

Congress Park Neighbors - Board Meeting Minutes  
February 16, 2022 - 7pm - Zoom Meeting

In attendance: Vicki Eppler, Maggie Price, Tom Conis, Myles Tangalin, Charlotte Redden, Joe Wood, Dean Bartell, Jacqueline Altreuter, Hana Ruiz, Judith Spiegel, Alain Habimana, Stephen Eppler, Rodney Sanchez, Blanca Martinez, Karen Miller, Eleni Sarris, Jeff Harbaugh, Stephanie Subramanian, Wendy Moraskie, Phil Hoffmann, Abby Able, Brian McClarin.

Vicki opened the meeting at 7p and explained how the organization operates. She advised that the meeting would be recorded and requested questions be directed to the Chat function.

Joe Wood, a Congress Park resident and former aide to Denver city Councilperson Ortega, announced he is now with Congress person Diana Degettes' office. He invited neighbors to submit questions going forward.

Hana Ruiz, our police district 2 liaison, gave a presentation on crime in the neighborhood. Rodney Sanchez with district 2 introduced himself and gave his background. Alain Habimana with district 2 introduced himself and gave his background. Alain Habimana will be our neighborhoods main contact. Hana reported crime has skyrocketed, due to short staffing, and lax bonding requirements. This is districtwide, not just our neighborhood.

Department of Transportation and Infrastructure rep Abby Able gave a project update with slide show on the Colfax corridor Bus Rapid Transit project. She was joined by Phil Hoffmann and Brian McClarin. Issues brought up by neighbors were concerns regarding outreach, and questions about how design would deter jaywalking.

Announcements:

- After the short notice and implementation of street pickup we invited Solid Waste to visit the neighborhood and see the situation
- We have invited Solid Waste to two meetings to discuss this change.
- They attended one meeting, said they would attend a second meeting in December but cancelled at the last minute.
- We ran a neighborhood survey to get feedback from neighbors
- We sent a follow up email with the results of the survey of the neighborhood and requested feedback. Neighbors were overwhelmingly against bins in the street. We have not received any kind of response from Solid Waste or Chris Hinds. Chris Hinds has not supported us.
- We have received a lot of negative feedback from neighbors, and some would like further action in the form of a petition. We encourage neighbors to write petitions and have them signed by all your neighbors. Congress Park Neighbors as an RNO would be glad to put them all together and present them to Solid Waste and our councilperson.
- The final action would be for neighbors to organize and request an opportunity to go before council and demand a change.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.