

## Congress Park Neighbors meeting Aug 20, 2014

Present: Maggie Price, Tom Conis, Victoria Eppler, Karen Miller, Lisa Bingham, Myles Tangalin, Carrie Palmer, Luke Van Deman

Approval of June meeting, motion to approve Myles, second Maggie. Passed and posted on website.

### **Botanic Gardens**

Victoria reported that a Trustee position is open at the Botanic Garden. Victoria is on committee for selection. There are 3 openings and there is larger amount of time and involvement that this position takes rather than a representative. Application can put in email blast. Victoria's committee meeting will be in October but applicants will not be selected until Jan. Final list of applicants goes to the Mayor for his selection.

Parking around Gardens because Chihuly exhibit has been seriously impacted. Parking in neighborhoods from Josephine to 7th ave are usually filled. Those streets with no restrictions have been seriously impacted and some people unable to get to their houses. Lots of damage has been reported to the Police. Sprinkling systems have been damaged by cars driving on lawns. Traffic has been very bad in neighborhoods as a result. Restricted Parking maybe enforced through Dec because the number of visitors to DBG are equivalent attendance at a summer concert every night. Neighborhoods are requesting that existing permitted parking be extended. DBG has been open to ideas and has listened to complaints and is trying to find a solutions such as busing employees from parking at Cherry Creek, providing some parking at recently completed high rise and changing hours for tours from 9:00 PM to 8:00 PM. They have decreased the number of tickets sold for Chihuly nights from 2500 to 1500 in order to help with congestion.

### **Historic Speaker Series**

There has been confusion about Historic Speaker Series. Life on Capital Hill has inquired about it but we are no longer showing the schedule. It was canceled for this year.

### **Newsletter report**

Newsletter will come out in next few weeks. Approximate dates of delivery can be found on website under advertising.

### **9th and Colorado**

Update from Lisa Bingham. There was no meeting during August. Continuum came to July meeting and made a few changes based on feed back from neighborhood. Parking garage at 11th and Colorado and was to be completely wrapped with apartment buildings. It will now be separated with more pedestrian paths.

Ash Street will run completely through and into 9<sup>th</sup> Ave. They will put a pedestrian connection to 11<sup>th</sup> ave and more open space has been created. There will be a park as planned but because of infrastructure there will not be parking underneath. There will be a pedestrian plaza from 8<sup>th</sup> Ave. to 9<sup>th</sup> Ave and parking will be underneath. Continuum is planning on a series of meetings this Fall. Big Box stores will not be on site, but

there will be national anchors. So far none are committed. The Corner of 8<sup>th</sup> ave and Colorado Blvd will remain open space. Closing on the property will be by end of year and Tiff financing still to be approved.

### **Crime**

No longer have a crime report committee. We need to have a chair.

### **Membership**

Dip in membership has occurred. Usually renewal takes place at IC social but this time that did not happen, Tom has sent out renewal cards. Current membership is around 150. Lisa Bingham suggested that email renewal reminders be sent out.

### **Ice Cream Social comments and suggestions.**

Library was at ICS with helium balloons. Kids loved them and we should think about providing. It was also suggested that the Library be invited back to IC Social. The library rep reported that they signed more people up for library cards at IC Social than at Denver County Fair. The food bank outreach did very well also. Gardeners at Botanic Gardens were present also. We received good feedback from several people.

### **Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation**

Maggie reported that there was a by-law change that failed due to lack of info. City Loop project that was to go into City Park has been moved to Paco Sanchez park (off W.Colfax at Julian). Residents seem to be very excited about the proposition. INC will be sponsoring election forums with the League of Women voters. Forums will be taped and viewed on Channel 8.

### **No New business to discuss.**

President Tom Conis adjourned meeting at 8:00