

## **Congress Park Neighbors Inc. Annual Members Meeting Dec 19 2018**

**In attendance:** Tom Conis, Nancy Abens, Monique Coustry, Stephen Goldstone, Mary Ellen Sweeney, Karen Miller, Myles Tangalin, Jeff Harboug, Eleni Saris, Lois Court, John Van Sciver, Steve Eppler, Vicki Eppler, Judith Speigel, Wayne New, Maggie Price, Steve Schuller, Brad Segal, Wendy Moraski, Tony Smith, Carolyn Van Sciver, April Montgomery, Beth McCann, Dan Keller, Julie Meyers, Peg Perl

Pizza provided by Blue Pan Pizza

### **Speakers:**

#### ***State Senator Lois Court .***

Lois has been State Senator for 2 years. She is working on a bill concerning hands free driving when using electronic devices. Also working on bill (Extreme Risk Prevention Order) to keep guns out of the hands of people who are endanger of hurting themselves or others. She is working on Galleger Amendment. It is an amendment that went into effect in the 1980s concerning property taxes. It is responsible for reducing revenue in rural areas for fire districts and libraries.

#### ***Denver District Attorney Beth McCann***

Accomplishments since she has taken office

- Juvenile justice. Believes if intervention is earlier, some choices made by juveniles can be better.
- Mental health and substance abuse which is now part of a fast track drug program Fast track moves addicts through sooner to aid in their recovery.
- Denver DA now has a therapy dog that helps to calm some individuals .
- System is has been placed in Capital Hill that can record and locate where gun shots have occurred.

President Tom Conis told of the CPN accomplishments through the year: backpack program, green team, Safe Streets committee and 28th annual Ice Cream social. The board members introduced themselves and gave short descriptions of what they do throughout the year.

**Election Of Board Members:** Motion made and seconded to retain all board members. Vote passed by acclamation.

Tony Smith a candidate for District 10 Council introduced himself.

### **Committee Reports:**

***Safe Streets*** - CM Wayne New . Reported on last meeting held 12-18. Looking for more traffic calming techniques. Police and Public Works are working together to accomplish several goals. Studies are ongoing for 7th Ave, 8th and other main arterials in Congress Park Neighborhood. CM New has provide signs to remind people to slow down and they are available from Tom.

***Historic Committee*** - Eleni Sarris, Rodney Allen, Vicki Eppler. Vicki described the purpose of the group which is to provide options in cases of predatory developers. They are trying to collect data from

neighbors about their homes..photographs welcome. The team described the historic overlay process and its pros and cons.

***Greenteam*** - Maggie told of their accomplishments in 2018. Leaf drop, 12th Ave info booth, Earth Month, Community meet and greets and upcoming project in 2019 a 3 part Water-Wise work shop.

***Discover Denver*** - Beth Glandon representative from Historic Denver attended our October meeting. Historic Denver is trying to map all historic building in the City and will be working in Congress Park in 2019. In March Discover Denver is hosting “Discovery Day” on Saturday, March 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Capitol Heights Presbyterian Church. Please come and bring stories and pictures of your home.

***Brad Segal*** from PUMA (Progressive Urban Management Associates). Brad has lived in Congress Park over 20 years. Their firm has been selected by the City to manage the revised neighborhood plans throughout East Central. Brad and his VP J.J. Folsom will be facilitating two future meetings taking place in Feb. One meeting will be for South City Park and Congress Park specifically.

Tom Conis announced vacancies for CPN Board and adjourned meeting at 8:12 PM.