

Congress Park Neighbors Bi-Monthly Meeting February 19, 2014

Meeting started at 7:06

Attendees-

Tom Conis, Maggie Price, Karen Miller, Bonita Lahey, Jason Engel, Elizabeth Clayton, Carrie Palmer, Lisa Bingham, Wendy Moraskie, Jesse Morreale, Eric Clayman, Myles Tangalin

Presentation by Beth McCann, House Representative, District 8

Update on what is going on presently in State House. . Some major priorities this year are education and transportation needs. Economy is slowly picking up, sales tax is increasing and we can anticipate a lot from marijuana sales.

There is a great deal of anxiety about public-private partnerships as far as toll roads. Plan is a toll for faster lanes. Private funding will do repair and maintenance. They are also looking at I70 as well.

Bills in progress to help those people impacted by floods and fires from last year. Many businesses could not stay open so there was a large impact to finance in the affected communities. Insurance coverage is becoming difficult to obtain in some areas because of floods and fires in the last few years.

She is now the Chair of Health Insurance and Chair Of Over-site Committee for Colorado Health Exchange. Colorados health care working pretty well but some glitches caused by the Medicare portion that is part of the initial application

She is sponsoring the following bills

- Prohibit the sale of tobacco products to people under 21. Convenience stores worried about impact to their bottom line, tobacco industry has not commented yet
- Prevention of human trafficking
- Prescription Drug monitoring
- Help for foreclosure bill which passed - requires overpayment to be returned to borrower.
- Pediatric dental insurance
- Allow emergency responders to give emergency vet care.

She will be running for her last term,

Some current bills on floor:

- Not as many fracking bills as in the past but there is bill to increase fines for leaks.
- New guidelines children that are opted out from vaccinations and, requires that parents receive info about diseases and that schools notify parents how many children not vaccinated.

- Taxi cabs and Uber cars . Since Ubers are unregulated, there is conflict between taxi and other companies. This Bill will provide regulation and set fees.
- House bill to allow restaurants and taverns to stay open until 4:30 a has been killed for the year. Probably will come back next year

Business Meeting

December 18, 2013 minutes approved - Moved Myles seconded Wendy

No crime report

Newsletter has gone to printer

New printer company issues and payment in advance required.

NAC moved date of meeting , Bill and Myles missed meeting. There are Construction permit problems. Permits stalled because of flooding.

CBHD Board of Regents selected a developer for CU

INC Myles and Maggie. large meeting. Voted resolution to oppose HB for extended hours as written at this time. Vote to allow extension of officer terms passed

New Business

Trader Joe's parking. Parking in CPN seems to be ok . CU will allow employees of TJ to park there.

Introduction of Eric Clayman, President of South City Park Neighborhood Association

Rec center meeting on March 5

New neighborhood association formed called City Park Friends and Neighbors. Boundaries; are Downing to Monaco and Martin Luther King to 12th St. It will deal exclusively with City Park , no liquor licenses or other activities to interfere other RNOs in boundaries. Board will consist of neighbors within boundaries. John Van Sciver is president.

Discussion of Hentzell park and upcoming trial. All docs in can be found at <http://www.friendsofdenverparks.org>

Adjourned at 8:19

