyle as chairperson, seconded by Tim; all votes in favor; motion passed.

Event Committee: Leslie Beck, Chair

Happy Hour is scheduled for September 15<sup>th</sup> at Wash park Grille; the sponsor is Casey Miller. Costs are limited to \$300, or \$150 each from WPENA and the sponsor.

Summer Band concerts were successful, although rain required moving one of them indoors. Leslie estimated that 65 to 80 people showed up. Leslie requested reimbursement for her payments to the bands, which totaled \$700. Adam made a motion to reimburse Leslie, Tim seconded the motion; all votes in favor; motion passed.

Crime and Safety:

Tim noted that there have been numerous changes in leadership at DPD, including a new Commander as well as a new Chief.

There is an app available that allows people to report shootings in progress with less likelihood of a delay by bypassing 911. It is in use by several other counties.

Membership: Ellin Rosenthal, Chair

Nonresident property owners (on agenda; tabled)

Traffic: Bill Tracy, Chair

Hot Chocolate Run Oct. 2 will require closing several blocks to traffic around the park.

Zoning: Biddie Labrot, Chair

Biddie asked whether we wanted to do our own survey of the neighborhood about ADU's. Although the outcome will not change the city's actions, it would be an opportunity to explain the impact, including a larger bulk plane, of the proposed action to our neighbors. Biddie will develop the survey and submit to the Board for approval.

Park/FANS: Tim McHugh, Chair

August garden tours

Both were well attended.

Bird Walk Tour sept 24<sup>th</sup>

Sign up available on FANS website.

Complaints about dogs off-leash

WPENA received a complaint about dogs off leash from a neighborhood resident; Tim responded.

Lance stated that that Veterans Park no longer appears to be under consideration for the addition of a dog park, according to a recent article in the Denver Post.

INC: Tim McHugh and Adam Meltzer, INC Representatives

Leadership changes at INC are in process following several resignations from the Board. INC is looking for new Board members.

### **Old Business:**

Future Speakers:

October: Maro Casparian, Denver D.A.'s Office, Fraud and Scam Protection

Not yet scheduled:

Joe Wood, Office of Diana Degette

Kwon Atlas, Office of Mayor Hancock

Show and Tell, advocates for families of children with disabilities

WPENA meetings:

The discussion was about whether it is time to return to in-person meetings at the church. There were concerns whether people are ready to resume in-person meetings, and if we can conduct a hybrid meeting which is both face-to-face and includes Zoom. Tim and Bill tested the Wi-Fi at the church on Zoom, and all went well. Initial investigation of the cost of electronics, microphones, speakers, and cables to tie in with laptops and the flat screen at the church, showed that they could approach \$2500. Adam and Bill will look at the equipment with the intent of hosting the October meeting at the church.

Sistem Bonnie Brae Fine Marijuana:

Update on application for location at 2331 E. Ohio Ave. Lance checked both the State and Denver websites; the location is currently licensed.

ADU's:

Meetings August 25<sup>th</sup> at Carla Madison Re. Ctr. And virtual meetings August 25 – Sept 2

**New Business:**

Shared Streets Stakeholder Work Group: meeting scheduled for Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>

Halloween event:

October 30<sup>th</sup>, Veterans Park, sponsored by DPD District 3 Station

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. by Tim McHugh.

Lance Musselman

Secretary

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