

2016.03.08 March Board Meeting Minutes

Location: Tavern Uptown

Present: Chris, Cate, Frank, Rachel, Jessica, Stephanie, Ryan, Jo. Committee Chairs: Judy, Sara, Theresa. CHUN delegate: Alison.

Call to order at 6:42

- 1) **Meeting Minutes:** Frank had questions on a few elements of the meeting. Whether to record those absent. Group decided to only record those present. Fix \$4500 in pledges to "\$4500 in large donors to be followed by community fundraising efforts like GoFundMe. Accept Frank's suggested change that UOTH has been a nonprofit since 2014. Change 2012-2014 to 2013-2014. Rachel moves to accept with changes, Stephanie seconds. Board approves Unanimously.
- 2) **Committee Reports:**
 - a) **Events:** Successful happy hour at Brik in February. Next HH is at The District from 5:30-7pm on March 30th. Complimentary beer tasting and free chair massages from Downtown Healthcare. They'll give an explanation of what they do. Sara and Theresa envision the HH's to be informal and social, but also a forum to learn about local businesses, to share information and local resources. Anyone is welcome to submit information they would like shared. April will be at Frozen Matter, sampling of their ice creams, will bring board games. May will be a history walk in Uptown led by Arlin, ending at Bread & Butter. Summer shindig would replace block party. Intent would be to gather people as a community and raise money for UOTH. Theresa would like to make a more formal proposal during the next board meeting, get feedback from the board, move forward with planning. Jessica wants to ensure families and non-drinkers to be encouraged to come. Theresa indicated they are already planning an earlier start and kid-friendly activities. Discussion of helping promote Bank of Denver's shred event rather than trying to host our own. Promotes financial safety for the community. Would we be able to have a table, etc. at their event.
 - b) **Treasurer report:** Jo sent financial reports. Asked board to review. Jo would like to post our financials online, as we grow to keep that practice. There are about three transactions that are unaccounted for, are pretty sure they are from the 2014 block party. Would like to put these under block party. Only the balance sheet should be posted, not general ledger. Jessica moves to post the Statement of Financial position document online, Cate seconds, board approves unanimously. Jo asked for Jessica's help finding the transactions for the website on the bank account. In order to continue paying for the website we would need a debit card or PayPal account. Jessica prefers PayPal. Discussion of how we can accept donations online. That would cost extra. Jo moves to open a free PayPal account. Jessica seconds. Approved unanimously. As a nonprofit under \$50k, we were able to file a 990N for 2015. In regard to 2014, there is no penalty for not filing. We are in good standing with the state. If we wanted to we could file for those few months in 2014, but we are not required to. Would have to be directly through the IRS. Chris would like to see us file the 990N by mail for 2014 just to ensure we cover all our bases.
 - c) **Parks & Beautification:** Fundraising plan, but lacking the details as they'll probably include the board to approach a few people each. We will help Swallow Hill in their neighborhood clean up and partner with Greater Paths for the TBD Earth Day event. Attended the public toilet opening. Suggested everyone tries it as they track number of people. We gave candy and a note to the attendants. Stephanie suggests we ensure we

post on Facebook, etc about these kinds of things to let the community know we are involved. Judy will get the photo that was taken and send it to Rachel to post on Facebook, etc. Judy found a Sustainable Neighborhood matching grant. Can copy the work Ryan did and get it submitted. She will work on this.

- d) **Greater Paths:** Meeting next Tuesday.
 - e) **Land Use & Zoning:** Met last week on some developments. 16th & Humboldt some concern on this project. 17th & Lafayette was discussed. Will ask CHUN to help set up a meeting between all the affected RNOs and Patrick Henry and each developer. 17th issue is streetscape. Will also address building materials. Concern that new developments resemble existing developments. Would like to see brick and stone. Judy asked that the board be informed that these meetings are taking place in case anyone else wants to attend. Should also be posting this information on social media. Last Thursday Ed Nattan contacted Ryan, was contacted by Arlin to find out more information on the history of Uptown. Shared information Ryan had found and will help Arlin with the upcoming tour. Cate met with a non-profit consulting group (Radian) last week on design guidelines. They'll staff projects like what we're talking about. Grant the health foundation has put out might be a good way to fund our portion and work with them.
- 3) **Communications:** Rachel reviewed the decision from last month regarding content. She also asked the group about the current expectations about when content should be submitted for newsletters. The consensus was that plenty of time is given and if she doesn't receive responses to move forward.
 - 4) **CHUN Update:** Tiger habitat (Let's email this to Alison to see if there if building a new tiger section with interactive exhibits and opening in June. Concerns: 1) The habitat is on the north end of the park and the height of the construction is now and no one noticed. 2) Stormwater issues; 3) Impact on 3-5 homes. The flooding area is on 39th between Steele and Franklin.
 - 5) **Community Engagement:** The problem with "trickle down community engagement." How can Uptown be proactive with engaging the community in an authentic and meaningful manner? How can we reach out to the long-term residents, subsidized housing residents, condo associations, etc. Ask ourselves: "Who is it that we don't have around the table?" and figure out how to reach them and the timeline for doing that.
 - a) Process:
 - 1. Determine who we want to engage
 - 2. Create a list of questions that we want to get feedback on

Who are these groups: HOAs, RNOs in our boundaries, Jessica knows the leader of Creek Consulting that has been holding conversations about gentrification that she'll reach out to. Ryan suggests to check the Denver Real Property Map to understand who has been part of the neighborhood for a long time.

 - b) What are the next steps?
 - 1. Cate is drafting an email to the board about who are the stakeholders that we need to connect with and how to frame our questions to them in a logical and sensitive manner about how to engage them in a meaningful manner.
 - 6) **Uptown Sampler:** We will do all that we can to make it a great event.
 - 7) **Uptown Tavern:** There was a community meeting sponsored by CHUN held at the Community Church of Denver. Uptown will provide a letter of support for the PUD zoning. Moved by Jessica, seconded by Ryan. Approved unanimously.
 - 8) **Short term rental (STR):** FYI on the issue that City Council is discussing
 - 9) **INC elections:** Perhaps a proxy vote from Chris. We'll see how Kate may attend.

10) Debrief on the Neighborhood Assembly:

- Good content and info sharing
- Should we survey on what people want come to?
- Was it too political?
- Should we have limited the content of political “speeches?”
- Some neighborhood feedback was that the folks wanted more engagement with the community issues.
- Next Neighborhood Assembly focused on politicians/politics to be after November elections.
- This does not preclude Neighborhood Assemblies on community issues prior to November.

Meeting Adjourned at ???????