

# **Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn Quarterly BOD Meeting Wednesday, April 25, 6 – 8:30 pm, Home of Lisa Peloso**

**Call to order:** 6:13pm

**Public Comment:** None

**Old Business:** Andrea moves to approve January 31<sup>st</sup> meeting minutes, Lisa seconds. Minutes approved.

## **President's Update – Wende**

- Linda Heider officially resigned as Association treasurer. The US Bank account is now in Lon's name, with Wende and Ann Spoor are additional co-signers as two signatures are required for all transactions.
- We now have a PO Box for all Association mail.
- New insurance requirements by DPS necessitate a review of our current insurance policy and options. The Mayfair Neighborhood Association referred Wende to their insurance agency, State Farm and after comparing the individual event rates of TULIP and our current insurance against State Farm's blanket event rate, Wende entered into a blanket event contract with State Farm. Our current insurer does not have blanket insurance policies for events. Wende also asked State Farm for a competitive quote for the D & O policy and it was significantly less than what we are currently paying. Once our current D&O policy expires in August, she proposed switching to State Farm. Wende asked for volunteer to take second look at the two policy documents. Jay volunteered to review.

## **Nomination Committee - Wende**

Looking to have new volunteers serve on the nomination committee.

Our current board has 24 members with 3 year alternating terms. Lisa will share a board skill set document to determine current skill sets and identify areas of need.

## **Treasurer Report - Lon**

Moving forward Lon will provide monthly and year to date reports. Lon will look to create annual budget after tracking a year of finances. There was discussion if the current UBS investment account is yielding enough of a return.

Jay volunteered to visit UBS with Lon to review our investment accounts.

Former Treasurer Dick Heider is working with Lon to get investments/UBS account transferred over to Lon.

## **Website – Randy**

Randy and Wende have picked a new theme for the website. Wende is taking a pass at transferring information into the new site. Lon is working on a membership module to integrate into new web site to manage all renewals through the site. Membership renewals and personal info will all be automated through the website.

### **Membership - Ann Spoor (Wende reporting)**

Ann has taken the lead for membership and recruited 3 people to her membership committee - one is a retired PR professional and another is a professional copy writer. They are working on our membership materials. Lon also reported that the Membership Committee sent a renewal request this month to previous members going back as far as 2015.

### **Zoning Committee Report – Tom**

1. 30-50 So Colo Blvd. - Rezoning was approved by city council for 22 duplex units. Latest update was the developer was surprised to find asbestos in the church. Might not see development until the end of the year due to mitigation.
2. 10 South Co Blvd - Jeff Klein is proposing two duplexes/ETUC (E = Urban Edge, TU = two units, C = lot size). If they pursue the ETUC, then they don't have to worry about covenants or private alley issue. Neighbors were happy with proposed plan.
3. South Holly Street - Applicant applying for rezoning of E-MU 2.5 and 2 E-SUDx to E-MU-2.5 with waivers. Planning Community Planning Board denied previous zoning code application at the April 4 public hearing but directed the CPD staff to meet with the applicant and find a zoning code that would be compatible with the zoning code district. The applicant chose one of the two options presented by the staff and resubmitted their application this week. In addition, the CPD staff recommended the neighborhood use the services of their mediator and this process has begun. The mediator will meet with a group of the opposing neighbors on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Opposing neighbors who live on the alley are upset about the height and density of the project as they anticipate too much traffic on the alley and loss of backyard privacy. The originally proposed 27 units, is now down to 24-25 units, with 30 instead of 40 parking spaces. The Association has not taken an official position.
4. Neighborhood Plan Discussion - Wende brought up the need for a Neighborhood Plan. The long term goal of establishing Plans for the entire City currently has Hilltop lumped in with Crestmoor and neighborhoods east of Colo Blvd including Belcaro/Cherry Creek/Wash Park/Country Club. She thought it was more logical to have a plan by ourselves or with Crestmoor and met with two Crestmoor Filing 2 board members about working together. They were non committal. She asked our councilwoman if we could break away from the proposed grouping in the plan on the city's website and MBS said sure. Mike Hughes noted that there is no way the City will pay for it, as they do not have the funds nor are we enough of a priority since Hilltop is considered to be a "stable neighborhood". The city is focused on getting Neighborhood Plans in areas that are undergoing intense development/change such as East Denver along Colfax with the BRT.

### **Sponsorship Policy Update – Andy**

The committee is working to create a balance between the autonomy of the respective event committees and board approval. The committee is still working on the policy and will email proposed policy for board review.

### **9th and CO Update - Lon**

A list of the confirmed tenants at 9th and CO has been released and includes Hopdaddy, Postino, Zoey's, Bellco, Chase and an AMC 10 theater.

Tenants will begin moving into the new apartment building on CO in the next month. The least expensive units are \$1400 and the most expensive are several thousand more. There will be a 715-space garage right next to AMC theater.

The fate of the Nurses Dorm and the Bioresearch Bridge over 9<sup>th</sup> is still uncertain.

### **Events Update:**

Fireworks/Andrea -

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> of July Cranmer Park 6pm-10pm. Smaller scale event this year. Want to maintain permitting priority and momentum. Plan to increase food trucks and portable toilets. This year the athletic fields on the North side of the park are being used for a volleyball tournament at same time of event. The Denver Municipal Band is providing an 8+ piece jazz band with an improved sound system. The plan is to outsource waste management. We are projecting a 1500-2K budget and are looking for 3 event sponsors at \$500 per. Reminded board members to volunteer and help recruit volunteers for the event.

Halloween Parade/Lisa –

- Need one or two people to step up
- Lisa proposes that each board member identifies two volunteers for board position as event committee lead and/or event committee work.

Hilltop Happy Hour/Lon -

- Locanda del Borgo will be approached for the next venue some time in mid May. Lon would like a replacement to coordinate the happy hours.

Summer Movies/Wende –

- Passed out flyers for the Thursday movie nights at Robinson Park. There will be two food trucks on site.

### **Other business –**

Ken Malo –

- Ken brought up concerns about the maintenance of the trail between the old Cranmer House and Ginny Williams' home. Ken would like to recruit some volunteers from the board to collect trash and pull dead bushes and will send out a date for clean-up.

### **Crime and Safety – Andy**

- There are still reports of garage and auto theft, but nothing seemingly organized. There was committee discussion about reviving the neighborhood watch program. Andy met with Wash Park Neighborhood Association member and determined that it was probably too much effort to implement at this time.

Adjourn - 8:00