

Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn Annual Meeting

Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 – 7 pm, Hill Middle School Auditorium,

AGENDA

Welcome / Call to Order:

Andrea Dikeou

9th & Colorado Redevelopment:

Mary Nell Wolff

MNW provided a recap of the Redevelopment project. Briefly, a contract was signed in June 2013 with Lionstone Group for the development of multi-family residences (rental) on the SE corner of the site. CU severed ties with the Fuqua company, wiped the slate clean and placed the remaining parcel of the property, with the addition of the hospital's Critical Care Tower, out for bid. CU developed a process to evaluate proposals and select a new developer. They have committee in place and a goal to identify and select a developer who can close the deal and meet the needs of CU and the city.

Timeline and committee members are found on CU's website: <http://www.ucdenver.edu/about/newsroom/newsreleases/topics/9thandColorado/Pages/default.aspx>

CU hopes to select a developer by mid to late November.

**DenverCityCouncilwoman – District 5:
Susman**

Councilwoman Mary Beth

Councilwoman Susman noted 8th Avenue was coming back to life with the addition of new businesses. Trader Joe's opening unknown at this time but likely to be Valentine's Day in 2014. Issues taking up much of the Council's time were retail marijuana implementation, bag fee, and trying to address the growing violence in LoDo at closing time. They are looking at ordinances for food trucks, taxi stands, and extending the time of closing for these bars.

DPD Community Affairs Officer – District 3:

Lt. Marshall

Lt. Marshall provided an update in place of Officer Burkhardt. He noted Hilltop's property crime statistics were down as compared with previous years and with other neighborhoods. He addressed questions about the recent attempted kidnappings - two separate attempts on the same block and a 3rd unrelated, noting the DPD is working on this matter.

Save the Sundial Campaign:

Denise Sanderson

DS reported \$12K raised so far of the 1.4Million needed to complete the restoration of the Sundial and its unstable foundation. The city has pledged \$550K towards the project and the remainder must be raised privately. Feedback from potential donors indicated there is a need for greater details about the project and consequently she and her committee were working on meeting these concerns. She also noted the committee would re-apply for a state grant which they previously were unsuccessful in obtaining.

Zoning Report:

Andrea Dikeou for Brian Spano

AD noted early in the meeting that 2013 was quiet for the first 8 or 9 months and in the past 60 - 90 days several projects have development and are keeping the board and particularly this committee busy. Zoning Committee is working on two neighborhood issues: Park Burger application for a liquor license and the Denver Tennis Club’s plan to request zoning changes to accommodate plans for improvements at the club.

Denver Tennis Club, a member-governed club in operation at 400 Forest since 1928, plans to renovate their clubhouse, entrance, and landscaping. The Club also wishes to add lights on their courts, which necessitates rezoning. The ZC will walk through the site and on November 13 the Club is hosting a neighborhood meeting to solicit feedback from the neighborhood.

The 211 S. Holly Street redevelopment project will include a Park Burger restaurant in addition to three other unnamed businesses on the site. Park Burger has applied for a Hotel and Restaurant license and this request has drawn objections from nearby neighbors. AD reported that our Assn scheduled a public meeting where neighbors had an opportunity to learn about the development and the license application. The owner of the development plans to hold another meeting to address neighborhood concerns and our Assn will assist arranging this meeting.

Finance / Membership:

Linda Heider

LH reported the Assn is operating in the black at this time. Membership dues raised approximately \$11K from 400 members, which is roughly 20% of the households in the Assn’s boundaries. The majority of expenses are mailing (printing and postage membership drive and notices for meetings) and BOD insurance.

Halloween Parade:

Lisa Peloso

LP reported that all set for the upcoming parade and she is looking for another volunteer to take over the reins. She thanked the board for its support and noted the

parade continues to be a popular event and has grown in attendance each year. The Committee has a well developed process/playbook, stable donors and she is willing to train someone. Please contact her if you are interested.

Nextdoor Hilltop:

Wende Reoch

WR reported on a free, on-line social network for neighborhoods, headquartered in San Francisco and now the largest national operation of its kind. A Hilltop Nextdoor site set up in February of 2013 now has over 500 members. Boundaries of the virtual neighborhood mirror those of our Assn. Membership is limited to residents who live within the boundaries. It is a tool to share news about crime, lost pets, garage sales and other neighborhood news.

Board Elections:

Directors through 2016:

- Ken Malo
- Joe Reece
- Marilyn Shaw
- Susan Sweeney
- Tracy Willis
- Wende Reoch

Other Business / Questions

AD recognized Ted Rounds and thanked him for his notable time and contributions to the Assn. He has decided to leave the Assn board after serving for 43 years.

Adjourn