

# Congress Park Neighbors Inc.

Meeting Notes Oct 17 2018

Meeting held at Reach School 901 Fillmore St.

Attendees Present: Maggie Price, Tom Conis, Beth Glandon, Tony Smith, Jonathan Davidson, Eleni Saris, Jeff Harbaugh, Karen Miller, Stephen Eppler, Myles Tangalin, Wendy Moraski, Vicki Eppler, Liz Chester

President Tom Conis started the meeting at 7:02 PM

Speakers spoke on behalf of proposed ballot issues for Nov 2018 and May 2019 elections

## **Dana Miller Let Denver Vote-**

Dana told of exploratory committee formed concerning Denver Olympic bid in 2030. Ballot initiative proposed to change Denver charter to have an election regarding future Olympics in City of Denver if public moneys are used.

It is only for the City of Denver because the exploratory committee has been focused on use of Denver tax base. References were made to the March 2018 INC forum on this matter [https://youtu.be/9O-mx\\_eFnFk?list=UUd9nLOqSyWj3BBun1-kYzBg](https://youtu.be/9O-mx_eFnFk?list=UUd9nLOqSyWj3BBun1-kYzBg)

Questions followed and Let Denver Vote petition passed for viewing and signature if agreeable.

## **Nate Reyher Healthy Food for Denver Kids Amendment 302**

The Healthy Food for Denver's Kids Initiative aims to decrease food insecurity for children in Denver, especially in low income and at-risk populations. One in seven children in Denver is said to go hungry and Colorado has the third fastest growing rate of child hunger.

## **Roz Heiny Initiative 301 - Caring 4 Denver**

The initiative would increase sales taxes by .25 percent (25 cents on a \$100 purchase) to fund programs that work in suicide prevention, substance abuse, affordable housing and more.

**Backed by:** State Representative Leslie Herod, a Democrat whose district includes parts of Denver.

## **Beth Glandon - Denver Survey of Historical Buildings in CPN**

Denver history is trying to document every building throughout city. Can get involved. Project between History Denver and City of Denver. Volunteers are required for documentation, training sessions are in Oct and Nov.

Funded by state historic funds. Discovery Days invite neighbors in to discuss houses in neighborhoods, will be in Congress Park. Goal is to have a map similar to city assessors office.

## **Reports from Committees**

- Green Team not represented.
- INC - Maggie Price. INC working with League of Women Voters to broadcast issues on Channel 8
- Botanic Gardens NAC - Myles Tangalin - An agreement for events has been reached. Denver master plan for DBG is complete.
- Denver Neighborhood initiative is going to be presented in future. Creating focus groups. Colfax to be treated at TOD. Large rezones expected around E. Colfax.

**Motion to approve June 20th and Aug 15 minutes.. Vicki Eppler, seconded Myles Tangalin – passed unanimously**

- Letter from CPN to Denver concerning Denveright Maggie Price. Based on request from INC to allow each neighborhood time to examine and comment on Denveright. Must request before Oct 31 to request additional time for comment. Straw vote was taken majority pass. Wendy made motion to have group formed to explore and create synopsis of Denveright . Maggie told about INC's library of letters and comments. Time is of essence. Suggestion is to write letter, review and form group for second stage of Denveright. Safety needs to be included. Suggestion approved. Final letter based on survey are here <https://www.congressparkneighbors.org/2018/12/01/thanks-for-taking-our-survey/>
- No Crime report
- Newsletter - Wendy Moraski editor, needs articles for upcoming newsletter.
- Historic Congress Park - Eleni Sarris CPN provisionally approved for additional money to investigate history of 12th and Jackson. We should start to look at conservation overlays since zoning could be changed. More of public needs to come to the Historic Denver meetings. Eleni to write blurb for newsletter. Ordinance will be changed by end of month. Push and pull seems to come from CPD and a break from them by Historic Denver might be necessary..
- Safe Streets - Liz Chester . Survey is complete 85% of people surported piolot program . <https://www.congressparkneighbors.org/safe-streets-survey-results/> More surveys in future. Wayne New is funding David Lehey a traffic consultant for neighborhood wide traffic study. Signs warning to slow down are also on the way and the cost will come from CM New . Lowering speeds in not something specific in Blue Print Denver and should be suggested in a letter. Congress Park has very large artierials . Call for traffic calming events should be part of safe streets, 2 ways on 13th and 14th.

Meeting ajourned at 8:38