

Neighborhood Advisory Committee to Denver Botanic Gardens (NAC)

Meeting Minutes

TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
DATE, TIME, LOCATION	November 19, 2008 5:30pm DBG Waring House
FACILITATOR	Timothy Hepp and Roger Armstrong, NAC Co-Chairs
NOTE TAKER	Dean Bartell, NAC Secretary/Treasurer
NAC ATTENDEES	Neighborhood Trustee and Mayoral Trustee: Beth McCann Morgan's: Art Blomberg CHUN: Roger Armstrong, Debra Adams East Cheesman: Steve Lang, Dean Bartell, Timothy Hepp 7 th Ave: Dan Braun Community Gardeners: Bob Schatz Congress Park: Michael Sutherland, Bill DeMaio
DBG ATTENDEES	Brian Vogt, CEO AJ Aljinovich, Operations Director
GUEST ATTENDEES	None

AGENDA

1) Executive Committee and Officers

- Dean Bartell was appointed Secretary/Treasurer
- Each of the six neighborhoods represented on the NAC will identify one lead representative

2) New NAC Representatives

- Congress Park – Introductions of Michael Sutherland and Bill DeMaio

3) Quarterly Meeting Schedule

- Dean Bartell and Brian Vogt will determine a 2009 quarterly meeting schedule

4) Vacant Neighborhood Trustee Seats

- There are two open seats on the DBG Board of Trustees
- Deadline for applications is Dec 5th
- Two applications have been received: Roger Armstrong and Charles Woolley
- Discussion on whether there would be any conflict w/ Roger being the NAC Co-Chair
 - Steve Lang expressed concern that Roger may be in a compromised situation at times to NAC if he is required to sign a non-disclosure to the Board. Brian Vogt will investigate and provide a response whether there is a non-Disclosure requirement to serve on the Board.
 - Upon conclusion of the discussion, there was consensus that Roger should continue to serve as Co-Chair of NAC and apply for the Board position.

5) Report from Mayoral Trustee – Beth McCann

6) Report on Large Events and Concerts

- 2008 Concert Season - Sound
 - Art Blomberg provided a sound study report for the 2008 concert season
 - Every concert exceeded the 55db allowable levels
 - Brian Vogt reported that only 2 neighborhood complaints were made for the entire season.
 - Two of the acts will no longer be invited back to perform.
 - Additional monitoring will be in place throughout the Gardens during the 2009 season
- Parking
 - DBG will provide dates for the 2009 events season as soon as they are set
 - Would like all events to be covered by the parking restrictions, including the CSU Kentucky Derby fundraiser. This would require having the City install the dates on the neighborhood signs earlier than they have done in past years.
 - There were inconsistent dates put on some of the neighborhood signs by the City for the 2008 season

7) Update on Community Gardens – Brian Vogt

- A revised plan was submitted to Denver Water on Oct 6th
- Denver Water responded with conditions at the end of October.
- Verbal Agreement was reached on Nov 18th to construct the Community Gardens at the northeast section of the Denver Water site, which is located immediately east of DBG
- Expecting a formalized agreement by Dec 15th.
- DBG is prepared to move forward with construction and irrigation as soon as an Agreement is formally executed.
- Brian expressed commitment that the Community Gardens will be ready for the 2009 season and that he has asked Jeanne Robb to intervene with Chips Barry, head of Denver Water.
- The DBG has met with four families who were not happy with the plan and is working on resolution of their concerns. Another meeting is planned.
- The size of the new Community Gardens is approximately the same area as the former Gaylord and Morrison Gardens.

8) Update on Construction Projects – Brian Vogt

- 85% of trees from the construction area have been saved. Some of those have been moved along 11th and Gaylord to meet the commitment by DBG to provide screening of the new construction staging and parking area. There will be additional plantings in the spring.
- There has been some questionable activity sighted in the “pines”. DBG will have their security patrol include that area. There was also discussion to add additional lighting to that area.
- Parking Garage
 - Scheduled for completion at the beginning of May
 - All Certificates of Participation units have been purchased
 - Worked closely with the coroner when remains were discovered. Due to the expectation that remains would be discovered, a plan was in place prior to construction and the removal occurred with a high level of professionalism.
- Greenhouses: a new design is being developed, eliminating underground staff parking, resulting in a lower structure
- Mordecai Children’s Garden: all funding has been secured, completion will parallel garage
- Entrance / Visitor’s Center
- York Street Realignment
 - Brian will contact Jeanne Robb to determine if this project has been canceled or postponed