

Congress Park Neighbors, Inc.

Minutes: September 2007 Monthly Meeting

Attendees:

- Board: Tom Conis, Brent Hladky, Maggie Price, Joe Ely, Mel Patrick, Wendy Moraskie
- Others: Leslie Lindberg, Alf Gardner, Susan Graffino, George & Karyn Sparks, Karen Wick

Absent: Sue Carrizales, Jonah Bradley, Petra Schroeder

August minutes not available for review/approval.

Better Denver: George & Karyn Sparks and Karen Wick presented information on this November ballot initiative. George is the Director of the Natural History Museum and gave specifics of how some funds would be used for his facility.

Midnight Bicycle Ride: Neighbors Leslie Lindberg outlined concerns with the Ride and how it personally impacted her. It is understood from Jeanne Robb that this annual event will return to its previous route next year, which was under construction this year at the time of the event. It was agreed that an open letter would be written to the event sponsor (Kaiser?), Jeanne Robb, the City Department that issued the permit, as well as Life on Capitol Hill and Westword. The letter will mention: the inappropriate route, the time of the event, lack of notification to the Neighborhood, and lack of responsiveness of off duty/in uniform police.

Crime Report – Joe Ely. Overall neighborhood is down, reflecting a trend throughout the City. Joe provided an update on the 12th and Colorado situation. The problem appears to be a lack of documented resident complaints, due, likely, to intimidation and vandalism by the offending parties. It was suggested and agreed that Westword be contacted, in the hopes of placing an article, due to the fact that Life on Capitol Hill has refused to do so. Mayor Hickenlooper's Neighborhood Liason, Amber Callender to be invited to the next meeting. (Since Joe will be absent at the October meeting, she will now be invited to our November meeting.)

Membership – Mel Patrick. Membership stands at 143 residents, 2 businesses, 1 organization.

Newsletter – Wendy Moraskie. Wendy has resigned as editor after six years. The Board thanks Wendy for her tireless efforts to both edit the publication and arrange all advertising. The upcoming newsletter, which should be distributed within the next two weeks, has a front page article requesting a volunteer to assume this role.

Website – Maggie Price. Maggie answered neighbors' questions about the website and its capabilities.

Zoning.

Madison/Colfax: the hole is now without any sign advertising an opening date, and the fencing has been removed. Neighbors voiced concerns about the safety of the property in the absence of an appropriate fence.

Rock Bar: Alf Gardner and Susan Graffino expressed displeasure with the proprietor, his clientele, and his plans for an outdoor patio. At this point, the application for an outdoor patio has been withdrawn, however, it is anticipated that the application will be resubmitted within the next few months.

Colfax Halloween Event. The children's event (later afternoon/early evening) was met with enthusiasm, but reservations were expressed about promoting an evening event on in connection with numerous liquor establishments, and what the impact upon surrounding neighbors would be.