

## **Congress Park Neighbors Bi-Monthly Meeting December 18, 2013**

Meeting started 7:05

Attendees:

Wendy Moraskie

Mary Ellen Sweeny

Tom Conis

Karen Miller

Carrie Palmer

Maggie Price

Myles Tangalin

Rachel O'Bryan

### **Presentation Jessica Ugarte Historic Denver on the Discover Denver Project**

This is City wide pilot program that will provide a comprehensive survey of buildings. It is funded in part by History Colorado.

Survey important because 60% of buildings in Denver over 50 years old.

It will help to streamline building processes by knowing what is there and what architecture is in various areas of city

First pilot area was started in September in Harvey Park neighborhood

Next will be 1920 small homes (6 rooms or less) Will be in Park Hill or Berkley Park area.

Spring of 2014 will be Street Car and Commercial areas. Buildings surveyed will not be just residences but commercial buildings as well.

No Plans for survey of Congress Park at this time.

Data that is gathered will interface with Denver's City County Open Data Catalog and will be accessible on-line.

This information will be used by the City, Property Owners and Realtors. At website is Community Involvement Exchange that can be used by neighborhoods not yet in pilot area. It will feature stories and histories of neighborhoods.

See Documents on Page 4,5

### **Presentation Rachel O'Bryan Smart Colorado**

This is a Non profit formed last March to give voice to people unable to attend meetings convened during day hours. It was discovered that the only representation at the meetings were part of Marijuana industry.

SMART determined that their greatest value was to advocate for the protection of children. They advocated successfully for child proof packagings and to keep packaging not as attractive to kids.

Part of new code allows for the expansion of existing Marijuana businesses (medical) into retail market. Only existing MMJ businesses can apply until 2016. There are 217 stores in Denver that are eligible for retail component

Over 100 have already filed to go retail.

Three options for business are:

to completely convert to give up medical business and move straight to recreational.

They can co locate and can co terminus. But if businesses want to have medical and retail in same building with same door they have must get rid of under 21 market (medical allows any age to use MMJ). Large chunk of people between 18 and 21 have MMJ card.

3rd option is to have complete separate locations (can be side by side) but separate doors, exits, checkout.

There is public hearing process with MMJ Stores. The standard is not needs and desires of neighborhood as in liquor licenses, but adverse impact to health welfare and public safety. Because of some of the laws it is now easier to get a retail marijuana business running than a liquor store. Reason is because of how health and welfare is interpreted by hearing officer. Standard is read very narrowly, criminal activity is only one of few reasons to deny. Hearing officer gives recommendation to Director (acting director is Judy Steele). Neighborhood recourse is to declare that health and safety will be impacted and all violations witnessed (such as smoking in store or in public) must be reported to police so that there is a record of it.

### **Business meeting**

Board Present were

Tom Conis - President

Maggie Price - Sec

Myles Tangalin - Treasurer

Wendy Moraski

Minutes for October minutes accepted

Motion to approve - Wendy Moraski

All in favor

Renewal For INC

discussion to renew membership at \$100 level

Motion to Approve - Wendy Moraski

Second Myles Tangalin

All in favor

Myles will write check to INC

Teller Elementary School Back Pack Program. CPN contributed \$300 to school program to provide

food subsidies to children in need attending Teller. This will provide food for after school and weekends to the children and their families. A thank you note was received from Jessica Downs (see attachment)

#### Membership

4 checks received for new and renewal memberships

Colorado Blvd Health Card District report by Myles Tangalin

University looking at short list of developers, regents will make a decision shortly.

Mary Nell Wolff and Tony Ruiz have both resigned. Temporary Chair and Vice Chair were elected at Dec meeting

Andrea Lacheo (Chair) and Lauri Bougue (V.Chair). Both are citizens, no one from Hospital volunteered

Will meet next on Jan 9, 4:00 and regents of CU may make an announcement

NAC Botanic Gardens. Bill Demaio sent minutes, (attached) . Vicky Eppler is new rep as of November

New Pyramid project to be built. around Marnie Outlook.

Maggie will check to see if Greg is linked to Newsletter distributor.

Wendy needs articles for newsletter. Back Pack, Botanic Garden New Projects,

Membership - Tom has received 4 new members, 4 or 5 have gone for patron membership.

Treasurer Report- Transfer of treasure duties waiting until Brent returns.

Newsletter appears to be making a profit. Would like to have budget by first of year.

Wendy thinks that a representative is needed to solicit businesses to advertise in newsletter.

INC - Maggie. Reported that in November, INC passed a Resolution calling upon the Denver Planning Board to require that 10% of Total (Gross) General Development for open space.

Hentzell Park Land Swap, INC is a party to the legal challenge

City Loop in City Park 13 acres a project to make Dustin Redd into all ages play experiences. It is generally receiving negative reaction from neighborhood near park.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm

Minutes submitted by Maggie Price,

# Discover Denver

*Know It. Love It. One Building at a Time.*



## About Discover Denver

Discover Denver is a building and neighborhood survey meant to identify historic and architecturally significant structures citywide. Historic Denver, Inc. leads this collaborative project in partnership with the City and County of Denver and History Colorado. The survey will gather information using public records, neighborhood canvassing, academic research, and tips from the public. Findings from the survey will then be accessible online so that everyone can learn about Denver's past — building by building.

## Our Mission

Our mission is threefold: to identify the places that matter to Denver's history (Know It), to share the value of these historic properties in order to promote public pride and awareness (Love It), and to encourage neighborhood rehabilitation and reinvestment (One Building at a Time).

### DID YOU KNOW?

Investment activity is up to **SEVEN** times greater in Denver's historic neighborhoods than in other areas of the city.

## The Survey

Historic property surveys inspire a sense of urgency to reinvest in the special, irreplaceable buildings and places that make a city unique. Many major U.S. cities, such as Los Angeles, Chicago and Tulsa, have recently identified, researched and shared information on properties as part of their own citywide historic surveys. As a result, property owners learn more about the community's history; planning, development and preservation efforts progress more harmoniously and efficiently; and, cities achieve sustainable economic development objectives through the adaptive reuse of buildings.

The Discover Denver survey will involve site visits, researching property data, and "crowd-sourcing" information through social media and the internet in order to find historic and architecturally significant properties. The methodology relies on technology and collaboration to accelerate the pace of conventional surveys, engage community members as stewards of information, and enhance transparency. We'll use the property documentation techniques used by the U.S. National Park Service, along with current best-practices.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**78% of US leisure travelers are cultural and/or heritage travelers who spend more money on trips than other travelers.**

## Share Your Stories

We need your help! If you know of a place that's special to Denver — or maybe just special to you — we want to hear from you. What buildings do you value? Maybe it was your grandmother's house, or your favorite neighborhood bakery. Maybe you know a building with ties to someone who looms large in American history or architecture. Your memories, photos, stories and even your own ancestry help to open a door into the past for Denver's residents and visitors — today, and for years to come.

## Discover Denver Pilot

Discover Denver will pilot the survey in three areas: a complete neighborhood, a geographically defined area(s), and within an architectural theme. The exact number of properties surveyed during the pilot will be decided based on the human and financial resources available to the project. The primary purpose of the pilot is to troubleshoot the survey methodology and technology in preparation for the launch of the full citywide survey. The pilot phase will start once the technology has been customized for Denver and our survey requirements. It is expected to be complete in the fall of 2014. The full survey, which will encompass all properties in the city of Denver, is expected to take several years to complete.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**If your property is historic, you may qualify for state and federal tax credits to fund rehabilitation work.**

## Levels of Review

The Discover Denver team and partners will gather property data at four graduated levels of review to determine whether a property is historically significant.

1. Foundation Level (100% of properties): Review using publicly available data.
2. Descriptive Level (80% of properties): Limited field survey focusing on properties more than 30 years old with integrity (few alterations over the years).
3. Initial Historic Research (35% of properties): Additional field survey of properties for integrity and significance.
4. In-depth Historic Research (5-10% of properties): More extensive review and analysis, including archival research, to determine whether a property may be historically significant and eligible for national, state or local historic recognition and incentive programs.

**NOTE:** While the surveyed properties will be evaluated for their historic significance, properties will not be officially designated as historic through the Discover Denver survey process.



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December 11, 2013

Congress Park Neighborhood Association  
c/o Dona Dodson  
1558 Madison Street  
Denver, CO 80206

Dear Congress Park Neighborhood Association,

On behalf of the backpack volunteers and staff at Teller Elementary, I would like to thank you for your generous gift of \$300.00 received this month to support our program to serve Teller families who are experiencing food hardship and insecurity. Your donation enables our children to grow and learn.

Please retain this receipt for your records. Teller Elementary is a non-profit organization under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3). Your donation may be tax deductible. Teller Elementary did not provide any goods or services in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution.

With sincere gratitude,

Jessica R. Downs, Principal  
Teller Elementary School

JRD:df

*To our friends at Congress Park  
Neighborhood Association,  
Thank you, thank you, thank  
you for your generous donation  
to Teller's kids. Your kindness and  
generosity help all our students come  
to school ready to learn and be successful!  
Thank you!*

**From:** bdemaio <bdemaio@aol.com>

**To:** cpnboard <cpnboard@congressparkneighbors.org>

**Subject:** NAC meeting notes

**Date:** Tue, Nov 5, 2013 2:24 pm

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***11/4/13 NAC meeting notes:***

- Roger Armstrong gave a trustee update, there will be a public forum on the new parking regs at DBG Gate Room , 7pm on Thurs, Nov 7
- Christine Grawmeyer was nominated to continue as neighborhood trustee on the DBG board.
- There are 2 construction projects underway, a new Science Pyramid scheduled to open by the Dale Chihuly exhibit in May 2014 and a new cafe (outdoor, open 9 months per year)
- The Large Events Agreement (17 max per year) was renewed for another 3 years
- Election of NAC officers voted Art Blomberg and Steve Lang as co-chairs. Jim Hannifin is stepping down from the NAC.
- Community Gardens reported there were no complaints to them or DBG during the summer season.
- Steering committee to form by the Feb 3 meeting to nominate next year's trustees.

Last night was the first time in 3 years there were 3 delegates from Congress Park.