

Uptown on the Hill Board Meeting  
October 11, 2016  
Location: Denver Bicycle Cafe

Attendees: Kate, Stephanie, Frank, Rachel, Jessica, Jo, Sara

Call to order at 6:33

1. Request to edit resignation information. Events section, last sentence doesn't have a period. Frank moves to approve, Rachel seconds. Approved unanimously.

2. Committee Reports:

- Events:
  - Shindig was successful. Theresa and Sara had a debrief after. Liked the space, thought there were likely the same amount of people but looked busier. Vendors were great, would like more next year. Consider lighting. Lots of kids at the beginning, maybe more of a family focus. Discussion about how to possibly redesign the layout, but overall everything went well. Sara suggests that we start earlier next year, assign specific tasks to specific people. Having a list of the businesses and sending something out ahead of time to get involved. Review of the email Theresa sent breaking down the costs The District incurred. The District paid for the barricades and beer. Theresa suggested we split the cost of the barricades with The District. Jo reviewed the numbers and we have more than enough money from sponsorships and silent auctions to share this cost. Agreed that in the future we should create a contract or MOU with any partners. Stephanie moves that we split the cost of the barricade. Frank seconds. Board approves unanimously. Jo asks the board if there would be interest in donating a portion of the proceeds to a non-profit. The board will come up with some ideas of non-profits via email then vote in the future. Frank asked Jessica how business was the night of the event. She was surprised how well they did. People came in after the event and had a beer, etc. Jessica will ask Kerry for his feedback.
    1. Happy Hours: October's event is on the 26th from 5:30-7:00 at One City Block. Sara requested that board members try to attend.
    2. Walking Tours: The first in the new series had great attendance - 20 people. Lots new who couldn't attend during the week or just found out about us on Facebook. Rachel will post an ad on Facebook for the next event
- Treasurer:
  - Design Forum meeting: Voted to support today's appeal hearing for the Humboldt St permit. Did not vote on the tiny homes issue, no one from the church showed up. Long process ahead. Design forum does not think they will make it past the permitting office. Micro units with parking on 18th.
  - INC is having a big dinner in January. Black tie at the Double Tree.
- Green Business District: Jessica met with the Green Biz District and Stephanie Sheerer. Have created a checklist of how we would be a Green Neighborhood. We're most of the way there. Narrowed district to the 17th Ave corridor to start. By end of October will be applying for a grant. City of Denver will pay for signage. Stephanie and Jessica will be signing up businesses on the weekends.

3. Frank Update: Pilot program of security patrol with Colfax BID. The police department has now stepped up and starting last week they have 130 dedicated police hours per week on Colfax, bike and foot patrol. What that means is there will be disruption or disturbance - police show up and people scatter. If things are happening in someone's neighborhood they had not noticed before, let the police know. Also hosting a DA forum - Helen Morgan and Beth McCann - from 7-9 tomorrow night. There is a meeting tomorrow from 4-5 asking the question of whether we want to be part of the neighborhood planning redesign.

4. Guest Speaker: Emmet Reistroffer from Yes on 300

Has been working on this for a couple of years. Had a similar initiative last year, but pulled back trying to work with city council. Now back on the push with voters. Want to get control of public consumption by providing options of places for people to go to consume. These places would be approved by the neighborhood, community organizations, RNOs. Businesses would have to approach the organization like UOTH before they can get a permit. Provisions are so limited he doesn't see it being widespread, probably mostly in art districts. Hoping for a slow roll out, baby steps, learning as they go.

Dispensaries struggle with what to tell tourists who want to know where they can go. Does comply with smoking ban, no smoking indoors, vaporization would be allowed indoors, would likely be most common form of consumption.

Frank asked Emmet to speak to some of the opposition's claims. He recognizes this is already happening, has the feeling some of the opposition wants to go back to prohibition. Denver Normal, a marijuana advocacy group, has opposed them because they feel it's too restrictive. This isn't flipping a switch to allowing consumption in all of the same places you can currently smoke cigarettes. The goal is that if a person does not want to be around marijuana, they would not be impacted. Currently liquor licenses do not allow for any other intoxicating substances, however this group is meeting with liquor licensing.

Frank asked about air quality concerns. Emmet agreed that there certainly are risks, advocating for safety and quality. Much still needs to be studied.

Jo recapped the INC discussion. INC voted to not support as it could either be the RNO or BID. The "or BID" was the deal breaker for them. Jo felt like our relationship with BIDs in our boundaries is different than those who had concerns. Emmet shared that they added BIDs as they thought it would strengthen the outcome. The example he shared of why they included BIDs is Santa Fe Arts District.

Jo moves support ordinance 300. Frank seconds - asks that we be ready to articulate why we support the ordinance, do we feel comfortable reaching out to the community with our position. 5 - 0 - 2. Kate will take first pass at a newsletter article and asks the board to review and input.

#### 5. Bylaws Change Vote:

Discussion on the suggested changes sent in on Jo's draft. Agreed on final edits. Will come back to the vision statement at a later point in time. Jo moves to approve bylaws and posting of the application for those who are interested in running for the board. Rachel seconds. Approved unanimously. Applications must be in by the 28th. Will print ahead of the elections and post on the website.

#### 6. Next Board Meeting:

M Uptown is donating the space, not food. Jo suggested we have money in the budget to pay for food. Cash bar. CHUN will have delegates in attendance. Five seats will be up for elections in November (Rachel, Stephanie, Jessica, Jo, Judy). Ensure someone from P100 gets this posted there. Will post in the newsletter as well.

#### 7. Committee Discussion:

Current committees: Greater Paths, Events, Land Use & Zoning, Parks & Recreation

Potential committees: Communications, Fundraising

- Communications could be bigger than what we tackle today, outreach, etc. More focus on promoting local businesses. Consolidating our message, those incurring expenses.
- Fundraising: What would they fundraiser if we don't have a vision on larger events and expenditures? Another idea is finding someone who can apply for grants. Is it a full committee or one person who works with all of the committees? Might want to postpone discussion until next year when priorities are clearer. Could just be a chair position.
- Parks & Beautification: Judy happy to keep going. What is their focus now? Started with Arlin working on Park Ave parks. Need attainable goals.
- Greater Paths: Have a great start on the Green Business District.
- Land Use & Zoning: Neighborhood plan. Can make a recommendation for a BID for 2018/19. Ryan attended some other RNO meetings and felt like having open forum meetings on zoning issues helped make the RNO and board members more relevant.
- Events: Sampler is definitely on for next year. Unsure about the Shindig, need a champion who would lead the planning and execution with the board's support. Also dependent on taking on the Sampler.

Adjourn: 8:21