

**Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.**  
**Minutes of February 20, 2008 Board Meeting**

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

**Board Attendees:** Brent Hladky (President), Tom Conis (Vice President), Joe Ely (Crime Action), Jonah Bradley (Business Liaison), Wendy Moraskie (At Large)

**Board Absences:** Mel Patrick (Membership), Maggie Price (Website), Petra Schroeder (Secretary)

**Neighbors Present:** Nona Jones (Newsletter Editor), Kathleen Hynes

Note: EWN will be used to refer to a combination communication effort whereby we send out information by e-mail blast, website, and newsletter.

**Item: Minutes**

No minutes were available at the meeting for approval. Brent will gather missing minutes and forward them by email to Board members. Intention is to be current at next Board Meeting.

**Item: Newsletter**

Brent mentioned Board Members' concerns that newsletter content reflects Board and Neighborhood decisions being made without input from either the Board or the Neighborhood, with examples being: the Rec Center article supporting/favoring the Rec Center being located in Congress Park and with this position being that of this Board and/or the Neighborhood but neither is the case; the Rec Center survey being prepared without input or review from the Board or assurance that it would yield statistically significant results, the results would not be within the exclusive control of CPN, and identities of survey respondents would go beyond CPN; the "CPN survey website" referred to in the newsletter was not approved by the CPN Board for establishment or linking with CPN's website, and the use of CPN's registered name, Congress Park Neighbors, for any website was not discussed with or approved by the CPN Board.

Considerable discussion followed and also included concerns of: the inclusion of articles written by advertisers that one could consider being advertisements for those particular parties, the editor's refusal to meet with newsletter committee for newsletter draft review, and unpaid advertising of editor's personal business.

During discussion, the editor replied to some of the concerns: articles that appeared to be advertising could be rewritten; the domain name using CPN's name had been registered to protect it and that it could/would be transferred to CPN whenever desired; survey input was requested but getting no replies had proceeded; and survey results could be directed wherever the Board decided.

A motion was made by Joe Ely and seconded by Jonah Bradley to continue the search for a newsletter editor. After discussion, the motion passed

The Board asked Wendy Moraskie to re-assume the duties of newsletter editor while the search continues. WM agreed. Nona offered to provide Wendy with latest newsletter content to assist with transition.

**Item: Crime**

Joe reported overall reduction in crime for the neighborhood based on stats he received from the INC meeting and District 3 police: 6% decrease in January 2008 from 2007; 60 percent of all crime in CP occurs within two (2) blocks of Colfax and Colorado; seizure of 1275 Colorado properties continues; January saw 31 cases of broken mirrors; and murder at 1433 \_\_\_\_\_ which was not random (domestic violence). Need to encourage more neighborhood watch blocks. Suggest that Board members try to mobilize their blocks this summer so we can be good examples to neighbors. Brent to draft a Neighborhood Broadcast to include: the recent daylight burglary on 800 block of Harrison; use of DNA by Denver Police to solve break and enters; and Neighborhood Watch

**Item: Zoning**

Tom reported on the rezoning proposition for R-O and R-1 at City Council. Issue: some properties in Congress Park are non-conforming uses or structures and by law, could lose the use of their property. Proposal seeks to fix this, and could be even stronger. Tom agreed to write this up for EWN.