

02.09.2016 Minutes  
Uptown on the Hill

The board of directors of Uptown on the Hill RNO met on February 9 at the Denver Bicycle Cafe. Present were Chris Chiari, Jessica Caron Caouette, Ryan Todd, Judy Trompeter, Sara Randall, Jo Barrios, and Frank Locantore.

### **Committee Chair Reports**

Judy (Parks and Beautification) -- She summarized the meeting with Parks and Rec. and City Council member Wayne New's aide. Sara said the Rock Garden Society might be willing to draft a design. Chris said First Bank has committed \$500 and we have \$1000 on hand from Paul Weiss. Judy and Chris will create a fundraising plan for approval at the next board meeting; the goal will be to get \$4500 in pledges from large donors to be followed by \$4500 in other efforts such as launching a Go Fund Me campaign for the rest of the estimated \$9000 cost. Other ideas for committee work and fundraising included adopting the garden at St. Paul's Church and holding a silent auction at Leon Gallery.

Ryan (Zoning)-- He will submit a proposal for a Colorado Health Foundation grant tonight; it isn't for a specific project but instead proposes dates to hold meetings for community input. The committee will focus this year on creating design guidelines for 17th Ave. Frank added that Colfax BID is working on design guidelines for that street, also. He added that CPB has decided to revise Uptown design guidelines in 2017.

Sara Randall (Events) -- She said that several Happy Hours are being scheduled, including one at Brik's in February; all will begin at 6:30 p.m.. The committee is discussing maybe holding a summer soiree instead of a block party; this met with some resistance from the board. Other ideas under consideration: shred-a-thon, Whole Yoga event.

Jessica (Greater Paths) -- She said they had nothing to report.

### **Uptown Tavern**

On Feb. 17 CHUN will hold a community meeting at 6 p.m., at the Denver Community Church (formerly the Temple Events Center) on 16th Ave. and Pearl to discuss a revised proposal concerning the Tavern Uptown property on 17th Ave. and Pearl and a plan that will prevent the building from being demolished.

### **Neighborhood Assembly**

To take place Feb. 23, 6:30 p.m., St. Paul's Church, 16th and Ogden. Chris announced that Council member New, State Rep. Garnett, officers from District 6, and Roger Armstrong from CHUN have agreed to speak. He will also invite Denver's Auditor. The goal of the event is to involve the broader community in UOTH activities. Committee chairs will tell about their work and plans and draw people in. Jessica will organize snacks and drinks.

### **Newsletter and Social Media Content Guidelines**

Rachel Norkin asked that discussion take place concerning what should and should not be included in the organization's various communication pieces. Jessica moved and Ryan seconded that only news items concerning UOTH activities should be included in the newsletter, with all items submitted from partners in the neighborhood -- except for religious and political campaign events or endorsements -- be included on social media. Four voted in favor of this plan, no one opposed it, and one person abstained. These ideas will be presented to Rachel and further discussion will ensue, with final decisions to be made next month and then incorporated into the communication plan Kate Moran had drafted previously. Jo and Chris are concerned that using only electronic media keeps us from reaching everyone in the neighborhood.

### **Annual Calendar**

Frank suggested that we map out the year ahead. Goals, fundraising events, short-term projects, events, and meetings should be included. Dates should be sent to Rachel for inclusion in newsletter and calendar. Chris will connect with the committee chairs to make sure that this is included as part of the committee

### **Taxes**

UOTH has been a non-profit since August 31, 2014, and Chris and Jo will complete the 2015 tax return. In the meantime, tax compliance needs to be brought up to date and clarified; Chris needs information and permission from Frank as to income and expense from 2013-2014, when the organization was an LLC. Jessica and Jo will ask CPAs they know for bids to draft the correct tax filings for the LLC.

### **Future Board Meeting Locations**

Several possible places were mentioned, including Avenue Grill, Vine St. Pub, Red Peak Properties; Chris will check them out. Some board meetings will be held at Chris's house, since the public generally doesn't show up to these meetings.

### **Next Meeting**

March 8, location to be determined.

Notes taken by Judy Trompeter