

Congress Park Neighbors Meeting Oct 21, 2015

In Attendance: Tom Conis, Steve eppler, Keith Lewis, Karen Miller, Steven Abeyta, Corbin Hobbs, Judith Spiegel, Wendy Moraskie, Maggie Price, Myles Tangalin, Vicki Eppler, Debbie Baldwin, Fred Olsen

Meeting brought to order by Tom Conis at 7:00

Motion made to approve Oct minutes- Wendy, seconded by Myles. Passed by board

Speakers: Madaline Keeting from Denver deserves sidewalks and Liz Adams 3A

Madaline Keeting from Denver Deserves Sidewalks (DDS) provided information about creating a walkable Denver.

It is trying to address the problem of missing or broken sidewalks in Denver. This problem is predominant in Denver's poorer neighborhoods but also exists in other neighborhoods because the homeowner bears the expense of the cost. Denver deserves Sidewalks would like to propose that the City take over the maintenance of the sidewalks and that a tax be applied to offset the cost. Public works has suggested a 1.25 dollar tax per linear foot on frontage property which comes out to \$60-70 per year. DDS has petition that they hope to contain 15,000 signatures by March and are hoping 200 letters of support from RNOs. Questions were taken from audience.

- What percentage of Neighborhoods do not have sidewalks?

Northwest neighborhoods have less. Some in Parkhill and there are lack of sidewalks in affluent neighborhoods as well example parts of Monaco Parkway.

- What are some of the funding sources?

Looking for more funding sources, even fees across utility bills and the like

- Will this be a ballot initiative?

Maybe but depends on the number of signatures on petition

- Is there a minimum width per sidewalk that Walk Denver is shooting for? Is it 4 feet?

Could be 3 or what is the minimum handicap requirement.

- Is it a problem across the country or in areas with new development?

Areas with new development have less problems because it is usually a requirement of the developer. In Denver there are several areas when sidewalks were not considered.

- What is the mechanism for fixing broken or repairing sidewalks.

By and large Denver will not cite a homeowner until complaints about the sidewalk are reported Public Works.

The organization has contacted CPN requesting a letter of support.

Straw vote taken as to sending letter to encourage City to take responsibility for our sidewalks and to develop

a funding source for them.

10 for

2 against

Letter to be sent

Liz Adams 2C

would upgrade the National Western Stock Show while also making improvements to the Convention Center. Tourism tax on hotels and car rentals could last indefinitely. Will provide agricultural research for CSU and allow multipurpose of Denver Western Stock Show grounds. Should measure pass grounds would be deeded to City of Denver

Myles - Report Botanic Garden NAC

Last of master plan is Science Building on North End. Next meeting in January. Building will be 2 stories and 45 ft tall. Parking may be underground. 300 person auditorium planned. Botanic Gardens wants feedback

Wendy - Newsletter Report . Winter issue almost ready and will come out in Nov. Some articles about new business.

Steve - Crime report. Most car breakins through summer but started to die off in Sept

Maggie - Bylaw proposal to be voted on at next members meeting. It is to provide a means for monetary distribution should the organization dissolve. Provides that the assets of the corporation shall be apportioned to organizations classified as tax-exempt under 501(c)(3) and not to Members, Officers or individuals.

Teller Back Pack - Needs money propose that CPN match contributions to the fund upto first \$300 received. Call for vote: Passed 12-0

REC CENTER: Discussion of change of setback from 35' to 25' of City Park Esplanade. This will provide an area of land to be sold as retail for Rec Center.

Vicki Historical Designation of City Park. Application has been made for that designation. A grant has been received but more money is needed to create new plan with will allow inventory of City Park (statues, open space, Deboar Canyon area) to create set of guidelines for decisions about events happening in the park. Some items listed on masterplan from 2002 have changed. They will set guidelines but not policy.

Myles - Denver Performing Arts. Architect is M3. Proposal to go to the Mayor. Driven by Visit Denver, Arts and Venues. It is still in proposal.

Adjourn 8:25

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