

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association

Board of Director Meeting Minutes

Washington Street Community Center

Date: October 4, 2005

Call to Order: 6:40 PM

Attendees:

Board:

Name	Position	Present	Absent	Proxy Given To
Jim Jones	President	X		
Gloria LeFree	Vice President	X		
Merce Lea	Treasurer	X		
Terri Ficke	Secretary	X		
Dave Burrell	Board Member	X		
Charlie Busch	Board Member	X		
David Callaghan	Board Member	X		
Diana Dale	Board Member	X		
Jeff Levanthal	Board Member	X		
Anita Martin	Board Member	X		
Pam Schooley	Board Member	X		
Charlotte Winzenburg	Board Member	X		

Members & Guests:

For contact information see attached spreadsheet.

Gertie Grant

Anne McGihon

Mike Cerbo

Tamara Banks

Daniel Chacón – Rocky Mountain News

Bruce Schorr

Fran Orsi

Fred Hammer

Chuck Crowley

Police Report:

Police representation was not present.

Elected Officials:

Tamara Banks – Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison

The mayor values neighborhood and neighbors. Tamara is not a replacement for City Council. Tamara is involved in policy making. Neighborhood outreach programs will include Mile-Hi Chats. Tamara will visit RNOs; an example of city government on the road. Starting in January for 18 month, 6 meetings per quarter, she or a member of her team will meet with RNOs for mini town hall sessions. The focus is to know what’s going on, get input from neighborhoods on issues such as FASTRACKS, 10 year homeless plan, and budgets. Charlies asked what the role of RNOs are to the current administration. Answer: provide finger of the pulse in the neighborhoods. Comment from the board on how downtown Denver plan is being updated yet RNOs cannot get their neighborhood plans updated due to budget cuts in planning department. Tamara said she would look into that.

Mike Cerbo – House District 2, Anne McGihon – House District 3

Mike and Anne are here promoting Referendum C and D. Cut \$1B in programs because tax revenues have dropped off. Referendums C and D allow recovery from previous years cuts by relaxing TABOR restrictions. Items to be restored by Ref. C and D provided on the leaflet. C & D is not a tax increase. There is no blank check – Colorado has a fiscally responsible government. Waste in government cannot be equated with programs that aren’t popular. The blue fact sheet was prepared by the League of Women Voters. Yellow sheet documents items that make up the TABOR surplus, not necessarily an individual’s refund being taken away. Specific dollar allocation, it is not a blank

check for legislature. The allocation to these items cannot be changed. White paper with chart is how TABOR surplus is allocated. Individuals only get the sales tax refund (second line from the bottom). Signs will be left to be placed in the neighborhood. Thebell.org has some good information.

Other Guests:

Guest speakers were not on the agenda.

Officer Reports:

President: **Reported By:** Jim Jones

Report:

Updates sent to NEPA study to correct errors. Proposals included different street and interchange designs and traffic flow as a way to solve upcoming transportation issues. Other suggestions included burying rail lines from Alameda to Iowa, burying through lanes of Broadway traffic to provide a more pedestrian-friendly streetscape. The response also suggested building interchange on a separate grade on Mississippi across Sante Fe. The response asked NEPA to consider building an underground expressway that will allow turning local streets back to local streets instead of directing traffic on local streets from I25 to downtown. Position paper from Valley Highway issued. LUTC is considering asking the city to consider delaying opening of ramps until four lanes are connected to minimize traffic through our neighborhood until the alignment is complete. A statement was made that if you can't build developments and move traffic without ruining character of neighborhood, will you downsize the size of the project. No answer from the developers. Public works can deny building permit if development would overtax the infrastructure.

Treasurer: **Reported By:** Merce Lea

Report:

Submitted at the meeting.

**WEST WASHINGTON PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
Oct. 4, 2005**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

Balance Sept. 6, 2005		\$ 3986.02
CREDITS		
House Tour	4658.00	
Memberships & Donations	571.00	
Newsletter Ads	300.00	
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 5529.00
DEBITS		
Meeting Expenses	52.48	
House Tour Expenses	956.40	
General Copies	43.04	
Newsletter Printing	621.54	
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 1673.46
BALANCE		<u>\$ 7841.56</u>

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

Balance Sept. 6, 2005	\$ 17430.21
CREDITS	
Interest earned	1.48
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 1.48
DEBITS	0
BALANCE	<u>\$ 17431.69</u>

TOTAL ASSETS - Oct. 4, 2005 **\$ 25273.25**

Secretary: **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

Report:
Minutes for the September board meeting need to be approved.

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

Maker: Terri Ficke **Seconded By:** Diana Dale

Discussion: None

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

Committee Reports:

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

Report:
Gloria is preparing a booth for the Open House. A map of the type of crime will be provided. Officers will be on hand. The booth will also have a petition to encourage the hiring of more police officers for Denver. This involves a tax increase.

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

Report:
The Cop Shop is always looking for volunteers. Merce is changing the application process. Two police officers, Brian and Tim, will be at the Oct. 19 meeting. They will provide data for charts for Crime & Safety booth. People also need to use the Cop Shop. Hours are changing so there will be two shifts. The Cop Shop will be open on Saturday.

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

Report:
The city is dragging their feet on the RFP process. A small committee is still working with the city. They met with an architectural firm to get ideas of what to propose to the city. They will talk to people running for the School Board to find out what will happen to the school building. A notice will be sent out on the listserv when something is set up.

Committee: Historic Preservation **Reported By:** Dave Burrell

Report:
Seven of nine home histories delivered for House Tour. Two more left to do. WWPNA newsletter has one of the histories. First regular committee meeting will be held on Oct. 13 7:00 at 242 S. Lincoln (Gertie's house).

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

Report:

Very successful tour this year. The committee is not sure if it will be an annual event or every other year. It's a lot of work to do each year. Thank you to all participants. Over 400 tickets were sold. Net profits are about \$5000. Gertie is gathering feedback from volunteers.

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

Report:

Website is delayed because Key Bank is not being efficient in getting us the debit card. Thanks to those who did newsletter drops.

Committee: Membership **Reported By:** Diana Dale

Report:

Provided via email.

WWPNA Membership Report as of 9/30/05

15 New members
14 Renewed members
1 Member deleted
22 Expired memberships

Totals:

444 Individual members
273 Households

Income of \$2800.75 from memberships to date.

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

Report:

See presidents report.

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

Report:

Meeting tomorrow 6:30 at Epiphany Lutheran to discuss future of committee. VCAB and VCUP process is not working out. CDPHE is not following through on what they said they would do. Information is not being disseminated for VCUP applications. WWPNA is not being notified of VCUP applications. Applications are supposed to be at the Decker library but they are not there. Indoor air testing starting in Nov. but this is too soon – houses need to be closed up for two months to get accurate measurements.

CDRAC is very responsive. Where are the dogs going to poop is becoming an issue. CDRAC is ignoring the noise issue of highway noise being reflected from tall buildings.

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

Report:

See new business.

Other Business/Open Forum:

WWPNA is hosting the INC General Meeting in November.

Motion: Move that a budget be established not to exceed \$250.00 to be used to rent a room at the Community Center and for food for the INC General Meeting on Nov. 12.

Maker: Charlie Busch **Seconded By:** Anita Martin

Discussion: None

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

Donations at the Open House:

Discussion: Discussion of how the proposed recipients would benefit from the donations. Discussion of how money has been used in the past. Discussion on how money can be donated to Lincoln Elementary to avoid losing money from other sources. Library funds would not diminish DPS funds and would benefit as many kids as possible. Discussion on how giving away full proceeds of house tour will affect our ability to hire experts as needed over the next year. David proposes Lincoln School only gets \$500

Motion: Move that the donations be voted on separately.

Maker: David Callaghan **Seconded By:** Dave Burrell

Votes For: 10 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 1

Motion: Move that we donate \$2500 to Washington Street Community Center to be spent at the discretion of the board of the Washington Street Community Center and that we stipulate this is a one-time donation.

Maker: Merce Lea **Seconded By:** Charlotte Winzenburg

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

Motion: Move that we donate \$2500 to Lincoln Elementary, specifying that it is one time donation and contingent upon the donation not negatively impacting their other funding.

Maker: Jeff Leventhal **Seconded By:** Merce Lea

Votes For: 9 **Against:** 2 **Abstain:** 1

Zoning:

Committee report sent to the board. Brew pubs information received today from Kathleen MacKenzie's office. The city has proposed a zoning amendment to allow two uses by right in B4 to be combined into one establishment (Brew pub eating establishment and light manufacturing). Committee to take no position.

Request to Landmark Commission to change boundaries was withdrawn, so sending a letter is moot at this point.

INC-ZAP Subcommittee – discussion of document that was prepared.

Motion: Move that we support the document as written and state our support at the INC General Meeting.

Maker: Charlie Busch **Seconded By:** Gloria LeFree

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

Oct 19th Meeting Logistics:

Need to find out if Lincoln School can provide tables. Each committee that has a booth needs to be responsible for material and staffing. Different areas can be set up with material taped to the walls near the "booth". Food and drink will be taken care of by committee. Are easels required? Each committee chair will take responsibility for their own committee's presence. Are there going to be areas for election issues? Only presentation to the crowd is the presentation of checks. Candidates and referred measure people will have a table, can hand out literature, can interact but cannot present to the crowd, cannot block access by handing out literature. Name tags for board members, printed.

Noise Reflection Issue:

This is a time-sensitive issue and we need to hire a noise expert ASAP. Final comments are due to Cherokee Nov. 19. Need to get this into the Cherokee Design Guidelines so we will force Gates to follow suit.

Motion: Move that we authorize up to \$1000 for a sound expert to be retained to study the effects of the proposed buildings adjoining I25 reflecting noise into WWP.

Maker: Charlotte **Seconded By:** Anita

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

Gertie went to Colorado Tomorrow Conference.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:07PM