



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

August 4, 2020

Zoom

Call to Order at 6:38 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		
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:

Brittany Spinner
Charlotte Winzenburg
Amy Kenreich
Gloria LeFree
Amanda Roberts

Kevin Monroe
Susan Shannon
Mark Harris
Tenly Williams
Scott Baldermann

**Officer Kate Young, DPD District 3
Neighborhood Resource Officer**

Crime: (July 1 – Aug 4)

Burglary up 53%

Theft: 21%

From motor vehicle: 51%

Auto thefts: 75%

Auto thefts due to summer puffers (AC)

Register your bikes – we find so many of them!!

Scooters stolen a lot – reach out to us because we have ways to keep them safe

Top autos stolen are older Subaru – reach out to us for free club

Lots of license plates stolen – get anti-theft screws from police station at University/I-25

Purses, laptops, etc – some cars locked, some not

Storing guns in cars... don't keep loaded weapon in car!!

Speer

Burglary up 20%

Theft: 23%

Thefts from motor vehicle: 77%

Auto thefts: 14%

Councilman Jolon Clark

10 Minutes

City council completely converted to virtual, anyone can log into Zoom feed and participate in public hearings and provide open public comments.

Covid – it has lulled in Denver for now, but we do need to be prepared for spikes.

- Election season coming – be sure to vote for city ballot issues.
- Sales taxes
 - One to combat climate change
 - One for homelessness – fast tracks people to housing. Have opened the shelter at Western Complex. Normally run by nonprofits/religious systems which is only at night & get kicked out during day with belongings.
 - Pitbull ordinance

Shawnda – how to convince people to vote for homeless tax.

Jolon – not something we have funded as core city service so haven't been able to really help.

Tenly Williams:

My kids need in-person school immediately. Is there anything you can do to either stop community spread or otherwise safely get kids AT school sooner than Oct. 16? Families are desperate for real

education. Online education is little or no value to my family with elementary aged children. Trying to figure out how to cope has been all consuming. Can you please coordinate with the Mayor, RNOs like this, DPS School Board etc to help us?

Jolon: My wife is a teacher in DPS and my kids are in DPS. City council doesn't get to set emergency rules. Talk to me directly offline.

Scott Baldermann

Bond & Mill Levy

More focused on building/assets, etc upgrading technologies – help spread the word

Lost \$65M in budget – 6 ½ %

Reopening schools: extending online learning through Oct 16, earliest opening Oct 19, depends on data.

Made announcements that would be going back in person in June – then cases exploded. Let's stop trying to guess based on stats.

When we do transition back to school we will start with students in most need. ESL, etc

Contact him at scott_baldermann@dpsk12.org

Officer Reports

Call for approval of minutes

Sherri moved, Charlie seconded, 11-0-0

President

Denver Baha'i Community is for sale.

Treasurer Report (Nancy Deters)

Per Gloria LeFree, the membership count is 417.

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association Income Statement for July 2020		
Previous Total Balance		\$25,547.79
Income		
Memberships/Donations (Net of Fees)	\$288.58	46%
Newsletter (Net of Fees) for Soledad/St Francis	\$335.00	53%
Interest Earned Capital One	\$7.58	1%
Total Income	\$631.16	100%
Expenses		
Signature Offset (Newsletter Printing)	\$669.86	100%
Total Expenses	\$669.86	100%
Current Balance		\$25,509.09
Key Bank Checking Account		\$3,097.64
Capital One Business Savings		\$22,411.45
Current Balance		\$25,509.09

Note: Key Bank account has a \$1,500 minimum balance requirement to avoid fees

Committee Reports

1. Parks (Dave Matthews)
 - a. Parks & Recs leaving the lights on until 10:30 at night at basketball and tennis courts.
 - b. Volleyball is back
 - c. Using tennis courts for hockey

2. Zoning; Motions and Reports

No meeting in July: no new issues.

Ongoing business:

1051 S Downing: "Ship Captain's house". Demolition permit application filed.

900 E 1st Av: (at Emerson) Carmen Court Condos" Landmark designation application filed. virtual public hearing date August 4 before the Landmark Preservation Commission. If LPC recommends approval and forwards the application to City Council, it would go before the City Council Land Use, Transportation, and Infrastructure committee on August 18th and the public hearing would be September 21st.

Sarah: Voted unanimously to move forward. Setting meetings with council persons and aides.

Mark: impressed with work Sarah has done as well as Lisa Purdy and Malcolm.

753 S Downing: Application to rezone from U-SU-B to U-SU-B1 to allow an ADU. Owner Steven Tawresey notified WWPNA in Feb that he intended to file for rezoning to convert an existing two story garage/studio on the alley built in the 1980s with a permit under R-2 zoning into an ADU. He has now filed for the rezoning instead of a variance at the request of CPD. In April the WWPNA Board voted to oppose the rezoning because of our policy to oppose ADUs in the area previously zoned R-2 if the zone lot was too small to qualify under R-s for a second unit. 753 S Downing is slightly less than 500 feet short of meeting the R-2 requirement, but we had done no outreach to neighbors to get feedback. 150 fliers were distributed to neighbors on Downing and Corona by Sue Shannon and Hope Anastasakis over the July 25-26 weekend asking for email or phone feedback by July 30. As of Aug 3rd 10 emails and one phone call have been received with 2 supporting the ADU, 8 opposed and 1 (phone) supportive but concerned about it being a short term rental.

1001 S Pearl New owner of church had wanted to meet with neighbors to discuss rezoning the church from U-SU-B to ?. Cori Keeton Pope who lives right across the street from the church has contacted neighbors by email who almost unanimously oppose any rezoning. She has also spoken with the owner's agent. Cori and 2 neighbors spoke by conference call in mid-July with Council Representative Jolon Clark who indicated that the new owner and his agent appear undecided about what to do and are not ready or serious at this time about rezoning. Cori has relayed the neighbor's opposition to rezoning to the Tanner Fanello, the owner's agent who replied that it doesn't seem that a meeting is necessary. Stay tuned...

46 N Broadway The L: Adam Hodak, the applicant, contacted Baker and WWPNA about modifying the terms of the GNA to allow later closing of the (patio? and) windows on Broadway to allow more ventilation into his new establishment which he hoped to open in "late July."

Dorothy Norbie of Baker spoke with DEL and learned that the extended footprint (modified premises) regulations have been extended from Sept 7 to Oct 30th and that the COVID guidelines have not changed hours for general business operations. Temporarily modified patio hours were previously approved until 10 on weeknights and 11 on Fridays, Saturdays, and holidays but the Governor's recent order closed "everything at 10:00".

Is Adam's request to keep the windows (and patio on Broadway?) moot? What does Adam think? When does Adam receive his license: after the certificate of occupancy? Both BHNA and WWPNA representatives agree that Adam should present a written request to modify the GNA to the RNOs. At this time, there is no request for Board action.

New business: none at this time.

Other business:

Zoning Code amendments about Group Living: Under the recommendations made since Feb meeting, the number of unrelated adults allowed to live in a single household was reduced from 8 to 5 and may be adopted. The provisions for the number of guests in "residential care" facilities (which are very inclusive: from seniors to individuals needing supervision in rehab or parolees) is controversial because facilities could be located in all zone districts. Visit the Group Living project page for more information on the group living rules update.

Next meeting: August 28, 2020 if business requires and safer-at-home order lifted, or virtual meeting can be arranged.

3. Land Use & Transportation Reports

- a. Denver Complete Streets: Comments must be in by Aug 10. Katherine will send out an email about this.
- b. Charlie: Project manager and Gaby walked through issues including Pearl Street. Circular things in intersection – can't get around unless being where pedestrians are. Another meeting on the 5th – will send out in Constant Contact.
- c. Group Living Text Amendment overview and Motion re INC-ZAP resolutions
 - i. Need to adopt resolution:
 - ii.

Background: WWPNA has been working on the City's proposed changes to the Zoning Code regarding Group Living arrangements for the past several months. Late on July 17, 2020, Community Planning and Development released the Review Draft of the Text Amendment for Group Living, which reflects changes to 174 pages of the Zoning Code. Due to the volume and complexity of the proposed changes, and the need also to reference back to the existing Code to fully understand the changes, the review process is time-consuming for volunteer organizations.

At the July 25, 2020 meeting of INC's Zoning & Planning Committee (INC-ZAP), after the release of this Text Amendment, attendees discussed the need for involvement of Council members and residents within various Council districts, and approved the following resolutions to allow additional time to Denver City Council members to educate and talk with their constituents about each aspect of the Group Living proposal and then work with their colleagues on Council to develop compromise language.

INC-ZAP has asked participating RNOs to join with them to vote in favor of these resolutions. Accordingly, a **motion** is made that WWPNA votes in favor of the following Resolutions, adopted by the INC-ZAP: 11-0-0. (Guest Tenly would have opposed.)

- Resolved, that additional time should be given (with timing taking into account how the pandemic is affecting residents of Denver) for further consideration of the proposal in order to allow Council members to make sure that their constituents are educated on the proposal and its implementation/effect, including specific outreach to communities of color;
- Further Resolved, that this process should seek to incorporate compromise language offered to address constituent concerns;
- Further Resolved, that provisions of the proposal should be unbundled to allow full consideration of each material aspect of the proposal and, when outreach and compromise is achieved to the satisfaction of council members, such portion should be adopted separately.

d. South Central Community Network update

4. Website/Communications

- a. Jen: doing best to keep website updated.
 - i. Deadline? 2nd week of September?
- b. Katherine: trying to plan out emails a month ahead – 1st and 4th Wednesday of every month? Tomorrow and Aug 26, Sep 2 and 23. Next one includes group living, speed limits, signs for yards for speeding
- c. Brittany – blurb for petition for Carmen Court?
- d. Sherri – did write up about group living amendment so both will go out.
- e. Jen: sending admin file to everyone on committee so everyone has passwords.
Katherine: Mark can use my email for this purpose
- f. Gertie: Maggie has offered to help with Zoom meetings
- g. Sherri re: recording meetings – need to be sure we alert people of this.

5. Newsletter

6. Other

- a. Motion re Board/Officer resignation/replacement
 - i. Discussion: The Board acknowledged that our Treasurer, Nancy Deters has advised us that she is planning to move from the Speer Statistical Neighborhood soon. In view of this she will need to resign as a Board member and our Treasurer asap. Gloria LeFree, whom many of you know as a WWPNA member and a long-standing member of our Zoning Committee, has volunteered to join the Board and to serve as Treasurer.

Additionally, Laura Dean is stepping down from the Board and as Secretary. They will both be missed!

A motion is made to accept the resignations of Nancy and Laura, with our sincere thanks to each of them for their significant contributions to our community.

Further moved, that Gloria LeFree be elected by the Board to fill the vacancy created by Laura Dean's resignation from the Board and to serve the remainder of Laura's term.

Further moved, that Gloria LeFree be appointed to serve as WWPNA's Treasurer, with Shawnda Maher continuing to serve as Assistant Treasurer. Sherri Way will take minutes for now.

Nancy's resignation also creates a vacancy on the Board which the Board may fill pursuant to the Bylaws and Colorado law. The Board also anticipates one or two additional Board seats may open up by the end of 2020 or in the Spring of 2021. The Board has received indications of interest to serve on the Board from several excellent candidates which the Board is presently considering.

Sherri motioned, Gertie seconded – 11-0-0

Gloria to serve as treasurer – Sherri motioned, Gertie seconded. 11-0-0

Several candidates have expressed interest in joining board – will resume elections in September.

- b. Discussion of WWPNA Zoom account
 - i. Mark Harris: need for zoning and for board – need email to associate with account.
 - ii. Charlie – Zoom needs email account

Adjourned at 8:09 pm.