

**West Washington Park Neighborhood Association**

**Board of Director Meeting Minutes**

Washington Street Community Center

Date: September 05, 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			Gertie
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.

Shelly Watters
Merce Lea
Jerry Busick
Martee Gruberhoff
Betty Smith
Reed Pritchard
Charlotte Robinson Pritchard
Julie Connor
Marty Powers

**Police Report:**

Officers Bryan Tompkins and Tim Schwint attended. The police will be monitoring the speed on Buchtel and will write tickets. The speed limit is 30 mph after the highway exit. There are many scams from people trying to get money for various causes. Call dispatch if anyone comes to your door. The police are still monitoring alleys and they are finding lots of garage doors open.

**Elected Officials:**

Julie Connor from Kathleen MacKenzie's office attended.

**Other Guests:**

There will be an Emerson St. block party from Ohio to Louisiana. Invitations are available. 1000 S. The block will be closed from 1 – 8 on Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup>. Organizers would like WWPNA representation to encourage membership. Speakers will be presenting from 4 – 5.

**Officer Reports:**

**President:**                      **Reported By:** Charlie Busch

**Report:**

President's report available on the tables. Country Club Gardens issues take the lead.

**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 31, 2006**

CHECKING ACCOUNT

	<b>Aug-06</b>
BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 2,341.59
CREDITS	
Account xfer	\$ -
Donations	\$ -
Memberships	\$ 15.00
Newsletter ads	\$ -
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 15.00
DEBITS	
Account xfer	\$ -
Bank Fees	\$ -
Donations	
Christian Indian Center	\$ -
Epihiany Luthern Church	\$ -
Other	\$ -
WSCC	\$ -
Total Donations	\$ -
Committee Exp	\$ 48.43
July Picnic	\$ -
Newsletter	\$ 619.88
Office Supplies	\$ -
PO Box Rental Fee	\$ -
Secreatary of State	\$ -
Web Site Expense	\$ -
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 668.31
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 1,688.28

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 16,452.94
CREDITS	\$ 15.19
DEBITS	\$ -
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 16,468.13
TOTAL ASSETS	<b>\$ 18,156.41</b>

**Secretary:**                      **Reported By:** Terri Ficke

**Report:**

An email vote was taken in August.

**Motion:** Move that the board approve the purchase of a voice recorder and translation software for the History Committee's Oral History project.

**Maker:** Dave Burrell                      **Seconded By:** Anita Martin

**Discussion:** Several emails questioning exactly what is being requested.

**Votes For:** 8      **Against:** 0      **Abstain:** 1

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

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

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

**Discussion:** None

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

**Committee Reports:**

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

NEPA – Jim Jones: The configuration of Ohio and Exposition interfaces was discussed within the last month. Minutes from the last committee meeting were available after the board meeting. Topics include traffic calming measures, Zoning Code Update Task Force and the Louisiana – Pearl Street Station.

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

**Report:** The July crime statistics can be viewed online at <http://www.wwpna.org/general/crime-statistics>. Propose quarterly trending be put on the web site.

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

**Report:**

City is meeting with one developer whom neighbors have approved. The developer presented a small house plan with 18 – 20 homes. The committee is suggesting slightly bigger homes fewer homes on the property. The developer cannot be mentioned at this time.

**Committee:** Cop Shop                      **Reported By:** Anita Martin

**Report:**

Nothing to report.

**Committee:** History Committee      **Reported By:** Gertie Grant.

**Report:** The minutes from the August meeting can be viewed at <http://www.wwpna.org/minutes/history-committee-meeting-minutes-august-2006#attachments>. An oral history was taken from a long-time West Washington Park resident. The residence at 440 E. Kentucky has been certified as a Historic Denver home. September meeting will be skipped in lieu of the neighborhood meeting being planned for September.

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

**Report:** Articles are due September 15 for the next newsletter. Please let Anita know if you're planning on submitting so she knows what to expect. All committee chairs to post items to the website, even if it's just a meeting notice on the event calendar. Postcards will go out to the membership promoting the September and October meetings following tonight's discussion.

**Committee:** Membership                      **Reported By:** Aleta Cass

**Report:** The following numbers are from June through August.

Households 470

Individuals 523

New 5  
ReNew 14  
Expired 43  
Deleted - 0

**Committee:** Zoning                      **Reported By:** Gertie Grant

**Report:** An August meeting was not held as there were no issues going before the Board of Appeals. The next meeting will be held at the end of September. The contractor has withdrawn plans completely for 255 Washington (Washington and Speer) because the proposed structure, developed after negotiations with nearby residents, would not be financially feasible. 419 S. Corona variance request was denied.

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

**Report:** So far the committee consists of Anita Martin, Merce Lea, Sherri Way and Sarah Murphy. If anyone else would like to be on the committee or knows someone who would, please let Anita know. Anita is going to contact past members and start ramping up recruiting. She would like to have brainstorming session or two before the holidays and then really get going with regular monthly meetings in January. It would be nice to have the core committee set by then.

**Other Business/Open Forum:**

**Zoning Code Update:** Notable statistic from the Zoning Code Update meeting – the underserved market in Denver is lower cost housing and the medium-sized house – 2000 to 3000 square foot house.

**Country Club Gardens:** New proposal keeps the 300 foot tall limit. The number of towers has been reduced from 3 to 2. The towers have been moved to only build on area what is currently garage or asphalt. E/W N/S axis of gardens is being preserved. The south end of the property would have significantly tall buildings. Spoken feedback is that the new proposal is better. Written comments are being reviewed by Kathleen MacKenzie. Julie Connor reports that of the nearby neighbors polled 24 are in support of Plan B (the new proposal), and 3 – 4 are opposed. One individual wanted more information. One of the Norman people supported Plan B, 4 opposed, and 4 wanted more information. The developer was not willing to discuss the number of units that would be in the structures. The units will be high-end apartments. There is a uniform concern about parking. People are not paying the extra fee for parking at The Towers and this is an issue for the neighborhood. Propose making a stipulation that rent must include off-street parking. The owners plan to build close to 700,000 square feet on the property. This is what was negotiated five years ago. The structures will be 40 feet from the lot line away from the Norman. However, they will block the Norman view to the West and Northwest. Anticipate 500 – 700 residents. Plan B has fewer of the existing three story buildings torn out. The owners will be going to the Landmark Commission in October and will go to City Council after that. Board will need to take a position before the measure goes to City Council.

**September 19, 2006:** Character of the neighborhood meeting September 19, 2006. Post cards will be sent to members. Listserv announcements will go out as well. Propose advertising with other RNOs and post on Wild Oats and the Rec Center. Also use Yourhub.com. Lincoln Elementary can distribute to students. Provide 250 flyers to Daphne. Post on Kathleen’s online calendar. Wild Oats event this Saturday; can put a flyer in the Wild Oats grab bags. Give flyers to block party organizers. Suggest donation of \$50.00 to the Grant Street Center, the same that we give for Indian Christian Center. Bottled water is allowed in the sanctuary. Need people to arrive early to greet or stay late to clean up.

**Motion:** Move that we provide a \$100 to the Grant Street Center for use of their facility on September 19, 2006.

**Maker:** Jim Jones                      **Seconded By:** Jamin Alabiso

**Discussion:** The motion was amended from a \$50 to a \$100 donation.

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

**October General Meeting:** Gym and the lunch room at Lincoln Elementary School are being reserved. The break out session will be in the lunch room or the gym. The logistics depends on how many booths. Denver Recycles will have a booth. Traffic study will not be complete. Move character discussion to October? That presentation is too long. Have the “Character of the Neighborhood presentation in September with a follow-up discussion in October. Focus on pilot project for zoning code update. Get opinions on subjects that are of interest. Another topic suggested

is how do we support children in our neighborhood with schools? How do we keep children in neighborhood and in the schools? Education options for WWP children. Breakouts at 7 – 8. 5:30 – 8:00 for booths. Politicians restricted to a booth and cannot wander the booth area.

**Miscellaneous**

Gertie cannot attend INC meeting this weekend or the zoning committee meeting at the end of the month. Read the INC newsletter.

Lincoln appreciates participation at back to school meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:10 PM**