

Uptown on the Hill Board Meeting

Date: December 7, 2015

Location: Hamburger Mary's

Present: Stephanie, Frank, Chris, Jessica, Kate, Cate, Ryan, Jo, Rachel

Absent: None

Call to order at 6:47pm

1. Minutes

-Elaine issue was that she wanted us to support a project that is outside our boundaries. Was not a topic for discussion in October

Chris moves to approve. Ryan seconds. Approved unanimously

2. Treasurer's Report

- Block party income \$4,267
- Expenses were \$3,043
- Profit \$1,223.48, will be split 50/50 with Imagination Library

3. President's Report

- Frank has met several time with Pastor of Unity Church. Interested more in providing services to the community. Spoke last week to discuss ideas. Aligned in wanting to engage community. Could likely work on community assemblies to work on jointly. Their space would be available. He talked about tension with the senior pastors about being relevant.
- Pernod condos: Frank reached out to hold meetings there, didn't work out for this month but the board will discuss

4. Committee Reports

- Greater Paths: Working with Wartburg for the second year to get the green district going. The school sends a small group to Denver each semester for a leadership program. This year they passed out Uptown Sampler packets as an intro to businesses and restaurants, then came back to talk about going green. They got 2-3 new businesses signed up. Goal is to create a green business district. Would be the first in Denver. Good for marketing purposes, but also better stewards for the environment. Draw patrons to the area as well as new businesses who want to be in the area. Certifiably Green is a city program, so we are helping businesses get linked up. We've also identified issues to provide feedback to the city on their program. Lack of communication/follow up with city. Jess is talking to them about creating a mentorship program so that businesses who are already green can help other businesses. Goal would be to get the program going so that it's on line when the next round of students come in September.
- Land Use & Zoning: Ryan and Frank met Patrick Henry, owner of land at 17th & Park. Market rate for sale, retail wrap along 17th. Vacate block. Services access off of 17th and mid block entry to the building. (Would be like One City Block - build over alley.) He is looking to us for ideas on how the parks can be activated. Discrepancy with city on

boundaries of historic district. The city is telling him he can't do anything with the park. Patrick would like to install features in the park and would maintain it, private/public joint ownership. Gym will face park, so he wants it to be appealing. Ryan likes his proposal; what he'll do with the parks, developing 17th, for sale aspect. Patrick isn't asking for our support yet, but likely will when he is fully engaged with the parks department. Cate asked about affordable housing. Won't be part of this project. Workforce housing is a challenge we're trying to address in this area. Working with a developer out of Texas to identify opportunities along Colfax.

- Events: No updates
- Parks & Beautification: No updates

5. Officer Elections

- President: Run meetings, overall health of the organization, on top of things working with chairs.
- VP: Currently undefined but should be more clear other than taking over if President is not present.
- Treasurer: Manage finances.
- Secretary: Keeping minutes and communications (nothing specific about website or newsletter)
- Election between Chris and Ryan, both stated their priorities, answered questions. Chris wins the election 5-4.
- Jessica for VP, Rachel for Secretary, Jo as Treasurer. Stephanie moves to vote for all three as they run uncontested. Cate seconds. Board approves unanimously.

6. Board Term

- Chris suggested we consider letting everyone serve two year terms. This means those elected in 2014 would serve one more year (4 board members) and those elected in 2015 would serve two years (5 board members). Stephanie motions to go forward with Chris's suggestion. Jess seconds. Board approves unanimously.

7. Committee Chairs

- There will be turnover in the chairs for at least the Events committee. Discussion of moving committee election to January and combining with a meeting like we had early this year with the community. Rachel moves to change election to January. Jess seconds. Board approves unanimously.

8. City Park Neighborhood Advisory Committee

- Central Recreation Center broke ground. Should be done Spring 2016. Looks like it will most likely will be named after Carla Madison. Committee was started Summer 2016, primarily by Albus Brooks. He chose specific neighborhood associations that touched city park. Started after complaints from Chive Fest noise and the moratorium on events in City Park. Wanted to create a better representation of those who live near the park. UOTH is part of the advisory committee based on its location. Each organization within the

committee gets one vote. Meet once a month. Started creating bylaws and deciding what they are going to address.

9. Tavern Update

- Jessica met with the president of Historic Denver. She met with person who has taken over for Tavern. They'd like to keep the building, but want an agreement that they'll make a deal, could change some zoning for a taller building in addition. Would be a bridge between the building and the new place. Still some outside dining. Sounds like development will go forward with Uptown Tavern building staying. They're organizing a neighborhood assembly in January, looking for date and location. Max height would be 10 stories, same height as an 8 story building.

10. Admin

- Bank sign over. Chris moves that there be three signers on the bank account. Ryan seconds. Board approves unanimously. Chris, Jo and Jessica will be signors.
- Taxes: Chris, Jo and Frank will discuss taxes for 2015. Decision on how to move forward for 2016 will be discussed in a later board meeting
- Holiday Party: Will be at DBC again. Jessica will send out an email with potential dates

Meeting adjourned at 8:12