

Congress Park Neighbors Meeting Minutes June 21, 2017

In attendance: Kevin Lewis, Vicki Eppler, Steve Eppler, Tom Conis, Wendy Moraski, John Van Sciver, Bill Hester, Karen Miller, Pam Lozow, Trace Faust, Myles Tangalin, Betsy Berk, Mary Sullivan, Zeck Shany , Andrew Tobias, Diana Masone, Pio Masone, Kay Gould

Three presentations occurred prior to the business meeting

- Introduction of Trace Faust from Denver Public Schools and aid to DPS board member Mike Johnson. She was gauging interest in Mike Johnson's visit on behalf of the DPS School Board on August 16
- Kevin Lewis, Waste Water Management. Flood Proofing Your Home
- Zack Shaney Car2go

Green Team Update: Mary Sullivan

Event sponsored by Green Team is Prime The Pump June 25, 2017

It is a bike safety maintenance Bike Tour. At 5 they will ride through the neighborhood and then end up in City Park for the jazz concert. It is in preparation for Bike To Work Day which takes place on the 28th. The second project is a plastic free July month. They will be pointing people to www.plasticfreejuly.org to sign up. The link is sponsored by an international organization and will tell how to avoid single item plastics. Please let the GT know if you do sign up so that they can track for sustainable points. The Green Team has received an outstanding rating from sustainability Denver.

Earthday in April was sponsored by the Green Team. There were over 40 vendor's with approximately 400 in attendance.

MOTION TO APPROVE APRIL MINUTES:

Motion to approve April minutes by Wendy and seconded by Vicki. This received unanimous approval

NEWSLETTER REPORT: WENDY MORASKI

Newsletter needs help writing the newsletter and delivering it. They need volunteers to deliver in business districts 12th Avenue Colfax and Colorado Boulevard. Mary Sullivan volunteered for business on 12th. Wendy stated that we need a business liaison to encourage businesses to advertise with us.

BOTANIC GARDEN AND DUSTIN REDD PLAYGROUND: VICKI EPPLER

Dustin Redd playground in City Park was part of the City Loop project which was abandoned. There will be a cleanup in the fall. DPR will have the equipment and provide guidance and repairs. Denver Botanic Gardens parking garage has new signage can be a little confusing. BOT GARD is working through it. They have had a few accidents because cars are crossing the line between the lanes. This year the West gate on the Cheeseman park side will be open during concerts. This will allow for people to park in Cheesman and drive through so many of the neighborhood while seeking parking. Neighborhood parking is by permit and there is a \$50 fine for violating. There have been several instances where concert goers have parked on on lawns.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

This year it is on August 8th as part of Denver days. Vicki has been negotiating the ice cream. this year we will use Sweet Coovies on 12th. Usually we invite City Council District 10 and the two at-large Council, we will have the library, green team, and Teller backpack and the Community gardeners.

Maggie will contact Back Pack Team and Vicky will contact the community gardeners. Invitations will be with electronic media including Next Door, small posters, email blast which will ask for volunteers to scoop ice cream for ½ hour shifts

CRIME

Steve Eppler: overall three-quarters of burglaries involve no breaking and entry. people have been leaving garage doors open and there is access to the home, we have mini crimes of opportunity.

INC

Three resolutions have been passed since our last Congress Park meeting.

1. Recommendation of the purchase of Park Hill Golf Course by the city or be retained as a golf course. INC believes this is a chance in a lifetime for the city to purchase open land now.
2. Also recommended the purchase of Loretto Heights which is being sold this year
3. A resolution passed to support the cities marijuana laws in regard to initiative 300. They feel that the regulations can protect the fiber of our neighborhoods while still permitting what the people have voted for with initiative 300 . This initiative provides for notification of neighborhood when application has been made for marijuana to be used in public/private facilities and the activity occurs in a licensed liquor establishment, liquor cannot be sold and the liquor license holder must surrender their license temporarily.

meeting adjourned at 8:30