

June 2, 2014 Denver Botanic Gardens NAC Meeting
Waring House, Denver Botanic Gardens

A meeting of the Neighborhood Advisory Committee for the Denver Botanic Gardens was held June 2, 2014 at the Waring House at the Denver Botanic Gardens.

Art Blomberg called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. In attendance were the following individuals Steve Lang, Charlie Woolley, Svein Reichborn-Kjennerud, Dan Brown, Kevin Kelley, Deborah Adams, Miles Yauglin, Brian Vogt, John Augenblick, Art Blomberg, Vicky Eppler.

1 - Minutes. There were no minutes from the last meeting as there was no meeting previously held as scheduled. Steve Lang made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous November 11, 2013 meeting. The minutes were approved with unanimous consent.

2 - Neighborhood trustee update. Mr. Woolley reported that the activities that the neighborhood trustees have been involved with are related to the DDG update that would be reported on by Denver Botanic Gardens CEO Mr. Vogt later in the meeting.

3 - Denver Botanic Gardens Update. Mr. Vogt reported on the activities at Denver Botanic Gardens. As of June 2, 2014, construction had been delayed due to weather. The Elipse garden would be installed next week, the new Hive Restaurant was expected to be ready the following week, and the Science Pyramid was underway with a scheduled opening in late July. If possible the opening of the Science Pyramid will coincide with the Mongolian Steppe exhibit where the DBG horticultural staff have been doing extensive research. Mr. Vogt reported that the Chihuly exhibit had arrived. Tents have been erected to store the huge number of boxes that have also filled Mitchell Hall. Fences and 24 hour security are provided for the many boxes containing over two thousand pieces of glass. The Chihuly exhibit arrived ahead of schedule, the public exhibit will open on time.

Mr. Vogt reported there are 10 concerts booked for the 12 dates published on the restricted parking stickers posted in the neighborhoods. One of the open dates might be an African American gospel concert on August 20 or 27. Mr. Vogt reported all of the concert looked "mellow" with the possible exception of The Gypsy Kings. Included in this year's lineup are Mark Cohen and Jimmy Cliff. David Gray, a hoped for performer, did not book.

For long-term consideration Mr. Vogt reported that two interior Gardens - the existing Rose Garden, and the AAS Garden are under consideration for redesign. Under consideration is a Patagonia Arroyo Garden featuring wildflowers. During the summer there will be activity related to the Science and Education Foundation's funding programs.

Mr. Vogt gave an update on the recruitment of neighborhood trustees. There are three positions. Peter Kirsch who is head of the governance committee has additional years in his appointed term. The nomination process involves submission from the community of up to 10 names per candidate position. The DBG can submit to the Mayor up to 3 candidates per opening position. Denver Botanic Gardens typically submits one candidate per opening. There are four or five candidates currently interested. Steve Lang asked about the financial requirements of Trustee service. Mr. Vogt reported that there is a 'give or get' \$5000 annual requirement for board trustees. There was committee discussion. Mr. Vogt volunteered to send out a message regarding board member criteria and requirements. The NAC representatives will ask their respective organizations for candidates and resumes and forward it to Art Blomberg. Art made a motion to form a subcommittee of those volunteers for the candidate recruitment. The following NAC members volunteered to serve on the Committee: Dan Braun, Debra Adams, Svein Reichborn-Kjennerud, Victoria Eppler, & Art Blomberg.

5 - New Business. A question was asked about a neighborhood night for Chuhuly Exhibit. Mr. Vogt confirmed that there has been scheduled both a neighborhood night as well as a members only night the first two nights of the Chihuly exhibit.

6 - Meeting Schedule. The next NAC meeting is scheduled for October 6. The proposed schedule for meetings in 2015 are every four months - The dates are February 2, June 8 and October 5 .

7 – Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM

Minutes submitted by Charlie Woolley 8 8 2014