

HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 03/14/2023

Board Member Attendees:

In Person: Kelly Armento, Richard Ayres, Sandi Berenbaum, Bill Bonebrake, Lon Breslow, Andrea Dikeou, Tom Hart, Carol Kleiner, Josie Ostrander, Steven Paletz, Joe Reece, Steve Segal, and Andy Walvoord

Zoom: Not Available

Absent: Randy Burgess, Larry Donovan, Marisa Echaniz, Ann Hoffmeister, Mike Hughes, Graham Kaltenbach, Mary Morissette, Clay Sparks, Ann Spoor

Guests: Walter Scheib, Senior City Planner, Denver Moves Cherry Creek.

Resident: Max Harris

Meeting called to order at 6:06PM

- I. Intro by President- Introduction and agenda preview
- II. **Guest: Walter Scheib** with Denver Moves Cherry Creek. Discussed overview of strategic transportation plan for Cherry Creek and surrounding area. Multimodal focus to improve infrastructure related to transit in Cherry Creek. Email denvermovescherrycreek@denvergov.org with any questions. Project website at bit.ly/cherrycreekmoves.com
- III. **Nominations Committee-** help needed in finding neighbors to nominate for the Board. Contact Sandi Berenbaum for nominating forms.
- IV. **Updates from President** regarding the theme for the year—Community, which includes growing membership and focusing on events.
- V. **Stroll Magazine-** Update from Kelly Armento regarding her role as Content Coordinator for Stroll, the neighborhood magazine. Submissions to the magazine are welcomed.
- VI. **Events Committee-** All event dates have been finalized. Changes for 2023: no July picnic due to fireworks being moved; Additional event in August- concert in the park featuring Denver Municipal Band; Two movie nights instead of three; Food trucks instead of free pizza at Halloween Parade; Members only events- Holiday photos and donuts/coffee at Cranmer Park (May weekend) to drum up new members.
- VII. **Finance Committee-** New expense report form has been created for a standardized way to submit expenses. Cosigners for issuing checks updated. Proposal to reserve \$15K in cash and roughly \$30K remainder in CD at US Bank. Bank is chosen out of convenience and not because of competitive rates. Steve Segal moves the concept of keeping \$15K in available cash and \$30k in Certificate of Deposit at US bank. Richard Ayres seconds. 12 yea; 1 nay. Motion passes.
- VIII. **Zoning Committee**
 - Updates on 79 S. Albion St's desire for an ADU over existing garage. Drawings of proposed plan were distributed. ADUs are prohibited in the neighborhood and under current zoning, cannot be built. Asking for zoning change to allow it. Discussion around association and community's position on ADUs.
 - Denver Tennis Club wants to build a storage shed next to their neighbors (Forest and Glencoe)- both neighbors do not oppose the building of a shed and will revise their good neighbor agreement.
 - New updates on VA hospital on website.

- Next zoning committee meeting's agenda will be to discuss ADU's. Date to be determined.
- IX. **Communications Committee**- New website updates. Discussion around what content to bring over from old website. Suggestions to archive on flashdrive and to keep the new site current with some pictures from last year's events.
- X. **Safety Committee**- Crime is up in Hilltop (includes Crestmoor and Lowry). Car theft in Denver is worst in the nation.
- Denver Police launched DenverTrack. Register a car and keep a GPS locator (ex. Apple Air Tag) inside, and if the car is stolen, DPD will recover the car for you. Register at www.denvergov.org/DenverTrack
 - District 3 created a Police Homeless Task Force to address encampments, abandoned cars, etc. Contact: 720-913-2000.
 - Updates to come on scheduling a Hilltop Neighborhood safety meeting.
 - Safety resources at District 3 station available for public: non-stealable screws for license plates and free club for Kia or Hyundai owners.
- XI. **Membership Committee**- Current count: 286 Members. Focus to target members across each stage: potential, new, existing and expired. Mailer will be distributed in March along with yard signs to promote membership. Goal is to add 100 new members in 2023.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01PM. All approved.
Respectfully Submitted by Carol Kleiner