

8/18/10

Draft Board Meeting Minutes

Board members attending: Brent Hladky, Tom Conis, Maggie Price, Wendy Moraskie, Ted Boeckman, Bill DeMaio and Kathleen Hynes

Guests: Sara Davis, Rob Davis, Lisa Boeckman and Karen Miller

1. July minutes approved

2. Rob Davis, City Forester, explained the Tree Preservation Ordinance and noted there are several loop holes in it. Changing the ordinance requires residents to bring their concerns to City Council and Council, in turn, is responsible for making changes to the Ordinance. Mr. Davis mentioned the possibility of Denver enacting a Heritage Tree Program as a means of protecting older trees.

Sara Davis, Program Coordinator, Denver Million Tree Program, has targeted 2025 as the date for having completed planting a million trees within Denver. 200,000 have been planted thus far. The Million Tree program is non-profit organization that relies on donations and sponsorships. 18% of Congress Park has canopy coverage.

3. INC report-Maggie Report from 8/13/10 INC meeting

Tony Young is replacing Heather Barry as the Mayor's assistant while she is out on maternity leave. Councilwoman Robb's bill 607 limits growing medical marijuana in residential neighborhoods to 12 plants or 6 plants per two patients enforced by zoning and not police. INC representatives voted 23-2 to support the bill.

INC reps voted 23-2 to ask the City to set aside money in 2011 for candidate forums. The annual Dictionaries distribution will begin again.

4. NAC report-Bill DBG concerts have been within required noise limits.

DBG is looking into designating Congress Park and Morgan Historic District as a Garden District. CPN can have up to three reps to NAC.

Kathleen offered to get in contact with Michael Sutherland to see if wants to continue.

5. Update on parking plans with SCP Maggie reported there is no update. However, 14,000 folks attended Jazz in the Park and SCP has 199 events/year that impact parking. There was a consensus among CPN board members that with respect to future parking plans, no single solution will work throughout our neighborhood.
6. Colfax Streetcars--Senator Chris Romer did not show. Bill mentioned surface streetcars are being considered for Colfax and parking along Colfax will significantly change the streetscape.
7. CPN and Colfax events The board continues to discuss the issue of overlapping RNOs. Maggie suggested and offered to bring this matter to INC for discussion.
8. Festival Parks and fee-based events. Maggie reported during the August 12th PRAB meeting, parking considerations were significantly absent from the discussions. CPN was one of two RNO's which did not take a position on the matter of fee-based events in our City parks.