

Congress Park Neighbors MEETING Feb 15 2017

In Attendance: Tom Conis, Maggie Price, Karen Miller, Jessica Murdock, Mary Sullivan, Jeff Feeney, Myles Tangalin, John Van Sciver, Wendy Moraski, Tim O'brien, Kathleen Mc Kinsey

Meeting Location: Reach Charter

Meeting Opens at 7:00 by Tom Conis President

Tom opens meeting with introduction to our Denver Auditor Tim O'Brien

Mr O'Brien explained that auditor office is independent of the mayor and council

We have strong mayor form of government in Denver. Auditor's office was set up as a check and balance. Mayor writes the budget, unlike state government where Senate writes budge

Office unchanged until 10 years ago, when more power was given to the auditor

Mr O'Brien showed a series of displays showing where the auditors office fits in withing City Gov.

His discussed some of his recent audits, disability parking, the zoo, and Parks and Rec

He wants to make use of people in community with specific skills

They use social media and newsletter to get info out.

Questions- How do you decide what entity will be audited?

Answer: Risk assessment process, community feed back, Mayor and Council can ask for audit

Maggie and Myles reported on INC.

Elections coming up. Discussed Overland Golf Course and proposed festival and how it pertains to a park and residents living in ground zero.

Mary Sullivan gave report on Green team and their efforts.

Discussed their Seed Circle lectures and their partnership with Sewell for sensory garden. Earth Day Festival coming up April 22. Their lecture series has become very popular.

John Van Sciver gave update on Upper Montclair Storm drain project.

John is Congress Parks representative to it. He showed a diagram of the basin and how it affects many neighborhoods. Types of building and elevation of them was discussed briefly. "the ditch and its impact were briefly explained as well as the super-fund site in globeville that the water must flow through to get to S. Platte.

Question: Where is the Burlington Ditch as shown in diagram?

Answer: In Globeville, changes were made 10 years ago. It is owned by Denver Water

*NOTE --- It delivers water to both agricultural and municipal shareholders in the South Platte River Basin. The company has share ownership in Barr Lake and Duck Lake in Colorado, making this an important water delivery system in greater Adams and Weld County

From discussion and info it appears that more pipes need to be installed and used to avoid further flooding up stream around Fairmont

Jessica Murdock introduced herself. She is a resident on Jackson and on Denveright team.

Meeting adjourned 8:30