

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Washington Street Community Center

Date: July 5, 2006

Call to Order: 6:32 PM

Attendees:

Board:

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Proxy Given To
Jamin Alabiso	Board Member	X		
Dave Burrell	Vice President	X		
Charlie Busch	President	X		
David Callaghan	Board Member	X		
Aleta Cass	Board Member		X	
Terri Ficke	Secretary	X		
Gertie Grant	Board Member	X		
Ryan Guilford	Treasurer	X		
Jim Jones	Board Member	X		
Gloria LeFree	Board Member	X		
Jeff Levanthal	Board Member	X		
Anita Martin	Board Member	X		
Barry Sarver	Board Member	X		

Members & Guests:

For contact information see attached spreadsheet.

Mary Shields
Fred Hammer
Mercede Lea
Julie Connor
Fran Orsi
Erin Manning
April Schmidt
Robert Schmidt
Tony Shafer
Shelly Watters
Sherri Way
Chuck Crowley
James Stratis

Police Report:

The police did not attend this meeting.

Elected Officials:

Julie was present for Kathleen. Look for zoning code update. Meetings will be held in each Council District. Zoning code will not be updated for another three years so now is the time to ask what happens in the meantime with our issues.

Other Guests:

Denver Marathon. There is new management of the race. The race will run through Wash Park and is scheduled for October 15, 2006. The race will start downtown at Civic Center Park, run through LoDo, make it's way to City Park, go back downtown through Civic Center Park, where the half marathon finishes. Full marathon runners will then head down Logan to Kentucky to Wash Park, run two laps around the park (both the inner and outer road) then head

to Santa Fe back to Civic Center Park. There will be restricted parking on Logan that date. Woody expressed concern over the lack of parking on Logan right now. For issues that need to be addressed now before they become a problem contact Mary Shields. Denvermarathon.com. There will be water stations on E Kentucky between Clarkson and Emerson. Two more water stations will be in Washington Park. The organizers need groups to man the water stations. A contest for associations is being created. They are not sure of prizes yet. The race organizers will have clean up right after the race. 180 police officers will be providing support. It is expected that the first runners will enter the park at 9:30 AM and the last person is expected to finish up around 12:30 in our area. The race organizers have a six hour permit for road closures. Some cars will be permitted through closed streets. Again Mary Shields is asking for requirements for how this can be a good experience for our neighborhood.

F.A.I.T. Homes presented their services as being conscious of neighborhood character.

Officer Reports:

President: **Reported By:** Charlie Busch

Report:
Review of format for president's report. Provide feedback to Charlie.

Treasurer: **Reported By:** Ryan Guilford

Report:
The following treasurer's report was given at the meeting.

**WEST WASHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
July 5, 2006**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	May-06	Jun-06
Balance	\$ 634.84	\$ 1,127.34
CREDITS		
Account xfer	\$ -	\$ -
Donations	\$ -	\$ -
Memberships	\$ 337.00	\$ 156.00
Newsletter ads	\$ 225.00	\$ 875.00
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 562.00	\$ 1,031.00
DEBITS		
Account xfer	\$ -	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ 3.50	\$ 3.50
Donations		
Christian Indian Center	\$ -	\$ -
Epihianny	\$ -	\$ -
WSCC	\$ -	\$ -
Total Donations	\$ -	\$ -
July Picnic	\$ -	\$ 1,197.25
Office Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
PO Box Rental Fee	\$ 46.00	\$ -
Secretary of State	\$ -	\$ -
Web Site Expense	\$ 20.00	\$ 486.00
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 69.50	\$ 1,686.75

BALANCE	<u>\$ 1,127.34</u>	<u>\$ 471.59</u>
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		
BALANCE	\$ 17,448.31	\$ 17,450.50
CREDITS	\$ 2.19	\$ 2.15
DEBITS	\$ -	\$ -
BALANCE	<u>\$ 17,450.50</u>	<u>\$ 17,452.65</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 18,577.84</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,924.24</u></u>

Secretary: **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

Report:

Minutes for the June board meeting need to be approved.

Motion: Move that the June board meeting minutes be approved as distributed via email.

Maker: Terri Ficke **Seconded By:** Jim Jones

Discussion: None

Votes For: 11 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 1

Committee Reports:

Committee: Communications **Reported By:** Anita Martin

Report:

Newsletter

The newsletter was delivered on Friday. Next deadline is September 15th for the October issue.

Website

A small committee meeting was held on June 29 to discuss further changes to the website, now that we are becoming more familiar with it. Items discussed were as follows:

1. Change the Environmental Concerns page to Volunteer Opportunities. This page would list non-profits in the area that are in need of volunteers ie: schools, churches, community centers, etc.
 - The organizations would send items to us.
 - Cannot solicit financial donations. If there is a financial component, we would link to their site where people can get donation information.
 - Membership in the organization cannot be a requirement for volunteering.
 - These requirements would be posted at the top of the page.
2. Changes to the existing Community Page.
 - Put the items that are up there now (Cop Shop, Lincoln School, WSCC, etc.) in a sticky box at the top.
 - Below this, list the items and events that we get from the city and others ie: Sobo.
 - Ongoing events would go on the Community page, one-time events would go on the calendar.
 - Listed events would be for groups or districts only, no individual businesses.
 - No political events.
3. Tweak the wording of the membership page to better explain member benefits.

Listserves

We would like to have a consolidated listserv message go out every Friday afternoon. Items should be sent to me by 2 p.m. Thursday. Items should include notices or changes to public meetings, not committee meeting, since chairs have their own email lists. Exceptions to this would be committee meetings that have large items of interest to the general public.

Other

The Communications committee appears to be growing (or re-establishing itself) into a multi-person committee. If anyone else is interested in being on the committee, let me know. Then we will try to pin down a regular meeting schedule.

Committee: Zoning

Reported By: Gertie Grant

Report: Regular zoning meeting will be July 11, 2006. 730 E. Tennessee. Granted variance in part. The BOA (Board of Adjustments) wanted to know if we have taken a position on bringing non-conforming uses into compliance on setbacks (we have not). Partial variance granted. The BOA wants to see offstreet parking.

Committee: Land Use & Transportation **Reported By:** Various

NEPA (Jim Jones). The NEPA process is down to the final three designs. Comments need to be in by the 10th of July. The committee has the next two months to provide feedback. The latest designs compacted the Broadway interchange to fall between Exposition and Kentucky. They took the flyover out. The wedge ramp is the only one left and is in most designs.

Louisiana Station (Charlie Busch). Fifty people showed up to oppose changing zoning of the Louisiana Station to TOD (Transportation Oriented Development). Neighborhoods do not want zoning changes or a business district. In fact residents have requested the term "Kiss & Ride" be put into all materials regarding the station.

Committee: Membership

Reported By:

Report:

Numbers pending. There have been computer issues and a pending birth.

Committee: Cherokee

Reported By: Charlie Busch

Report:

CDRAC 06/28/06 – Report to WWPNA Board

- 1) Update on demolition - Started demo on the building south of Brandon's, have found some things that need remediation. The remediation and additional demolition is proceeding on schedule.
- 2) Santa Fe side Preview - Preview of building envelopes and building forms on the Santa Fe side. Diagrams on internal street grid were displayed. It is important to note that the building envelopes are only conceptual, actual buildings will probably look much different.
NOTE: Did not rule out IKEA or big box stores, "are looking at all options at this point". WWPNA reps made the point that large stores should be "TOD friendly", or that 30% of their patrons would be reasonably expected to take Light Rail to the store. IKEA does not seem to be TOD friendly, no one takes a bookcase on the Light Rail.
- 3) Preview of Initial Schedule – Note that this is an initial schedule, it will probably change. The schedule includes 5 major categories.
 - a) *Vertical development Work* (overall schedule) - want first retail buildings to be open by Christmas of '08.
 - b) *Platt River Bridge* - first completion date in late 08
 - c) *Vanderbilt Park East* - completed in late 08
 - d) *Vanderbilt Park West* - is the Parks schedule but is super imposed on the schedule.
 - e) *North Pedestrian Bridge* – Estimated completion by summer '08.

Committee: Lionstone

Reported By: Charlie Busch

Report:

Lionstone update – 6/19/06 – Report to WWPNA Board

There was a review of the items that have been changed on the Lionstone Design Guidelines. Of special note to WWPNA:

- a) Noise restriction language very similar to the Cherokee verbiage has been added to the Design Guidelines.
- b) Residential sidewalks in the TMU-30 area have been expanded from 5 feet to 6 feet.

The handouts from the meeting are attached were provided with the written report at the board meeting.

Committee: Crime & Safety **Reported By:** Gloria LeFree

Report:

April and May statistics show an upswing in burglaries. Burglars are kicking in doors and pushing in screens. Ground floor windows with screens are most susceptible – Keep ground floor windows closed if at all possible. If you want something done regarding the police, attend the Commanders Meeting. Things will be addressed if you bring them up at those meetings. Let Merce or Anita know. The meetings are held at the District 4 Station (Evans and Clay) at 10:30 am the second and last Wednesday of the month. Call ahead to make sure the meeting is being held; sometimes they are postponed. Are there any statistics on mail or identity theft?

Committee: Cop Shop **Reported By:** Merce Lea

Report: Always need volunteers. Cop Shop hours are 11-3 Monday thru Saturday, 10-6 on Wednesday.

Committee: Byers **Reported By:** Merce Lea

Report: Still meeting to review the proposals. Soon the committee will pick the final four or five. After that, the developers will present a verbal proposal. NPR talk about co-housing; one developer who submitted a proposal was highlighted. Co-housing includes having resources such as kitchens. No zoning change will be entertained. The area is zoned R2 up to Cedar.

Committee: July 4 Picnic **Reported By:** Charlie Busch

The picnic continues to draw larger crowds each year. Ran out of ice cream in the first 45 minutes. Need to be more organized with volunteers. Donations were \$124, to be split with E Wash Park.

Committee: History Committee **Reported By:** Dave Burrell

Report: The History Committee full report can be found on the WWPNA website. The next meeting will be held July 18, 2006 @ 7:00 pm (3rd Tuesday of every month). Location TBD.

Other Business/Open Forum:

Motion: Remove Jim Jones, Merce Lea and Gloria LeFree as signatures on the bank account and add Dave Burrell, Ryan Guilford and Charlie Busch.

Maker: Ryan Guilford **Seconded By:** Anita Martin

Discussion: None

Votes For: 13 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Woody: Single home converted to a three unit rental on Logan. It lacks sufficient parking for this many units (there is only one parking space). The City Inspector told the property owner he couldn't do it. Need to continue monitoring the situation. Woody is referred to INS; they are the most appropriate department to enforce the regulation. Discussion on the fact that residents can get resident-specific parking permits if the properties are surrounded by non-conforming uses. This has been done around Children's Hospital.

Residents on Corona St. will not get restricted parking for Louisiana Station and they are upset about that, Sherri reports on behalf of LUTC. What to do about Lionstone's 55 foot height restrictions? Waiting to hear from Platt Park. They are figuring out next steps. The next meeting for the Land Use & Transportation Committee will be July 17, 6:30 at Epiphany Lutheran (Corona and Ohio).

Motion: Match the \$300 INC Dictionary Drive donation made last year.

Maker: Charlie Busch **Seconded By:** Gertie Grant

Discussion: The cost of the thesaurus is going up significantly. Lincoln School benefits from this donation.

Votes For: 12 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Motion: Donate \$100 to Epiphany Lutheran for support over the past years and for hosting LUTC meetings.

Maker: Sherri Way **Seconded By:** Jim Jones

Discussion: None

Votes For: 12 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0

Historic Committee: Demolition permitting process – do we change our previous position on this issue? Is there a call for public input? Need to understand where this is in committee (it keeps going into and out of committee) and whether comments are being accepted. Dave will hold further discussion at the next meeting. Dave will also reach out to INC.

Jeff made the suggestion that the Board not be involved in neighbor-specific zoning issues. We should provide tools to neighbors to deal with the issue themselves. The board needs to be a repository. Gertie mentioned that City government relies on neighborhood organizations providing input. The regular resident cannot get the face time with the city; requires the board/organization to represent them. Need to decide when an issue requires an overall change in zoning code rather than regulating each individual variance.

Discussion on increasing neighbor involvement. Committee chairs will be responsible for putting postings at Wild Oats and WSCC on committee meetings. Yard signs for meeting notifications is a possibility (used in Platt Park). Suggest inserts in the newsletter if not cost-prohibitive.

Listserv – remove wording asking for items for listserv. The listserv should be only for WWPNA items, not general membership issues.

Special meetings – what is the next topic – downzoning or traffic-calming? Can Shane get the study done in time? Open house format for Oct. meeting, with a breakout session on a topic at a specific time – traffic-calming?

District captain concept – volunteers who want to be captains geographically or topically/SIG (Special Interest Group). What communication expectations, reporting back to the board would we have? Please think about this to discuss at a later date. Self-organizing or not? Charlie envisions self-organizing. Postpone to next meeting.

Future meeting topics – committee vs. board positions. Discrete vs. neighborhood issues. Post non-electronic things. Attract new people.

Gertie has an article www.nationaltrust.org background on tear down issue. Tear down resource guide. Gertie can photocopy.

255 Washington. Developers changed the plans and moved the bulk of the mass to the north and reduced the profile on south side. Most of the people favored proposal. Will be more meetings before the developer goes to the city for a PUD.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:56 PM