

Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association Board Meeting

**January 30, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association was held on January 30, 2014 at 5:30 pm. Andrea Dikeou called the meeting to order.

Directors Present: Larry Cohen, Andrea Dikeou, Rick Erickson, Ken Malo, Jay McCormick, Colleen McKinley, Joanna Moldow, Jeff Poland, Wende Reoch, Marilyn Shaw, Pat Wall, Tracy Willis

Welcome / Call to Order: Andrea Dikeou

Election of Officers - AD presented the slate of officers for 2014 and it was affirmed by the board.

President	Andrea Dikeou
Vice President	Jay McCormick
Secretary	Wende Reoch
Treasurer	Dick / Linda Heider

There was a brief discussion of difficulties some board members had opening documents/ attachments for tonight's meeting. AD will make sure future attachments are sent in a format everyone can access.

Neighborhood Updates

9th Avenue Redevelopment:

There is no official confirmation but several unofficial sources are reporting CU has selected a developer. Mary Nell Wolff resigned from the CBHD and Andrea Dikeou is now serving as the Interim Chair of the CBHD. She has contacted CU's representative on the board, Steve Zweck-Bronner, to propose a meeting with the CBHD and the presidents of the surrounding Registered Neighborhood Organizations.

211 S. Holly Street:

The developer turned over all space to tenants on 1/17/14. Plans for the three tenants are in various stages of competition and submittal:

Park Burger - goal of opening mid-April or early May.

Ice cream shop - target opening in May.

Bakery target - opening in May.

Trader Joe's:

The opening is set for Feb 14. The company plans to open all seven of its new Colorado stores on the same day and some hope this will alleviate traffic problems but it was also noted that the Colorado Blvd store is the only store with a liquor license. Traffic is expected to be at a higher volume and parking will be an issue until the excitement subsides. Pat Wall and Jeff Poland suggested we proactively address the parking concerns and reach out to nearby neighbors. There was a brief discussion of traffic. Colleen McKinley noted the Assn conducted a traffic study in the neighborhood several years ago and she may have notes/files from this experience.

While on the topic of traffic & parking, Tracy Willis mentioned some areas in the neighborhood may wish to pursue removal of the 2 hour parking restrictions on their streets. She is planning to pursue this on her street and will keep the board posted on her efforts.

Save Our Sundial Project:

Ms. Dikeou met with Denise Sanderson, the principal fundraiser for the project. Please see the attached report from Denise.

Halloween Parade:

Lisa Peloso was not able to attend this evening's board meeting but conveyed again her intention to step down as the Parade Committee chair. Lisa has very ably and successfully served in this capacity for the past four years and is willing to mentor the next chair.

Communications:

Ms. Dikeou referred to the attached report on communications for discussion. The majority of expenses are mailing (printing and postage membership drive and notices for meetings) and BOD insurance.

Mailings/Email:

There was a brief discussion of using block captains and/or teenagers to help with address clean-up efforts. Wende Reoch offered to help address some of the database maintenance issues in the report (new/old/bad addresses, matching email to physical addresses to help reduce mailing/printing costs). Larry Cohen noted he had been approached by a company offering to partner with the Assn on a marketing piece using a database of neighbors they have acquired. He would forward details to Andrea Dikeou.

Notifications:

Andrea Dikeou noted she has seen yard signs used by other neighborhood associations to advertise their meetings. She will research costs and report back to the board after members indicated support of this idea.

Website:

There was a brief discussion of purpose of website and there was a consensus that the main purpose was informational but the responsibility for updates was not addressed due to time constraints.

Zoning Committee:

2013 was quiet for the first 8 or 9 months and in the past 60 - 90 days several projects have developed and are keeping the board and particularly this committee busy - Park Burger license, Sushi Harbor license and the Denver Tennis Club's plan to request zoning changes to accommodate plans for improvements at the club.

Denver Tennis Club:

Larry Cohen of the Zoning Committee reported that a group of residents adjacent to the Club surveyed nearby neighbors and approximately 90% objected to the Club adding lights. In a discussion with our city council representative, Mary Beth Susman, noted that strong opposition from nearby neighbors would make the re-zoning effort difficult for the Club. Cohen reported that the matter appeared to be at stand still.

Other Business / Questions:

Wende Reoch asked about how the Zoning Committee fielded notices from the city. Many of the notices are for variances and individual residential matters but when notices regarding matters which affect the entire neighborhood are received, i.e. an application for a liquor license, the Zoning Committee meets to discuss the matter first, then informs the board via the president, and then as the situation requires, the board may arrange a neighborhood meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.