

Minutes for Congress Park Neighbors - May 2008

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

Guests: John Van Sciver, John Stubbart, Lt. Ronald W. Coben – District 3 DPD, Caitlin Quander – Aide to Councilwoman Robb, Tony Burkhardt – DPD, Jim Ryder – Colorado Minuteman, Jim Shafer – Colorado Minutemen, Kris Kroncke – DPD Commander

1. Minutes

- April minutes were unanimously approved pending revisions.

2. Newsletter

- No Discussion

3. Minutemen Presentation

- Jim Shafer and Jim Ryder from the Colorado Minutemen organization gave a presentation regarding their upcoming Informational Assembly in Congress Park on August 25th during the Democratic National Convention.
- The Minutemen expect the assembly to be around 350 people total and will last from 9:00-6:00. They will be hiring their own security, have their own toilets set up and provide bus transportation to and from the event.
- The Board brought up parking concerns as well as concerns about attendees carrying weapons. Jim and Jim said they would check into other parking arrangements. Jim and Jim also said that Minutemen members working the event would not be carrying weapons but could not guarantee that any attendees would not be. The state of Colorado has a concealed weapon permit available to its citizens.

4. Crime Report

- Joe Ely reviewed Crime Statistics and noted an increase in crime for the month
- Joe Ely mentioned he had recently attended a neighborhood watch meeting held by the DPD. The watch program is a Neighborhood awareness program and requires 70% participation from the block and the meeting take approximately 45 minutes.
- Brent Hladky requested Joe Ely provide 3-4 points regarding the Neighborhood Watch program to be posted on the Congress Park Neighbors website.

5. Zoning

- 1300 Block Rezoning
- John Stubbart and John Van Sciver are preparing an application for rezoning of the NE corner lots between 13th and 14th street.
- The application is not completely voluntary, with one owner of a rental property not in favor of the rezoning.
- John and John requested a grant of \$500.00 from the Congress Park Board in the event the current application is not given a Fee waiver.
- Kathleen Hynes moved to award grant of \$500.00 in the event of the application not getting a fee waiver. Maggie Price seconded. All the board voted in favor.

6. Membership

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

7. Website – New Recreational Center

- No Updates

8. 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.
- Kathleen Hynes suggested a new approach to driving membership by charging a reduced fee for receiving e-mail news. This discussion was tabled for next meeting.

9. Public Meeting adjourned