

**Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association
Board Meeting
August 11, 2014
5:30 – 7:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cranmer Park / Hilltop Civic Association was held on August 11, 2014 at Graland Country Day School commencing at 5:30 pm. Andrea Dikeou called the meeting to order.

Directors Present: Andrea Dikeou, Larry Donovan, Matthew Dupree, Linda Heider, Ken Malo, Jay McCormick, Colleen McKinley, Joanna Moldow, Lisa Peloso, Jeff Poland, Wende Reoch, Marilyn Shaw, Susan Sweeney, Pat Wall, Tracy Willis

Also present: Denise Sanderson

Welcome / Call to Order: Andrea Dikeou

Minutes from January 30, 2014 meeting were presented and approved.

Neighborhood Updates

Save Our Sundial:

Denise Sanderson provided an update on the fundraising for the Sundial restoration project. The June 8th benefit concert was canceled due to weather and is rescheduled for the Aug 24th. She provided a handout (attached) and answered questions regarding the project. New developments include a Challenge Grant, improvement in grant writing eliciting interest from preservation groups who have come around to the idea that the informative elements and the foundation itself need to be redone, and she noted the committee is working on means to recognize donors properly while not altering or attaching to the existing historic structure.

She mentioned volunteers would meet at Cranmer this coming Saturday, Aug 16 to distribute door hangers promoting the Aug 24 concert and invited board members to join them or volunteer at the concert.

Larry Donovan made a motion to thank Denise for her work and board members present responded with acclamation.

Zoning Committee:

Denver Tennis Club:

Larry Cohen of the Zoning Committee was not able to attend but left a written report for AD to share: Update on the DTC plans: DTC plans to renovate the Clubhouse and the Shed, each requiring a zoning variance and add lighting on the interior tennis courts, which requires a zoning change. DTC plans to submit these two types of zoning requests separately. The neighborhood group continues to oppose lighting and does not want to see the request broken

up into two packs. A brief discussion followed wherein it was noted the DTC had not yet asked their board or membership to vote on the renovations. No action requested at this time.

9th Avenue Redevelopment:

AD reported on the most recent public meeting with Frank Cannon of Continuum Partners, held July 15th. FC reported their due diligence had been completed with nothing of significance revealed to derail the project. FC presented findings from his public input meetings, a Continuum conducted traffic study and an updated design plan for the project (see attached). Brief discussion following on the major differences between the initial master plan presented in January and the “refined” plan presented in July. Of note:

- loss of a portion of the proposed underground parking
- proposed parking garage and stoplight at 8th & Ash: concern this will encourage access cut thru on residential street,
- change in public “promenade” space from 8th Ave to the former research bridge - width has been reduced from 110 feet to 60 feet,
- addition of condo/townhomes to housing mix: (Continuum is betting the CO legislature will correct the condo defects rules next session),
- pedestrian access to site from 11th Avenue

Trader Joe’s:

It was noted there are still traffic issues at the site - the company posted signs and painted directional signs on the pavement, and hired police officers to address the parking congestion/flow or lack thereof. Board members living nearby and/or visiting the site reported:

- traffic cones blocking the entrance into the parking lot off of Colorado Blvd and diverting traffic to 8th Ave and the Albion Street parking lot entrance, a negative impact to the neighborhood and residents on this street,
- the alley has become a loading dock and recently, an outdoor grilling site,
- the lack of employee parking has not been addressed. TJ employees are currently parking in a lot on the old CU campus and with the 9th Ave development imminent this option will no longer be available.

Membership/Treasurer Report:

Linda Heider presented a comparison of the Assn’s most recent membership mailing. Costs for printing and mailing were reduced by nearly half but the response is lower. Brief discussion followed. AD wondered if the mailing combining a message for membership and the Sundial fund was confusing and several board members concurred. Wende Reoch offered to assist with cleaning up the membership database. Linda Heider suggested the Assn consider using funds to support the Sundial Restoration project and there was a brief discussion of the appropriate amount given our budget. Ken Malo moved that the Assn contribute \$5000, Susan Sweeney seconded and the board unanimously approved.

Halloween Parade:

Lisa Peloso reported she had been approached by a potential sponsor willing to assume management of the parade but possibly leading to a conflict with a long term sponsor (business competitor). A brief discussion followed about setting sponsorship guidelines and the cons of having a sponsor run the parade.

Other Business / Questions:

Susan Sweeney, a rep on the Cherry Creek Steering Committee, noted the Committee was looking into traffic calming measures for First Ave with the goal of funneling the resulting traffic impacts from the redevelopment work in Cherry Creek south toward Colorado Blvd and not into the residential neighborhood.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved.