



**West Washington Park Neighborhood Association
Board of Directors Meeting
Draft Minutes**

January 7, 2019

Washington Street Community Center

Call to Order at 6:30 p.m., Sherri Way presiding

Board: 10 board members were present, resulting in a quorum.

Board of Directors

		<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>	<u>Proxy to</u>
Charlie Busch	Board Member	X		
David Callaghan	Board Member	X		
Laura Dean	Secretary	X		
Nancy Deters	Treasurer	X		
Gertie Grant	Board Member	X		
Katherine Jenkins	Board Member	X		
Shawnda Maher	Assistant Treasurer	X		
David Matthews	Board Member	X		
Sarah McCarthy	Board Member	X		
Tim O'Byrne	Board Member		X	Sherri
Jen Thijs	Board Member	X		
Sherri Way	President	X		

Call to Order (President)

Police 10 Minutes

Officer Jim Lopez

How can he help more? Lopez's email: jim.lopez@denvergov.org

Report of shots fired at Bayaud/Corona. Investigated and heard nothing. Without more information nothing they can do.

Shawnda – drug deal gone wrong? Lopez – apartment complex close by – could have contributed.

Katherine – how to distinguish b/w emergency and not? Lopez – emergency is how you feel about it. If in doubt, call 911. Same people are answering both calls and ask the same questions. Please go to Neighborhood Watch meetings and get involved with your neighbors.

Guest asked re porch thefts. Seem to be happening more often. Can anything be done?

Lopez – solvability factors. We can put into it what we get. Helps to provide video and any other details you can offer.

Elected Officials:

Maggie Thompson (in place of Jolon Clark)

Get in touch – Luckydistrict7.org

Feel free to schedule time with councilman Clark. He even makes house calls.

Plastic bag ordinance went through – starts July 1. 10 cents for plastic or paper bag. Free bags starting the month before.

Free compost – hoping to get bill passed this year. Implementation is a slow rollout. We own all trucks and bins so would need to purchase more.

Shawnda – will there be smaller trucks for alleys? Maggie – This would go over to enterprise fund so can bond off of future revenue of that program.

Dave – recycling? Maggie – we have “wishful” recycling in Denver. Biggest problem: putting it into plastic bag then into bin. Don’t do this!!

Gloria – who regulates requirements under short term rental? Maggie - Excise License. Gloria – they need to make sure short-term rentals tell renters the rules.

Gertie – squirrels have gotten into her compost bin. Maggie: City will provide you a new bin – just contact them.

Scott Balderman – new school board member District 1. Wants to come to more of these meetings and relay info back to DPS.

Went to meeting about new things happening in Harvard Gulch and Platt Park re schools.

Sarah – would love to see school board pass policy that they never sell a piece of land again. We are stewards of public property and now owners. If we sell more property will never get it back.

Introduction of Guests

Sherri welcomed guests. Encouraged them to give emails for us to contact them.

Amanda Roberts – got involved with advocacy due to Lincoln Street enhancement project. Wants to get more involved.

Brittany Spire – just moved here a year ago. Interested in Lincoln enhancement and homeless problems.

Amy Easley - librarian

Roger and Maureen Girard – new to neighborhood and want to get involved.

June Craven – wants to learn more and support the neighborhood.

Paulette and Marlan Coors – volunteer at Broadway Cop Shop. Also volunteer with handicap parking enforcement. Happy to sign up others to volunteer. Charlie asked them to send details on how to sign up.

Officer Reports

Secretary (Laura) Approval of Dec mins (11 approved, 1 abstain)

President report:

Retreat for upcoming board meeting

Asked by city to designate rep for task force for south central transportation – kickoff of south central Denver moves plan- last mile plan. On city website – 500 pages. Tim O’Byrne may be interested.

Also Denver Streets – Chris Miller interested in this one.

Treasurer Report (Nancy Deters)

Membership at 437.

Down about \$900. Graph showing ending balance of year. Home tour causes it to go up. Need to do fundraising activities. Dec statement – not much activity but Ireland’s Best and Good Heart have committed. Membership – flat from ’18 to ’19.

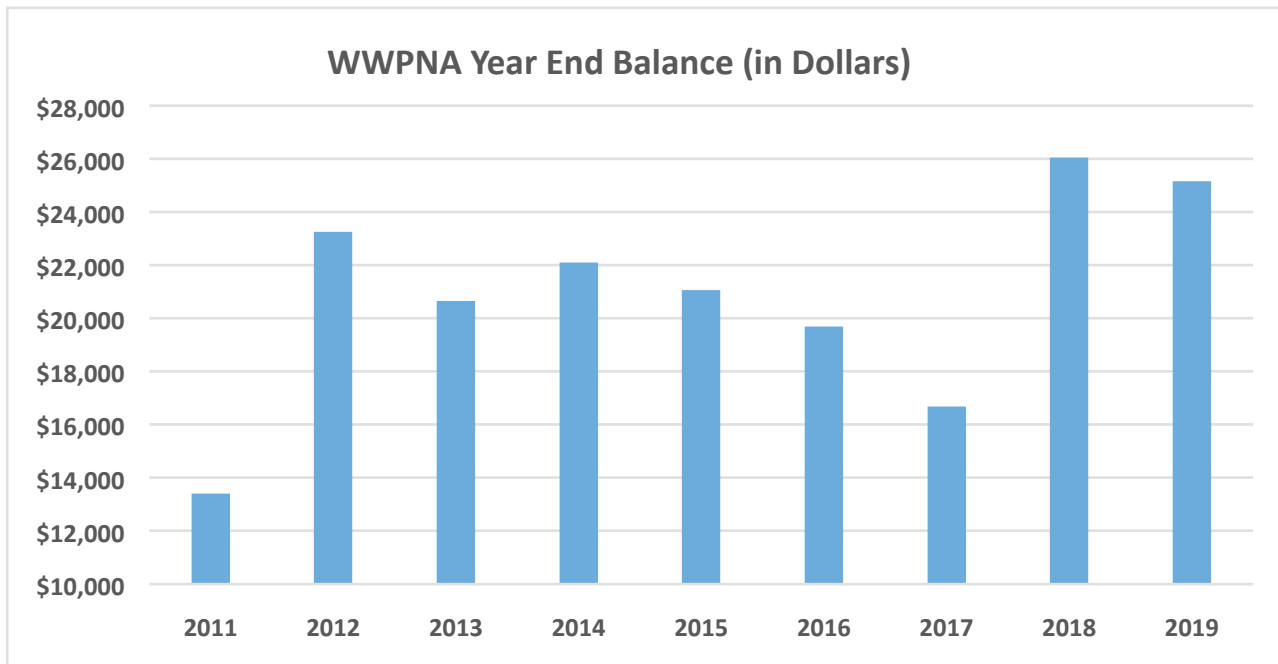
Sherri – you can be member without paying dues. Our big cost is newsletters. Many of our neighbors don’t use internet. She hears from neighbors that they love the newsletter. Money also pays for the room where we hold meetings, and for 4th of July event.

2019 Year End Recap

		A	B	C	D	E	F
	Year	Beg Balance	Income	Expenses	Interest	Service Fee	End Balance
9	2019	\$26,062	\$8,177	\$9,342	\$267	\$0	\$25,165

8	2018	\$16,692	\$19,195	\$9,922	\$97	\$0	\$26,062
7	2017	\$19,688	\$6,923	\$9,921	\$7	\$5	\$16,692
6	2016	\$21,069	\$10,420	\$11,804	\$8	\$5	\$19,688
5	2015	\$22,108	\$7,669	\$8,716	\$9	\$0	\$21,069
4	2014	\$20,651	\$8,772	\$7,323	\$9	\$0	\$22,108
3	2013	\$23,270	\$6,231	\$8,860	\$10	\$0	\$20,651
2	2012	\$13,417	\$25,241	\$15,378	\$8	\$17	\$23,270
1	2011						\$13,417

Cell	Notes
D8	2018 Home Tour \$9,669 in income and \$7,576 in profit
F8	2018 Opened Capital One Account in October for higher interest
D6	2016 Garden Tour
D2	2012 Home Tour



West Washington Park Neighborhood Association Financial Report for December 2019	
Previous Total Balance	\$24,424.16

Income		
Memberships/Donations (Net of Fees)	\$58.24	8%
Newsletter Advertising (Ireland's Finest)	\$675.00	91%
Interest Earned Capital One	\$7.41	1%
Total Income	\$740.65	100%
Expenses		
N/A		
Total Expenses	\$0.00	0%
Current Balance	\$25,164.81	
Key Bank Checking Account	\$3,305.04	
Capital One Business Savings	\$21,859.77	
Current Balance	\$25,164.81	
Note: Key Bank account has a \$1,500 minimum balance requirement to avoid fees		

Committee Reports

- 1. Land Use and Transportation** – Shawnda – 2 months ago had meeting at Country Club Towers – wanted to know about concerns re Alameda and Downing.

PW studied Alameda corridor in 2017 due to serious accidents. PW has new plan to study again to improve safety. Knowing this, we went out to ask neighbors about their concerns.

Wanted to get letter out before analyzing starts (Feb).

Shawnda wants the letter to be approved by the WWPNA board to put leverage behind it. Sherri wants to work with Shawnda on the letter before approving.

Next meeting Saturday, Jan 25, 11-1. Country Club Towers. Anyone is welcome to attend

- 2. Zoning Committee**

Committee hasn't met since Sept due to weather (Oct and Nov) and holiday cancellations.

Old Business:

450 N Broadway Sukiya: Hotel and Restaurant liquor license hearing Nov 17. 9:00 AM

Chris Miller and Gertie Grant attended the hearing. Gertie represented WWPNA AND BHNA (she is a member of BHNA also) and Chris testified in support of the applicant. GNA was admitted into evidence. Excise and License approved the 4 conditions on the license from the GNA but declined to add a term that both parties agreed to have on the license that specifically said the 4 terms were to travel with the license.

Ongoing business:

240 S Pennsylvania case 175-19 hearing moved second time to Feb 25, 2020 11:00 AM: Applicant: Joshua and Katherine Gotter (owners of 254 S Penn). Appeal for Review of an Administrative Decision to suspend rather than revoke a previously issued fence permit in an R-2 zone district. Appellant's amended statement is almost as long as the first (50 pages long including attachments). Dispute is over the southwest corner of 240 S Penn and whether some kind of easement was granted when alley on north side of 254 was vacated in 2008. Mark Harris did an excellent job getting both sides of the conflict before official appeal received. Email discussion among Zoning committee members are that we should not take a position in this case.

MOTION FOR THE WWPNA BOARD:

That WWPNA abstain from taking a position on this matter for the following reasons:

- The property in question borders the alley behind 240 S Pennsylvania, is not visible from the street and does not impact the public realm;
- This is an issue between two neighboring properties on the interior of the block;
- Due to the unique facts of this case, it does not set a precedent for the neighborhood.

12 votes by board to abstain from taking position

864-868 S Pearl: owner of 2 multi-unit buildings would like to replace them but needs to combine the parcels and rezone. Owner Jennifer Miller and her consultant met with 4 near neighbors but had no plans. This was to be the topic of discussion at the Oct 29th and Nov meeting which was cancelled due to snow/cold. Sarah McCarthy and Linda Fabrizio handling.

New business:

Marlan asking re house near him with very large deck – wondering when city allowed this to happen. Gertie said to call 311 inspections to see if in compliance. Things changed in 2010 that have negatively affected the neighborhood.

Shawnda – when call, get reference number and demand to speak with neighborhood inspector.

INC ZAP: No meeting in December.

Next meeting: Jan 28, 2020 at Grant Avenue Community Center, 216 S Grant Street

3. **Parks** – old basketball court gone, they started to move equipment into where old court was. Will store things there temporarily. Sherri – take daily pictures with time stamps.

Shawnda – bothering Parks & Rec on status of playground.

4. Conservation Overlay

- a. Sent out list that nobody reviewed. Will send out once more to review by our retreat. If don't comment by then we need to say it's approved by board.

5. Communication

- a. Newsletter finished and pdf sent. Available on website now. Wwpna.org
- b. Katherine – document sharing. Hard to keep up with. Can we create google drive folder where we can save all of our documents? YES! Trying to gather information – contact lists (got some from Sarah, looking for list from Charlie, others who have received lists and what used for). Trying to create master list so can have standardized template to send monthly to listserv.

New Business

Board retreat

Mission: Protect health safety and welfare of our neighbors. Speer to 1-25. Broadway through Downing. Try to have board rep from all areas.

WWPNA messaging and imaging – RNOs under attack – how to combat. Communications – social media issues – what sites? What rules? Membership events, community service events. Talk about new way of thinking/approaching what we do – Appreciative Inquiry process.

Amy – last meeting – group living code amendment – has friend in San Rafael RNO – is there a group doing more research on this? Will WWPNA have opinion? Timeline – June 1 city council public hearing. San Rafael has already sent their letter. Sherri asked if they could share with us? Amy will forward to Sarah McCarthy and she will share with board. Amy wants to be on Denver Streets committee.

Charlie – please send out current copy of by-laws. Sherri will send it out.

Articles for next newsletter? Will discuss in February.

Charlie wants Marlan (guest) to write a few paragraphs on the volunteer handicap program.

Dave – the newsletter solid waste sent out was really good. We should borrow liberally from it.

Adjourned at 8:12 pm.