

Minutes for Congress Park Neighbors - April 2008

Attendees: Brent Hladky, Petra Schroeder, Mel Patrick, Tom Conis, Maggie Price, Kathleen Hynes, Jonah Bradley, Joe Ely, Wendy Moraskie

Absences: None

Guests: Jennifer Nash, Carolyn Kent, Sue Carrizales, Vaughn Carrizales

1. Minutes

- February minutes were unanimously approved with a motion by Petra Schroeder and second by Joe Ely
- March minutes approval was tabled pending review. Joe Ely moved to approve. After discussion Wendy Moraskie moved for an amended motion to table approval pending review. Joe Ely accepted this amended motion and the motion was seconded by Kathleen Hynes. All members voted in favor except Petra Schroeder who was opposed.

2. Newsletter

- Sue Carrizales join the meeting for a moment to take a picture of the Board for the newsletter.
- Due to some distribution and coordination issues; Brent Hladky requested from Wendy Moraskie and updated list of Newsletter distribution coordinators and their areas.
- Wendy Moraskie requested a discussion regarding larger issues surrounding the Newsletter Distribution which was tabled

3. Crime Report

- Joe Ely reviewed Crime Statistics and noted a slight increase in crime for the month
- The Denver Police Department miscommunicated regarding the apprehension of a criminal suspect. Joe Ely addressed this issue to avoid future confusion.
- District 3 Commander Keesee has been promoted and District 3 will be getting a new commander.
- Joe Ely and Tom Conis met with law enforcement to understand more detail about the Minuteman Demonstration in Congress Park on August 25. Denver Law enforcement indicated that the Minutemen have been very cooperative in organizing their demonstration.
- Literature from the Minutemen, presented by Joe Ely, suggest that they are a non-violent group.
- Joe Ely invited the President of the Minutemen Organization and the Denver police to the CPN Board Meeting in May.

4. Zoning

- Rezoning
 - Wendy Moraskie reported that the application for rezoning 1300 Elizabeth & Clayton was approved.
 - The Board had a lively discussion on the topic of rezoning and potential long term planning by the city as it related to these types of zoning applications.
- Steve's Snappin Dogs Liquor License
 - Maggie Price reported that Steve's Snappin Dogs Liquor License was granted for beer and wine.

5. Membership

Maggie Price reported on membership: 156 total members, 3 businesses, 1 organization.

6. Website – New Recreational Center

- Maggie Price discussed that she had posted "New Recreational Center" information on the website and asked for feedback from the Board to the questions she had posted.
- The Board discussed various ways to solicit neighborhood feedback and is taking the following action: the current article in the CPN Newsletter will be revised to include additional information about the status of the project, cost of various amenities and feedback process.

- Sue Carrizales, Wendy Moraskie and Maggie Price will work together to formulate an opinion poll to be sent to the CPN membership.
- Jennifer Nash, guest, offered her opinion that she definitely did not want the Rec. Center in Congress Park.

7. Other Business

- Previously tabled business regarding CPN support of neighborhood organizations and a formalized Board Members' Code of Conduct/Conflict of Interest were tabled again due to meeting time constraints.

8. Public Meeting adjourned

9. Executive Session Convened to discuss courses of action regarding issue of Trademark Infringement. The Board voted unanimously to take required action to protect the organization's Trademark.