



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

May 5, 2020

Zoom

Call to Order at 6:35 p.m., Sherri Way presiding

Board: 11 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	Sarah
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		
Jen Thijs	Board Member	X		
Sherri Way	President	X		

Guests

- Gloria LeFree
- Charlotte Winzenburg
- Lisa Leppek
- Chris Miller
- Sue Shannon
- Maggie Thompson
- Terry Gulliver
- Amanda
- Amy Kenreich
- Brittany Spinner

City Council Rep Report: Councilman Jolon Clark

Council meetings/committees/etc will resume May 11

Mayor called Emergency action, will continue it

\$200M shortfall in our 1.3 billion budget- looking for funds to sequester the shortfall

Question to Maggie – there has been a “Creeper” in the neighborhood and police don’t monitor Nextdoor. Police can have their representative attend next meeting if we want.

Sarah – Carmen Court – consider petition process that includes internet and flyers for those who don’t have internet access. Maggie will work with Landmark and get info to us.

Scott Balderman – DPS FY ends June 30 – need to cut \$60M from budget – have form on web for people to make suggestions on what should be cut.

DPS Accountability system – we continue to use a custom-built program. We are looking at moving to the state system – we are the only district in the state who has our own system.

Rosedale – 2 public comments meetings.

4 options – decided to lease building – creating RFP process for leasing over next 6-8 months

Sherri – input on type of lease?

Scott – we will start looking at this after June 30 and will do a call for committee members

Sherri – thank you for continuing important food program despite budget shortfall

Sarah – TY for Rosedale

Officer Reports

Call for approval of minutes – Jen motioned, Charlie seconded, 11 ayes 1 abstention (Nancy Deters bc she had issues with Zoom and missed most of the meeting).

President Report

Denver Water offered to speak at upcoming meeting about lead pipes – do we want to try to do this by zoom with members?

Terry – Gertie copied everyone with Denver Water link to presentation. Listed number of cities with elevated PH for some time.

Treasurer Report (Nancy Deters)

Motion to change timing of membership renewal notices to before they are due (this was tabled)

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association Income Statement for April 2020		
Previous Total Balance		\$25,613.64
Income		
Memberships/Donations (Net of Fees)	\$125.03	94%
Newsletter (Net of Fees)	\$0.00	0%
Interest Earned Capital One	\$7.33	6%
Total Income	\$132.36	100%
Expenses		
Signature Offset (x2)	\$1,339.72	86%
Washington Street Community Center Quarterly Rent	\$225.00	14%
Total Expenses	\$1,564.72	100%
Current Balance		\$24,181.28
Key Bank Checking Account		\$1,792.31
Capital One Business Savings		\$22,388.97
Current Balance		\$24,181.28
Note: Key Bank account has a \$1,500 minimum balance requirement to avoid fees		

Committee Reports

1. Membership (Gloria LeFree)
 - a. 350 members – only counting households (not individuals which can be more than one per household)
 - b. Gloria thinks asking for billing in advance is inappropriate and aggressive.

- c. Nancy wants motion – board members are up for election so want to be sure all current board members know their renewal date so they are in good standing during election.
 - d. Suggested that we collect votes via google doc or something online, along with space in newsletter for those who don't have internet
 - e. Gloria agreed to mail out membership dues reminders monthly. The month after it is due.
 - f. Website/Communications
 - g. Need to reformat site to fit more on there – cost of \$45
 - i. Jen made a motion asking for approval to pay High Tech Computer Graphics to perform some revisions to our WWPNA website.
 - ii. Laura Dean seconded the motion, all board members voted in favor. Motion passed 11-0 in Favor.
 - iii. Work has been completed, invoice was received by Nancy Deters/Treasurer and job has been paid in full.
2. Newsletter –
- a. Maybe not printing this next issue due to pandemic?
 - b. Shawnda mentioned gloves/mask on those who delivered her newsletter
 - c. Jen – Lisa mentioned a lot of people didn't receive newsletter
 - d. Charlie – we need newsletter to announce cancelation of July 4 for people with no internet
 - e. Sherri – think of other ways to get word out – would people be willing to make calls to elders on our membership list?
 - f. Shawnda – what about loss of ad revenue?
 - g. Should put note in mailer asking about communication preference?
 - h. Katherine – please send suggestions for next e-newsletter
 - i. Katherine: Motion for board to pay \$20 a month for constant contact, Charlie seconded
 - 1. Ayes unanimous
3. Land Use & Transportation Reports
- a. Group Living Update – only given a day's notice – request for more heads up
 - b. Alameda/Downing Report – May 19 at 6 pm
 - i. Marion bike lane, signal at Downing/Marion and Downing/Alameda
 - ii. Sarah: concerned Gaby setting up one path for transport issues that affect same area as south central
 - iii. Sherri – we've mentioned this before about the silos
 - iv. Take issue to Phil Workman (lobbyist who works with city) – agreed to help b/c understands issues – also to figure out strategy re Carmen Court
 - v. Shawnda – Alameda different than Marion Parkway, etc. All will be lumped into the same meeting
 - c. Lincoln Transit Report
 - i. Charlie – request for May 20 meeting with DOTI
 - 1. Amanda – traffic lane/expanding bus hours
 - 2. DOTI missed info on Lincoln safety
 - 3. Want sign-off from WWPNA to look at issues and take action
 - 4. Sarah – have one-page memo drafted that refers to the report & focuses on safety as first issue. Transit means on foot as well as wheeled vehicle
 - 5. Charlie made a motion to write a brief summary to the city that outlines our support of immediate and short-term safety issues on

Lincoln St with regard to pedestrians and other transit options.
Shawnda seconded

a. 11 ayes, 0 nays

d. South Central Community Network Report

i. Charlie to repost info – LD can put on Fbook

ii. Brittany – looking at bike lane on Dakota vs Virginia – due on Tuesday.

Want to get info out to members

1. Sarah - can we send on Fbook and Nextdoor?

2. Katherine – do we want to send additional email to neighbors? We need to determine how often we send these out.

3. Sarah –we need to send it out since city wants it on Tuesday

4. Use Facebook to refer people to the survey on Nextdoor? Charlie said it must be through email b/c not everyone on Facebook and Nextdoor.

5. Sherri – shares concern about amount of emails – unfortunately in situation where have all of these projects going on, we will fail to notify our members – think it's worth the risk to send more emails.

4. Zoning; Motions and Reports

a. Regular Zoning Business

Old Business: Nothing to report

Ongoing business:

732 S Clarkson no report yet from neighbors of results of calls to NIS. (Sarah McCarthy)

753 S Downing: owner informed WWPNA that he intends to request a rezoning to allow an ADU. At April meeting Board voted to oppose any rezoning because a second unit would not have been allowed under the previous R-2 zoning. Sarah McCarthy and Mark Harris working on this.

46 N Broadway The L LLC dba The L; application for a Tavern License with Dance Cabaret; Hearing continued until further notice: Mark Harris and Dorothy Norbie (BHNA) negotiated a GNA with the Applicant which has been signed by the Applicant and WWPNA. Hearing continued indefinitely due to court closure. The following terms are agreed to be on the face of and travel with the license:

1. Cease all activity on the partially enclosed patio as well as close all garage doors or open windows on Broadway by 10:00 PM except Friday and Saturday by 11:00 PM.
2. Not have amplified sound outside the enclosed structure except for two speakers on the patio no larger than 12" in height and width controlled separately from speakers inside the enclosed structure and pointed toward the interior and away from Broadway, and not allow sound leaving the Premises to exceed levels allowed by Denver Code.
3. Limit special event permits or any other permits or licenses for food, liquor service or live entertainment outside the Premises to three per year totaling seven days total, with all live entertainment outside the Premises to cease no later than 10:00 PM except Friday and Saturday by 11:00 PM.
4. Not empty glass or metal from the Premises into an exterior trash or recycle bin between the hours of 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM except on Friday and Saturday nights between 11:00 PM and 8:00 AM.
5. File an application to modify its licensed premises prior to operating any dance floor within the licensed premises and shall notify West Wash Park Neighborhood Association

(“WWPNA”) and Baker Historic Neighborhood Association (“BHNA”) 30 days prior to filing such an application.

1051 S Downing: consider pursuing landmark nomination for “Ship Captain’s house”. A subgroup (Sarah, Mark Harris, Terry Gulliver, & Brittany Spinner) has agreed to look into possibly applying for historic designation

153 S Emerson: After demolishing garage, the new owner of this 1½ story single family house told neighbor (Chris Powell) he might build an ADU. Neighbor wants to know if ADU would be possible and what are allowable setbacks. GG handling. This single city lot parcel zoned G-MU-3 is just north of a 3 story older apartment building.

900 E 1st Av: (at Emerson) Carmen Court Condos possible historic designation: Sarah McCarthy to report.

New business:

985-989 S Logan Case 30-20 Hearing date TBD. Appeal of an order to comply for a utility transformer located forward of the front façade (location 10 feet behind façade required) in a U-MX-3 zone. **Ordinance sections:** 12-4-8; 5.4.4; 12.4.1.2.A.1; 12.4.1.2.B.1; 5.3.4.5.D **possible remedies** : Time – 6 months -2nd request.

Second request for time from hearing BOA case 130-19. Paraphrase of statement of owner/applicant Brandon Burnham (through LLC Sterling Real Estate LLC): At previous hearing primarily focused on issue of plant husbandry at this marijuana grow, dispensary and retail sales location, Burnham was also ordered to relocate a utility transformer to comply with code setback requirements. Applicant says it was installed by Xcel Energy for the next-door apartment building at 999 S Logan. He seeks relief under the zoning code including a variance or other remedy in the discretion of the BOA.

1001 S Pearl: new owner of church wants to meet with WWPNA and neighbors to discuss possible uses of the property.

Other business:

Contact person for zoning@wwpna.org: Gertie is working with Linda Fabrizio about regularly checking the zoning@wwpna.org email page and relaying information onto ZonCom and WWPNA members.

Zoning Code amendments about Group Living: update from virtual meeting of Group Living Advisory committee Tuesday, May 5 at 11:00 AM

Request to support a request to Mayor Hancock to create a new position of a liaison to provide coordinated response to problem properties in neighborhoods. Council Rep Jolon Clark has agreed to carry a letter from residents of Athmar to the mayor when he meets with him this week. Here are excerpts from the draft of the Athmar letter:

For over a year, a problem property in Athmar caused great harm to the quality of life for neighbors of the problem property that impacted safety, health & well-being, as well as our ability to enjoy our own properties. We have dealt with long-term property maintenance neglect, 8 months of occupation by squatters, a chop shop, domestic violence and disturbances, suspected drug sales, trespassing on private and school property to obtain water, a 211 prison gang member, foreclosure, bank ownership, out of state ownership, and an already neglected property turned into an ever-increasingly putrid trash dump and outdoor toilet. And, that’s just what was going on on the outside of the property. Sadly, one young couple directly next door

felt compelled to sell their home due to the unbearably negative impacts on their quality of life and the lack of resolution to the problems next door. emails and calls to NIS, DPD, and our District 7 council office; 311 calls for numerous issues by various inspectors results in a disjointed enforcement effort and much time passes before a cohesive, coordinated response increases the effectiveness of enforcement and resolution of problem properties.

Sarah: Motion that WWPNA sign onto the letter and copy to INC

David seconds –

10 ayes, no opposed, David Matthews abstains – motion passes

Sherry – calling 311 is not getting the job done, which is why she supports

Brittany – at transit – one rep admitted taking a look at last few years of 311 reports and crunching data (never before paid attention to it).

INC ZAP: No March meeting

Next meeting: May 26 if stay-at-home order lifted.

- b. Carmen Courts
 - i. Sarah: 2 mediation meetings – not sure going anywhere. Asked to be confidential - need more time but moving forward with prepping nomination – must be submitted on/before May 26 – preparing that nomination right now. Hampered by libraries being closed. City has 90 days to review. We meet at least three criteria. May come back to WWPNA in mid-May. Reopened GoFundMe – [“Friends of Carmen Court”](#) – there is also a Gmail account for Friends of Carmen Court, and they are possibly putting up a Facebook page (LD could not find it). Raised 1K immediately. Hundreds are in support all around the city
5. Parks
- a. Dave:
 - i. Chlorine content of recycled water – they are trying to show chlorine doesn't bother trees. Tomorrow night at 6, city doing presentation to FANs of WP. Dave will send us email with all the info on it.
 - ii. Summer volleyball postponed to the end of May, but they are still enrolling people and taking money

Annual meeting – just do voting on board members. Do Denver Water meeting separately.

Adjourned at 8:43 pm.