

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Washington Street Community Center

Date: October 3, 2006

Call to Order: 6:33 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	Charlie
Terri Ficke	Secretary	X		
Gertie Grant	Board Member	X		
Ryan Guilford	Treasurer		X	Terri
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:

Tim OByrne
Merce Lea
Stephen Griffen
Charlotte Winzenburg
Alice Druffel
Marty Powers
Anne Davis
Anne McGihon

Police Report:

Officers Bryan Tompkins and Bruce Kay attended in plain clothes. Officer Tim Schwindt is in vice training. The police have been monitoring speeds on Buchtel. Speeds have been clocked as high as 50 mph. This information was sent to Julie Connor to be forwarded to traffic engineering to get something changed. There have been parking issues in alleys, but otherwise things have been quiet.

Elected Officials:

Anne McGihon attended. Her advice on ballot initiatives – vote no on all. Definitely vote no on the judge referendum (40) and vote no on 41 (ethics in government). Referendum 41 is so badly written it would be difficult to prosecute if it became law. The minimum wage referendum is a constitutional amendment and it doesn't belong in the constitution. If you must vote yes on something, vote yes on letters and no on numbers. Vote no if you have any doubt. Yard signs are available at 238 S. Ogden. On Thursday, between 5:30 – 8, Anne will host an event for conservation voters. The Blue Ribbon Health Care commission passed. Anne voted no on 1023 required picture id for voting. This was found to be unconstitutional in Georgia.

Other Guests:

Other guests were not present.

Officer Reports:

President: **Reported By:** Charlie Busch

Report: A spreadsheet of recent communications was available. Terri volunteered to be the liaison to the Wash Park Rec Center.

Treasurer: **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

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

**WEST WASHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
September 30, 2006**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	Sep-06
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2,341.59
CREDITS	
Account xfer	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
Memberships	\$ 76.00
Newsletter ads	\$ 187.50
TOTAL CREDITS	<u>\$ 263.50</u>
DEBITS	
Account xfer	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ -
Donations	
Christian Indian Center	\$ -
Epihiany Luthern Church	\$ -
Other	\$ 100.00
WSCC	\$ -
Total Donations	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Committee Exp	\$ -
July Picnic	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ -
Office Supplies	\$ -
PO Box Rental Fee	\$ -
Secreatary of State	\$ -
Web Site Expense	\$ -
TOTAL DEBITS	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 2,505.09</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 16,452.94
CREDITS	\$ 17.38
DEBITS	\$ -
ENDING BALANCE	<u>\$ 16,470.32</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$ 18,975.41</u></u>

\$310.51 for the picnic needs to be paid. This expense was already approved in June.

Secretary: **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

Report:

Minutes for the September board meeting need to be approved as distributed via email.

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

Maker: Charlie Busch **Seconded By:** Jim Jones

Discussion: None

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

Committee Reports:

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

Report: No report.

Committee: Byers **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

Report: Byers Field: It looks like the City and Neighbors are going with the builder discussed last month. Disappointments are: no pocket park, high density - 19 small 20ft front (house width) houses on the lot, and no clear guidelines for building materials in their RFP. On the positive side, the sidewalks and trees will remain, the height is not maxed out and there is about 10ft of open space in between the houses. The alley will also be continued and each house will have a two-car garage. On the whole, the neighbors think it will work with the neighborhood and the builder is reputable. The city still has to get back to the builder so the name cannot be disclosed yet.

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

Report: Still need volunteers for the Cop Shop. They are trying to get paint for graffiti cover up. Bicycle registrations can now be done at the Cop Shop. **Committee:** History Committee **Reported By:** Dave Burrell

Report: The demolition ordinance process is moving back towards a point of preservation. The current proposal recommends a 21 day holding period if a property passes the first landmark review. The next History Committee meeting will be two weeks from today.

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

The demolition permitting process is still in progress and is moving back towards landmark preservation. A delay in the permitting process will be introduced if the property passes the first landmark review. The proposed process is better but still flawed.

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

Report: Newsletters are out and they should be being delivered this week. The latest issue is posted to the website as well. Someone at the September discussion ask if the NL could be mailed to her. She is a senior living in a small apartment building and doesn't always receive a copy. Charlie suggested adding a line somewhere that says we will mail out copies for \$5 per year, free for seniors.

Discussion on possible costs to mail and how to keep track of who is getting mailing so the newsletters are not left on porches. Suggest just try it or respond one-on-one. Merce volunteers to handle the mailing. This will be discussed further at the November board meeting.

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

Report: Several motions related to zoning can be found in the "New Business" section. Anne Davis has agreed to chair the committee and was voted as chair nominee by the committee members. The first Zoning Code Task Force workshop will be tomorrow.

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

Report:

Households: 416
Individuals: 519
New: 8
Renew: 4
Expired: 22
Deleted: 25

Committee: Home Tour **Reported By:** Anita Martin

Report: The committee held a meeting on September 25. The next meeting is scheduled for October 10. We are working on getting more members on to the committee and discussing ideas for houses and sponsorship. We are making an attempt to have the tour in a more concentrated area of the neighborhood than in previous years. We are also discussing making a big push to attract city dignitaries to take the tour.

Committee: Land Use & Transportation **Reported By:** Sherri Way

The minutes from the September meeting can be found on the website. The Valley Highway Expansion EIS project is on track to be completed by the end of the year. The NEPA study will be delayed until January to allow the EIS to be completed. Jim Jones will meet with Tony Gross, CDOT Project Manager, to discuss the latest position paper from WWPNA. Two traffic study proposals from Foxhill-Higgins were received. The first bid was not to exceed \$6500, and the second would be not to exceed \$10,000. The firm would require an additional \$1000 to do traffic counts to account for development along Speer. Jim will get further information on the work involved in the proposals. After that the committee will vote on recommendation to the board. Valley Highway website design as shown for the Broadway interchange will be the design implemented.

Other Business/Open Forum:

Communications:

Website Folksonomies –

Changes occur only if you post them to the website. Folksonomies are temporary categories. An example would be Country Club Gardens (LUTC, Zoning, also type in Country Club Gardens). These temporary categories are used to aid in searching for content related to that topic. Past content can be edited once functionality is added. Another new feature of the website is the ability to put polls within a page. Both activities will take about an hour of Greg's time to implement. Anita will send out an instruction sheet on how to add a poll to a page.

October General Meeting

Not sure if we have the Lincoln School for the meeting. Charlie will follow up with Daphne. Charlie will also check availability of the WSCC as a backup. A table will be set up for each committee. Another table will be available for general city services. WWPNA has one easel and more can be borrowed from Epiphany. Refreshments will be organized by Anita and Charlotte. Check for donations from Wild oats and Duffy Rolls. Same day graphics service is available from Denver Graphics.

Jamin is organizing the educational breakout session. He is still working on trying to get participants. He will take notes during this breakout session.

Character of the Neighborhood breakout session – Jim will volunteer to help organize this. Jim Lindenberg presentation has ideas on how to rehabilitate home in keeping with the character of the neighborhood. The Historic Chicago Bungalow project might be able to be adapted to our structures.

Do not need to vote on last years meeting minutes if nothing procedural was decided. (Nothing was).

Zoning Motions

Case No 164-06: 383 S Emerson St: Hearing date October 17, 2006, 10:00 a.m., 201 W Colfax Ave, Rm 2.H.14; Applicants: Ryan and Jennifer Martin.

Motion: The Zoning committee recommends that the WWPNA Board supports this variance because the hardship is not of the applicants' making and the immediate neighbor to the north supports the variance.

Case No. 175-06: 168 S. Emerson St: hearing date January 9, 2007, 9:00 a.m., 201 W Colfax Ave, Mr. 2.H.14; Applicants : Istvan (Steve) and Anthony DeNardini.

Motion: The Zoning committee recommends that the WWPNA Board takes no position in this dispute and refers the parties to Denver Mediation.

216-218 S. Broadway, Denver Tiki, DBA The Hut, application for Hotel & Restaurant license, Hearing: October 30, 2006, 1:30 p.m. Applicant Joseph Granda.

Motion: That the zoning committee recommend that the WWPNA Board take no position on this license because there already are many liquor licenses on Broadway but there is no opposition and this could be an asset to this block, albeit possibly temporary.

Motion: Move that the board following the zoning committee recommendations on zoning motions discussed above.

Maker: Charlotte Winzenburg **Seconded By:** Charlie Busch

Discussion: None

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

Advertising Kiosks at bus stops

Motion: Zoning committee recommends that WWPNA send a letter to the mayor, council reps, Mr. Vidal and chair of council public works committee with the INC language substituting WWPNA for INC.

Maker: Gertie Grant **Seconded By:** Anita Martin

Discussion: Oppose kiosks in residential zones but recognize ordinance is in effect. Discussion on how to add more wording to the first point to have more weight around public review. Final decision is to let the letter stand as it is.

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

Free page in the Christmas version of the coupon book. Next topical meeting in January, need to decide place so the information can be provided to Tim. Need to know by Oct. 15. Since a topic will not be chosen by then promote the website, encourage membership.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:08 PM