

2016.04.12 Uptown on the Hill April Board Meeting

In Attendance: Chris, Frank, Cate, Rachel, Jo, Kate, Sara, Theresa, Judy

Location: Denver Bicycle Cafe

Call to order: 6:34pm

1. Jo moves to approve minutes, Kate seconds, approved unanimously.

2. President's report: Update on Pearl St development. Worries about parking. Have gotten concessions from fire department. 8-10 parking spots could be lost. Request from Beth Mccann, would like to come say hello to the board. Happy to have her come to a board meeting as they are open to the public. If it were more formal, would feel the need to open it up to the other candidates. Frank suggested inviting each board member to a different board meeting. Election is in June. Chris will follow up with her and invite her to the next meeting, no more than 10 minutes on the agenda.

3. Committee Updates:

- Parks: First meeting is on the 19th from 5-6. Anyone who would like to come should contact Judy so that she can find a space to accommodate. Earth Day clean up. Applied for a grant to the city. Didn't get it, but they gave us good pointers and there will be more opportunities in the future. The city now estimates \$12k for the park, increase due to high season, bid only good for 30-days. We'll want to re-bid in March and would likely come in at the \$9k. United Methodist is closing, another congregation will move in. In the meantime, the meeting they have planned with us and Swallow Hill is still on, likely for us to help with clean up but unsure if the closing will impact what they want us to do.
- Greater Paths: Printed posters for Earth Day. Asked us to put up 1-2 each. Jessica will have a station at table at Let Em Have It. Collecting newspaper bags and canvas bags, make pinecone bird feeders for kids, calculate water & carbon footprint. Will work with Ryan on the Walkscope survey. Also with Bonita and the Wartburg College kids. Signage: Hospital district has been working on getting signage replaced. Cate attended a meeting. Wonders if there is a way to tap into what they've learned to help with our project. Locations, design, etc.
- Land Use & Zoning: Ryan is working on design guidelines for the next few weeks. Didn't get the Colorado Health Foundation grant, no feedback on why. We do know we did not include a budget and finances. Ryan called a meeting to discuss preservation of the old nun convent on 19th as well as the gymnasium. Suggested we should get the developer and broker together to explore. Judy suggested contacting Dana Crawford as someone who might have ideas of what to do with the gymnasium.
- Events: March Happy Hour at the District, good turnout despite the weather. Chair massages were a hit. Midtown Dental donated toothbrushes. Next HH is April 27th at Frozen Matter from 5:30-7. Speakeasy isn't open yet. Idea for community board games.

Theresa asked the board members to make an effort to come and each bring a new person. For May, planning a history walking tour with Arlin, will start at Bread & Butter.

4. The Events committee is thinking of rebranding the block party as "Summer Shindig" as a community get together. Dates under consideration: August 20 or 27. Board decided on August 20th. Planning to hold the event at DBC/District, closing the alley. Permitting will be significantly easier. Similar to last year, will get alcohol donated. Try to get liquor vendors to do tastings. The first part of the event will be family focused. Music from 6-10pm. Silent auction throughout the event with proceeds going to UOTH. Asking each board member to solicit 2 silent auction items. Theresa will send a sponsor letter to the board members for soliciting. Judy will send Theresa a grant application as it might have good language for the letter. Maybe look for organizations to sponsor specific aspects of the event. Found out Vine St isn't holding their block party this year. We may want to think about approaching them in the future.

5. Walkscope Survey: Web based form where individuals can provide feedback on sidewalks. (walkscope.org). Contest is April 22-May 8. Jessica suggested reaching out to people who participated in last year's survey, ask them to participate, recruit friends. As one of the first 10 to sign up, we get \$200 for a launch party (they'll pay the venue). Frank will check on what we can spend the money on. Possibly do a contest at the happy hour, whoever has the most data gets a prize. Jessica will look into her language from the last survey.

6. Budget for 2016: Discussion on top down vs bottom up approach to creating a budget for this year. Issue with bottom up is committees requesting amounts we do not have. Rachel to email events chairs to request creation of a budget for the 2016 email with info from past years. Jo would like us to vote on the budget June meeting (before the grant application is due).

7. Announcements:

- Volunteer opportunities with Judi's House and Metro Caring. Will include information for the community in the next newsletter. Frank is looking for a group activity. Giving back to non profits within our boundaries. Frank also talked to Jeff @ Fluid to do a Meetup - grab coffee, walk to work downtown together.
- Stormwater: Final decision has been made to move of 19th hold building on the golf course, close driving range temporarily, etc. for the water retention zone.
- DBC will be moving the majority of their taps to the new corner space/beer hall. Trying to create a space for community meetings. The original area will have six taps and serve coffee until 8pm.

Adjourned: 7:50

Contact List:

Judy:

- Maston's Framing
- Marczyk's
- Dazbog

Jessica:

- Beast + Bottle
- DBC

Cate:

- Starbucks
- Einsteinium
- Thai Basil
- One Fold
- Hot Cakes

Chris:

- Bank of Denver
- Watercourse