



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

September 1, 2020

Via Zoom

Call to Order at 6:34 p.m., Sarah McCarthy 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		
Gertie Grant	Treasurer	X		
Katherine Jenkins	Board Member	X		
Gloria LeFree	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:

Maggie Thompson
Councilman Jolon Clark
Mark Harris
Sheila Robinson
Brittany Spinner
Charlotte Winzenburg
Amy Kenreich
Kristen Michel

Gail Sykes
Greg Holm
Hope Anastasakis
Amanda Roberts
Kevin Monroe
Susan Shannon
Mark Harris
Kathryn Smith

**Officer A.J. Pacheco, DPD District 3
Neighborhood Resource Officer**

Crime: (August 1 – August 30, 2020)

WWP:

Burglary up 44%
Theft up 41% (largely bikes)
From motor vehicle up 65% (largely due to unlocked vehicles)
Auto thefts up 100% (again, largely due to unlocked vehicles)

Speer:

Burglary up 47%
Theft up 20%
Thefts from motor vehicle up 69%
Auto thefts up 42%

Officer Pacheco indicated that although the above statistics look bad, in absolute numbers there aren't the many instances of thefts. However, DPD believes most of this would be avoidable if people would lock their vehicles and, importantly, stop leaving purses, laptops and other valuables in their vehicles. He also reminded the group that in order for DPD to recover bikes, they need serial numbers. Also, they have special screws for license plates intended to reduce license plate theft. These are available to Denver residents upon request.

Councilman Jolon Clark

Councilman Clark indicated there is a lot going on in the City right now, with the biggest thing in his opinion being the upcoming November election. Councilman Clark indicated that the ballot will be the longest physical ballot in Denver's history, with a lot of local issues that Councilman Clark considers important. The Councilman then reviewed the ballot initiatives with the group. Council aide Maggie Thompson indicated that the District 7 council office would be sending out information about the initiatives to constituents.

Maggie also reported that the next South Central Community Network meeting is scheduled for September 24, 2020. She will provide more information.

Officer Reports

Sherri Way moved that the minutes from the August board meeting be approved, which was seconded by David Callaghan. The motion was unanimously approved by all Board members present, without objections or abstentions.

President

Sherri relayed that two new registered neighborhood organizations (RNOs) with borders that overlap with WWPNA have been formed with the City. The Beautiful Speer Neighborhood Organization was organized by Chris Miller. Its boundaries are Speer on the north, Alameda on the south, Broadway on the west and Downing on the east. The Lincoln/Broadway Corridor Neighborhood Organization was formed by Amanda Roberts. Its boundaries are Speer on the north, I-25 on the south, Acoma on the west and Lincoln on the east. The Board discussed complicating issues that might arise as a result of these overlapping groups, noting that residents within the boundaries of WWPNA and these new RNOs are still free to be members of WWPNA

The Board also discussed whether it should replace the existing vacancy. After discussion, the Board determined to fill this vacancy. Charlie Busch made the following motion:

Moved, that the WWPNA board conduct separate meetings within the next week to interview the three individuals who have expressed interest in joining the WWPNA board and to vote on someone to fill the vacancy. The motion was seconded by David Callaghan and unanimously approved by the Board members present with no abstentions or objections.

Treasurer Report: Gloria LeFree reported that she is in the process of assuming the Treasurer's position from former Treasurer Nancy Deters. Gloria also reported that Nancy had closed the Capital One Bank Account because the interest rate offered by that bank is no longer favorable to WWPNA. Thus, all WWPNA funds are now on deposit with Key Bank on S. Broadway. WWPNA's income statement and bank balance for August, 2020 is attached to these minutes as Exhibit A.

Membership: Additionally, Gloria reported that as of September 1, 2020, membership count was 422. Because this number includes both individuals and households, the actual number could be considerably higher.

Committee Reports

Parks: David Matthews reported that the FANs group has requested a meeting with the City to discuss the use of recycled water at Washington Park and the issues relating to same. This request was made approximately three months ago, and they are still awaiting a response. David also relayed that volleyball is still being played in the Park, though he believes the season will be shorter this year. The traffic problems in our neighborhood associated with volleyball play are increasing.

Zoning; Motions and Reports

New zoning committee business:

60 S. Broadway: Application for Tavern and Dance Cabaret liquor license by HQ. Gertie Grant reported on the cabaret liquor license applied for by HQ at 60 Broadway. This matter is being handled by Chris Miller, working in conjunction with Dorothy Norbie of the Baker Historic Neighborhood Association. Gertie made the following motion:

Moved, that Chris Miller and Gertie Grant be authorized to work with Baker Historic Neighborhood Association to negotiate a Good Neighbor Agreement with HQ regarding a tavern and dance cabaret liquor license applied for at 60 S. Broadway or, if satisfactory terms of a Good Neighbor Agreement cannot be negotiated with HQ, then to object to the issuance of such license. The motion was

seconded by Charlie Busch, and was unanimously approved by all Board members present with no objections or abstentions.

Ongoing zoning committee business:

753 S Downing: Gertie recapped her August report regarding the application filed by owner Steven Tawresey to rezone this property from U-SU-B to U-SU-B1 to allow an ADU (see August minutes).

Carmen Court: Sarah McCarthy reported that a 45-day extension has been approved to allow time to find a new buyer or a compromise with the existing buyer for this property. The existing buyer has stated that the only way they can find to adapt Carmen Court would be to build 16 stories. However, the applicants for landmark designation had a plan that reflects the developer could build 6 to 7 stories. Sarah indicated that she believes the developer may eschew more units so as not to trigger affordable housing requirements. A meeting is scheduled for next week with the facilitator. Historic Denver is trying to locate a new buyer and needs pricing information to do this.

Land Use and Transportation:

South Central Community Network: Charlie Busch reiterated Maggie Thompson's comment that the next South Central Community Network meeting will be held September 24. She encouraged people to attend and weigh in on the proposals coming from this City initiative. Charlie also indicated that accurate traffic numbers are needed in connection with this initiative.

Group Living: Sherri Way provided an update regarding Community Planning and Development's (CPD) group living initiative. CPD recently presented its proposal to the City's Planning Board and then to City Council's Land Use, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee (LUTI). A number of City Council representatives expressed concerns over aspects of CPD's proposal and determined to hold a series of LUTI meetings to explore these concerns. Council's concerns about CPD's proposal include the number of persons who could live in one dwelling unit, types of "residential care" that could be allowed in residential neighborhoods, including household living and residential care provisions in one text amendment, a lack of representation by Denver residents on the group living advisory committee, and insufficient outreach during the COVID pandemic. WWPNA resident Greg Holm shared his views about affordable housing, density and Denver's historical zoning. Sarah McCarthy remarked that sometimes redlining issues are misunderstood.

An article providing the current status of the group living initiative will be included in WWPNA's fall 2020 newsletter.

Website/Communications: Jen Thijs continues to upload information to the WWPNA website. She provided information with passwords and PINs to WWPNA email addresses to each of Sherri, Gloria, Katherine and Charlie to assure continuity. Katherine reported that the next WWPNA e-newsletters are scheduled to go out around September 10 and September 24. Please contact her with any pending matters to be included.

WWPNA is setting up a new Zoom account, the cost of which will be approximately \$120/year (\$16/month). The following motion was made, second and approved by all without abstentions or objections:

Moved, that the Board approves expenditures for yearly Zoom account in the approximate amount of \$120.00.

Newsletter: WWPNA's new newsletter editor, Amy Kenreich, reported that she is working now on content for inclusion in WWPNA's fall newsletter. The deadline for submissions is September 7, 2020.

Next meeting: October 6, 2020 via Zoom.

Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

EXHIBIT A

West Washington Park Neighborhood Association		
Income Statement for August 2020		
Previous Total Balance		\$3,097.64
Income		
Memberships/Donations (Net of Fees)	\$77.06	0%
Capital One Business Savings transfer deposit	\$22,411.45	100%
Total Income	\$22,488.51	100%
Expenses		
	\$0.00	0%
Total Expenses	\$0.00	0%
Current Balance		\$25,586.15
Key Bank Checking Account		
Capital One Business Savings (closed)		
Current Balance		\$0.00
Note: Key Bank account has a \$1,500 minimum balance requirement to avoid fees		