Guests: Porche Lovely, Karen Miller and Dan Schoen
Board Members: Tom Conis, Bill DeMaio, Ed Connelly, Maggie Price, Wendy Moraskie, Kathleen Hynes
Absent: Brent Hladky

Wendy moved to approve December minutes with spelling corrections and the motion was seconded by Ed. Minutes were unanimously approved.

Guest Dan Schoen wanted to learn more about the changes in restricted parking in CP. Kathleen promised to send Mr. Schoen Nola Owens’ contact information and board members recommitted to notifying affected blocks about these changes. Maggie and Kathleen noted an email broadcast about this issue had been sent.

Wendy shared with the board the outcome of the special board meeting on 2/14/09. CPN decided to flyer the immediate area surrounding the 7-11 (Colfax and Josephine) to inform neighbors of the upcoming application for a 3.2% beer license. Neighbors will be informed the previous license lapsed, the manager is now re-applying and about the pending legislation to grant 3.2 businesses full liquor licenses. Neighbors will also be told East High School is opposed to the license. IF CPN learns neighbors have concerns, we will hold a neighborhood assembly before the March 18th E&L hearing.

Maggie moved to flyer the 2X3 block area surrounding 7-11 this weekend; Ed seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Maggie, Karen, Wendy and Ked will flyer. Wendy will design the flyer; Kathleen will produce and distribute to those who will flyer.

Kathleen gave an update on E&L and highlighted Ms. Marquez’s decision to grant standing to RNOs only when they have counsel. Ms. Marquez will present her new policies and procedures on Feb. 28th to INC.

Maggie announced Paypal is now available on our website.

CPN’s membership sub-committee met and began exploring a number of ideas for doubling membership this year—welcome packets, advertising board’s diversity, reaching out one-on-one with residents and businesses. Efforts are underway to map CPN and learn where we may have pockets of non-members and targets those areas in a membership drive.

Joe Ely resigned to work on finding jobs for returning vets. He will however continue his work with Dist. 3 and INC on behalf of CPN.

CPN now has its bank account with First Bank in Cherry Creek.
During the final 45 minutes the board discussed Ms. Lovely’s request to learn whether or not CPN will proactively give her business free advertising through our email broadcasts and our website. Ms. Lovely feels unsupported by CPN and believes other neighborhood organizations do more than CPN does for businesses. A fair amount of factual information was shared including: the differences between RNOs that have paid staff and those that don’t vis-à-vis: resources of time, money and manpower; setting realistic expectations surrounding what CPN can do; the confusion surrounding the roles of CHUN, CBID, & Colfax on the Hill.

Presently new businesses are given a free ad in our newsletter and have a feature story written about them (when we have a volunteer business liaison). Several ideas were raised as to how CPN, as a resource strapped all-volunteer organization, could increase its support of neighborhood businesses. All agreed the conversation should continue.

Submitted by
Kathleen Hynes, Board Member