

Jun 15 2016 meeting minutes

In attendance: Tom Conis, Maggie Price, Mary Lou Finilli , Maurreen Maxnira, Pamela Lozow, Karen Miller, Steven Abeyta, Vicki Eppler, Steve Eppler, Lisa Loranger, Wendy Hart, Wendy Moraski, Myles Tangalin

Tom called meeting to order at 7:05

MINUTES:

Old minutes need to be approved. Motion to approve Feb Minutes Vicki Eppler, Second by Myles, Motion passed. Motion to approve April Minutes Vicki made motion Myles Seconded, April minutes approval passed

REPORTS:

- **INC-** Maggie and Myles, Maggie did not attend, report given by Myles. `INC voted to have a letter sent to City Council asking them to slow down approval of storm drain and not go further funding other projects. Letter ignored by City Council and they (CC) voted to approve storm drain project despite large amount of citizen turn out at hearing.
- **Green Team** Lisa Loranger: Announcement that Congress Park was accepted into Denver sustainable neighborhood program. CPN not yet certified but that will occur if enough points accrued for events throughout the year. CPN first neighborhood in District 10 to be accepted. Taylor Moellers from Sustainable Neighborhoods will help to organize meeting, City will print posters and deliver. Larry Grimm has offered up the church at 11th and Fillmore for the meeting.
- **Short Term Rentals-** Mary Lou Finilli: Mary Lou attended the City Council meeting. 66 signed up to speak however on 54 did. Many stories told from those in opposition and those for, most were about how neighbors share with one another. Some speakers were more focused on money aspect. Mary Lou is working on a personal project to locate short term rentals in Congress Park and who/where owners live. She will meet with the INC ZAP in July and show them how to map the rentals in their own neighborhoods.
- **Denver Botanic Garden** - Myles unable to attend last meeting, Vicki was there. DBG has new exhibit, 13 sculptures from Walker museum. DBG is working on Science and Technology building, there will be one more public meeting in Oct about this. Building to be located in last parking area in gardens. Building will be set back from the street, will contain the library and a coffee bar. It will be located at 10th and Gaylord. It will be the last piece of infrastructure to be built in garden. There will be no Lego exhibit because of the number of people who might attend. DBG is trying to avoid having large crowds as during Chihulli exhibit.
- **Crime report** - Steve Eppler- Several Bicycles have been stolen in neighborhood. Lisa reported that she has discovered a number of homeless that have found a way to gain access to the apartment building that she manages at 11th and Colorado. Drugs are major concern .
- **Ice Cream Social** - Invitations for booths going out to Library, Denver Botanic Gardeners, Back Pack. Would like to have Green Team. Vicki will contact the Gardeners, Tom will contact Library`, Maggie to contact Back Pack and Lisa Green Team. Tom will also contact Wayne New and Beth McCann. Since Daily Scoop has closed, Vicki will contact Little Man to see if they might be interested in providing since they are moving into space vacated by Daily Scoop. As in past Congress Park would hope to pay cost and that they would provide scoopers. Tom will contact Police and Fire

Departments for representatives to attend. This time we will try and notify neighbors by social media and enlisting the aid of our volunteer newsletter carriers rather than incur costs of mailing.

- **BRT Bus Rapid Transit** – Myles- Looking for funding. Hope to have a stop at Steele and E Cofax by Annies.
- **9th and Colorado** - Lisa- Continuum has done traffic study on east side of Colorado Blvd. Looking to install turn lanes to project and increase ped crossing times at 11th.
- **3015 E. Colfax** - appears that micro apartments maybe developed by new owner of the building.

Congress Park Neighborhood voted number 1 by 5280 Magazine.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36.