

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association
Board of Director Meeting Minutes
Washington Street Community Center
Date: June 6, 2006
Call to Order: 6:34 PM

Attendees:

Board:

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

Members & Guests:

For contact information see attached spreadsheet.

Kelly Goulette
Matt Morava
Ron and Katy Straily
Lisa Leppek
Mark Lucas
Charlotte Winzenburg
Shelly Watters
Corrie Houck
Chuck Crowley
Kathryn Smith
Merce Lea
Ralph & Shannon Larson
Ellen McGrath
Kevin Dickson

Police Report:

Officer Schwint was present and John Dennis. District 3 and 4 police are working together to contact people in alleys and homeless people that are dumpster diving. Keep garages shut or things will be stolen. There is a concern over graffiti. The police have conducted some stings on groups doing tagging. You can obtain a form from the cop shop to remove graffiti. Forms faxed from the Cop Shop get priority for Partners Against Graffiti. Once the form is on file, you can get continual clean up. There are problems with speeding on Washington and Emerson. Nothing significant has resulted from the speed traps set up by police. The police will set the trailer at Virginia. People often run the stop sign at Corona and Ohio.

Elected Officials:

Elected officials were not present.

Other Guests:

Other guests were not present.

Officer Reports:

President: **Reported By:** Jim Jones

Report:

Mr. Jones spoke to Peter Park about down-zoning. Tyler Gibbs and Jim will be meeting with folks on Corona. The City attorney says you can do whatever you want if you can get city council votes. Tyler Gibbs may say something differently.

Treasurer: **Reported By:** Merce Lea

Report:

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

**WEST WASHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
June 6, 2006**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance May 2, 2006		\$ 634.84
CREDITS		
Membership & Donations	337.00	
Newsletter ad	225.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 520.00
DEBITS		
Annual PO Box Rental Fee	46.00	
Web Site Expense	20.00	
Bank Fees	3.50	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 69.50
BALANCE		<u>\$ 1127.34</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance April 4, 2006	\$ 17446.12	
CREDITS		
DEBITS		0
BALANCE		<u>\$ 17446.12</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS - June 6, 2006</u>		<u>\$ 18573.46</u>

Secretary: **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

Report:

Minutes for the May board meeting need to be approved.

Motion: Move that the May board meeting minutes be approved as distributed via email and available at the meeting.

Maker: Terri Ficke **Seconded By:** Charlie Busch

Discussion: None

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

Committee Reports:

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

Report:

Deadline is June 15 for articles for the newsletter. We are going to use the delivery service again and are looking at having them insert a ¼ page flyer for the July 4th picnic. Need public contact info from new board members for newsletter and website. I've received it from everyone except Barry Sarver.

Committee: Zoning **Reported By:** Charlotte Winzenburg

Report: A discussion on down-zoning was held at our meeting. Flower Wraps beer and wine application still pending. Speer and Washington negotiations with the developer is ongoing. The mass of the building is slowly decreasing. The next meeting is scheduled for June 12. The developers are trying to get an agreement on the size of the building. Charlotte wants to spend more money on leaflets developed by Lisa Purdy.

Committee: Membership **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

Report:

As of May 31, 2006:

3 new members

4 expired this month

43 renewals

1 deletion - moved from neighborhood

316 HH

514 Individuals

Committee: Land Use and Transportation **Reported By:** Charlie Busch

See the minutes on the web site. A standing meeting for this committee will be the third Monday at Epiphany Lutheran, 6:30 PM.

Committee: Environmental Concerns **Reported By:** Charlie Busch

CDPHE issue a letter about indoor air testing results for testing that was conducted in January and February.

Committee: Crime & Safety **Reported By:** Merce Lea

Year to date statistics for District 4:

Burglaries down 23%

Auto thefts down 17%

Robberies down 30%

Aggravated assaults down 7%

Drug offenses up

Year to date for West Wash Park Neighborhood:

Burglaries down 28%

(no other stats were given for us specifically)

District 4 and District 3 are working together to patrol along the Downing corridor.

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

The Cop Shop is always looking for volunteers. Some applications are out. Watch Your Car program – you can register car and get a sticker for front and back windows. You also get a steering wheel lock as part of program. Police will pull car over between hours of 1 and 5AM if they see a car with the stickers.

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

Report: Seven different developers submitted proposals. Next week will review of proposals to choose finalists. Finalists will give presentations. The neighborhood group will not have votes, just the ability to provide feedback to the city. The city makes the final decision.

Committee: July 4 Picnic at the Boat House. East Wash Park wants to have something to honor Charlie Brown for his fire truck donation. Is this appropriate for the picnic?

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

Report: Defined voting members for committee. Eight voting members have been designated. More members are welcome. Voted on committee name and will now be called the History Committee. No dissent from the board on the name change. Certified Denver Home project - 25% of applicants are from WWPNA. Twelve homes have been certified so far. The next phase is to target historic districts identified in 2002. This encompasses 1100 homes in 14 districts. Oral History campaign - sponsorship is desired. Seeking funding from CHS, DPL and National Trust. Demolitions - there have been 15 to 20 articles on line on this issue recently. The proposed ordinances are more restrictive – neighborhood notification is going forward. The historic preservation aspect keeps getting stalled. The Color People will be invited to the next meeting. Two events - historic Denver historic window and millwork and a light rail tour by Tom Noel.

Other Business/Open Forum:

Zoning Motions:

Motion: Recommend that the WWPNA Board support this appeal if Appellant can get signatures of 75% of neighbors to west, south and north of property and bring those signatures to the June 6 Board meeting.

Maker: Charlotte Winzenburg **Seconded By:** Terri Ficke

Discussion: Have signatures from all but three neighbors – about 66% of the signatures the property owner was trying to get. Five neighbors attended our board meeting to discuss the issue. The neighbors commend Ralph for his participation. New homeowners across the alley are concerned about the height and windows facing into their back yard. There is difficulty accessing garage from alley. Neighbors questioned the implications of signing the blueprints and wondered what would happen if the design changes. Any drawing amendment will be at the hearing. If plans are amended, will neighbors be notified? Need to attend hearing or write a letter with opinion in order to be notified. Concern from south side neighbors – they have had issues with neighbors (renters) in the past and don't want anything that will make the neighbor situation horrible again. Ralph has improved the situation as the property owner.

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

Motion: That the Board of WWPNA will contact City Council members to request clarification that this ordinance is limited to day shelters.

Discussion: Definition of what is meant by a day shelter required.

Maker: Charlotte Winzenburg **Seconded By:** Anita Martin

Discussion: None.

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

Elections:

Motion: Move that by acclimation, the board elects Terri Ficke for Secretary and Dave Burrell for Vice President.

Maker: Jim Jones **Seconded By:** Dave Callaghan

Discussion: None.

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

Motion: Move that the contested elections are conducted by secret ballot.

Maker: Terri Ficke **Seconded By:** Jeff Levanthal

Discussion: None.

Votes For: 11 **Against:** 2 **Abstain:** 0

Treasurer: David Callaghan – interested in position, could handle the money. David managed a store and did the book keeping. Ryan Guilford – Corporate Banker at Key Bank. Ryan has a Masters degree in Finance. Will there be a conflict of interest since the WWPNA account is with Key Bank? Ryan would not be able to manage the account. He can only view the account and cannot perform transactions on behalf of the bank against the account.

President: Charlie Busch and Jim Jones (maybe). Discussion about whether the board can name Jim Jones as NEPA representative. Traditionally appointments are made by the committee. Jeff says that the bylaws do not give the

board the authority to vote on this request. The rationale behind the bylaw saying past president is automatically part of the board is to provide continuity, which is what Jim is requesting on NEPA. Jim withdraws his name for president.

President – Charlie Busch
Treasurer – Ryan Guilford

Website

Greg has spent some time troubleshooting the site and also has upgraded the site to the latest software version. The update has made some improvements in posting attachments and the Create Content page interface is more intuitive. An invoice for those hours has been submitted to the Treasurer.

Michael Mendelson has agreed to assist Greg and do whatever he feels comfortable doing at no charge to us. He is interested in learning how to use Drupal and maybe will be able to completely take over at some point in the future. Michael is still working on some minor problems with the email notifications.

Our hosting service, PowWeb, is upgrading their servers and so our site will have to be moved to those new servers. They sent out an email offering two options, Automatic migration or Manual migration. It was noted that the Automatic migration may result in some data loss, especially on sites that use frequently updated databases, which ours does. In light of this, I would like to have Greg manually transfer our site. Michael doesn't quite feel comfortable enough yet to do it. Greg estimates it will take about 2 hours.

Our only remaining issue is the lack of use of the site. Many of our board members are not yet registered, and very few of us are actually posting anything. I know we all have real jobs and lots of other things to do, but this really doesn't take much more time than sending an email, especially if you are doing a simple post of an event or meeting, or putting up some background information on one of our projects. I would encourage those of you who haven't yet to please take some time and familiarize yourself with the site. If you have any questions or need a training session, I would be glad to help you. This is a really wonderful tool, especially now that upgrades and fixes have been made, and I would hate for us to have it go unused.

Motion: Move that the \$486 be allocated to pay the outstanding invoice for web site support and two approve another two hours (total cost \$80) to fix email notification problem.

Maker: Anita Martin **Seconded By:** Jim Jones

Discussion: None.

Votes For: 12 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 0

Other Business

The motion for requesting money for leaflets was amended to be under \$100 so a vote is not needed.

Fourth of July Picnic

The budget for the picnic needs to be approved. Last year \$750 was spent for our share of the permit, insurance, flyers, band, parade leader, t-shirts for volunteers, toys/prizes, ice cream, soda water and ice. There is an additional delivery charge for flyers in the newsletter. Merce thinks she will need \$928 total. Merce will go to businesses to get sponsorships; those names can be put on flyer and banners at the boat house. Merce is hoping to get about \$200 in sponsorship to offset costs. EWP has found two sponsors so far.

Motion: Move that we give Merce \$950 to spend on the Fourth of July picnic.

Maker: Gertie Grant **Seconded By:** Ryan Guilford.

Discussion: None.

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

Ryan has agreed to man the membership table and solicit donations at the picnic.

The Charlie Brown Honoring Issue

Most everyone attending the board meeting thinks this is more appropriate for a special event in his own district. Kathryn mentioned that we need Charlie Brown's support for the Park Plan. Discussion on how this is a family event and don't want to politicize it. Merce will try to get a read from EWP and will email us with an update.

INC Liaisons

Charlotte would like a new delegate to be named from the board. Proxies have not been allowed in the past and there is value in consistency for delegates. Gertie is encouraging Dave Burrell to become the delegate. Meetings are held the second weekend on Saturday morning. The meetings are usually done by noon. Dave is trying to create a Denver History forum. He needs to find money to support that so he needs to focus on that. Charlie will put herself down as an alternate but cannot be primary because of her work schedule. Gertie is still a delegate. Barry Sarver may be interested.

Next **Board** meeting is July 5.

Character of the Neighborhood

What elements of housing make up the character of neighborhood? Charlie proposes having a special meeting in September with Jim Lindberg. Charlie will try to get a date and Lincoln school for auditorium or the Indian Christian Center. This will be discussed further at the next board meeting.

Anita says that Daphne Hunter from Lincoln Elementary will bring students to our September meeting. They will give a presentation on a math program that was developed using our donation.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:53 PM