

## January Board Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2016

Location: Fluid Coffee Bar

Present: Chris Chiari, Jessica, Kate, Stephanie, Rachel, Judy, Ryan, Jo, Cate

Absent:

Call to order: 6:34pm

1. Lieutenant Wyatt, District 6. Broadway to York, District 2 to 6th Ave. Crime was up 5.6% year over year (Jan-Nov 15). Will be working on street robberies. A good portion of these incidents are homeless on homeless. Theft from motor vehicles, leaving out items like laptops, etc. Benedict Fountain - city came up with money in fall to patrol the park along with others in the area. Hoping they will have funds for this in the spring as well. Installed a portalet due to complaints of using alleys, etc. There is also a committee working on public restrooms. The pilot will be on Colfax by the police station. Lt. Wyatt will com for the February Assembly, 15 minutes Q&A.

### 2. Review minutes & agenda

- Ryan moves to approve minutes, Kate seconds. Board approves unanimously.

### 3. Committee Reports

- Parks & Beautification: Main goal was the flower garden on Ogden, but the city squashed the idea along with the increase in cost. Most of what the committee accomplished was to send certificates to businesses who had done things to beautify the area. This year we are taking a harder line with the city. Judy has finally gotten a new contact at Parks & Rec, but has not been in touch directly. Main goal is to regenerate committee, had a lot of people sign up with interest, but few showed up. Would also like to get some other ideas together of smaller projects for the year. Chris talked to Councilman New and he loves the idea of the community raising the money and partnering with the city.
- Greater Paths: Green business district has momentum. Some legwork to get mentorship program off the ground, but will be exciting and people will talk about it. Looking for a co-chair. Cate B and Kate M are interested as is Cate's husband. This year will need to collaborate more with other committees, will help all be successful.
- Land Use & Zoning: In the spring were able to get CU Denver to look at our draft of a neighborhood plan. Identified some properties in the area as potential redevelopment sites. Got the ball rolling on the project at Colfax & Washington. Worked with Greater Paths and Walk Denver to do a walkability study along Park Ave. Also represented the neighborhood on the transportation redevelopment. Should see results in the spring. Looking to work on design guidelines for 17th Ave to capitalize on success over the last 20 years. Capitalize on any opportunities as they arise.
- Events: Two big successes were the Sampler and Block Party. Both will likely happen in some form this year, the block party being somewhat different. Established the monthly happy hours, would like to get more consistent and better attendance. Better attendance by the board would help. Sara Randall and Theresa Dolezal will co-chair the committee. They have new ideas around events, working with non profits, etc.

Chris asked committee Chairs to send Rachel any meeting dates to be published in the newsletter/calendar.

### 4. Holiday Party

- Wednesday, January 27th at DBC, 5:30-7:30. Jessica suggests a potluck and that board members bring something - hot food or even cheese & crackers. Jessica will send a reminder to the board. Will extend the happy hour pricing through this event and we will have the West side of the bar.

### 5. February 16 Neighborhood Assembly

- Chris confirmed with Reverend Brooks to use St. Paul's church at 1615 Ogden st.
- Potential date change to February 23rd. Chris will check with Reverend Brooks.
- Goal will be to facilitate relationships between elected officials and neighborhood. FaceTime before the meeting, Q&A during. Intent would be to see what kind of conversation emerges.
- Frank to give some time to the projects he's working on at CBID.
  - Frank is working on an RFP for a master street design plan. As close to construction documents as possible for what is wanted in the district. Grant to Josephine. Want to create an identity or sense of place on Colfax - public art, hedges/planters, etc.
  - Also putting out an RFP for unarmed security.

- Have committee breakout sessions, an opportunity for people to sign up for committees, learn about how they can volunteer, etc.

#### 6. Committee Chair Elections

- Land Use & Zoning: Ryan, Cate B, Kate M
- Parks & Beautification: Judy
- Greater Paths: Jessica, Cate B (will liaise between Land Use & Greater Paths)
- Events: Theresa, Sara
- Frank moves for acclimation, Ryan seconds

#### 7. CHF Grant

- How can community help to active a space? CBID is looking to apply for a grant. Looking at artwork specifically. Want the focus to be on at-risk or low-income youth. Not only do they want people engaged at that place, but they also want the process leading up to engage the community to choose the place and the activity. Could we partner with an organization that already works with youth? If we were granted the minimum of \$15k, could do up to three parks.
- Discussion if we can make the February deadline. Worry that waiting until June is too late, that priorities of the board will change and by the time funding comes, it's too late for the parks.
- Next step should be to have a meeting with Chris Smith, program officer, and interested committee chairs. They can come back to the board at the February board meeting to report back and decide if we are ready.
- Rachel to send an email to the group to collect questions for the program officer on the grant.

#### 8. Announcements

- Chris attended the Inc meeting this month. Kate is not available for February or March, if anyone would want to attend in her place. Ryan is the backup and will attend.
- Do we want to renew our membership? Jessica moves to renew, Frank seconds, board approves unanimously.
- Chris will be running for a board seat and would also like to continue as a delegate.
- Still need to transfer signers on the bank account. Jo will get with Frank to sign a check.
- Next Wednesday is a presentation about Bus Rapid Transit at 1555 Grant. Judy can go and will send a summary to the board.
- Jessica reviewed a summary of the storm water meeting. Flooding does not affect Uptown. Options would include creating a retention pond in Cole (which would involve removing homes) or in City Park within the golf course. The latter seems to have the most momentum.
- Judy would like a mention in the newsletter for the rec center being named after Carla Madison.
- Judy asked if we have a physical address. Currently using Frank's personal address. Chris suggested using Denver Bicycle Cafe - someone doesn't have to go check for it, is always received, no fee.
- Advertising for neighborhood assembly: Ask CHUN to advertise for us, possibly flyer the area, utilize Facebook ads. Discuss and vote on spending during our next board meeting.
- Cate is putting together a "Day at the Capitol" on February 2nd for anyone who is interested in speaking with the representatives.

#### 9. Adjourn: 7:59