

HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11/15/2022

Board Member Attendees:

In Person: Kelly Armento, Sandi Berenbaum, Lon Breslow, Andrea Dikeou, Larry Donovan, Tom Hart, Mike Hughes, Graham Kaltenbach, Carol Kleiner, Ken Malo, Mary Morissette, Josie Ostrander, Steve Paletz, Joe Reece, Clay Sparks, and Andy Walvoord.

Guests: Richard Ayres*, Bill Bonebrake*, Marisa Echaniz*, Sam Edelson, Matt Grimsley, Josh Hanfling, Chris Hansen, Amanda Sawyer, Elizabeth Silverman*

**Nominees for 2023 Board*

Zoom: Wende Reoch and Randy Burgess

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM

- I. Intro by President- Introductions and agenda preview
- II. Denver Police Department representative, Matt Grimsley, Community Resource Officer for District 3.
 - a. Warnings of “package season” which leads to crimes of opportunity.
 - b. Neighborhood watch program training, if interested, will be held in January (Updates on Nextdoor).
 - c. Crime Summit on November 30th, 6pm at Wings Over the Rockies in Lowry— Carlos Aragon, Chief Commander for District 3 will be going over crime stats and strategies on crime.
 - d. For street racing incidents, call the non-emergency number 720-913-2000 to report. For issues related to homeless encampments, call 311. City will provide initial outreach.
- III. Senator Chris Hansen, Denver mayoral candidate, provides updates from state capital and his initiatives he plans on working on at the state level. Hansen’s platform: safer Denver, affordability with integration with transportation, and greener Denver.
- IV. Amanda Sawyer, Councilwoman provides year in review.
- V. Sam Edelson, GM Development representative and representative for the VA redevelopment. Plans for new redevelopment at 9th and Co. /east of VA redevelopment to be mixed use. Dec 12th will be the first city meeting with city planning and development. Two-year process with safety as a focus and keeping the site secure. Email info@gmdevco.com if there is any suspicious activity around the development.
- VI. Introductions from board nominees: Richard Ayres, Bill Bonebrake, Marisa Echaniz, and Elizabeth Silverman. Sandi Berenbaum moves to appoint the slate of nominees onto the board of the Hilltop Neighborhood Association: Richard Ayres, Bill Bonebrake, Marisa Echaniz, Elizabeth Silverman and Ann Hofmeister. Lon Breslow seconds the motion. Unanimous approval. Motion is approved.
- VII. Nominations for Officers of the board are introduced: Steven Paletz as President, Kelly Armento as Vice President, Carol Kleiner as Secretary and Lon Breslow as Treasurer. Andrea Dikeou moves to approve the officers for the board of the Hilltop Neighborhood Association. Sandi Berenbaum seconds. Unanimous approval. Motion is approved.
- VIII. Membership- 50+ welcome gifts distributed to new neighbors in Hilltop.

- IX. Treasurer report- reported good financial health. Biggest expense for 2022 was the traffic study, printing costs for membership drive, and annual insurance. Updates that UBS bank account switched over to US bank to save costs on fees.
- X. Zoning- Updates on 50 S. Colorado complications regarding 8th foot fence. Another meeting set for Nov. 21st. Work will start in January.
- XI. Safety- Crime Summit 11/30, 6pm at Wings Over the Rockies
- XII. Communications- waiting to hear back from Jeremy Tilden regarding website updates.
- XIII. Events- Halloween Parade was a successful event. New additions this year- Cherry Creek Dance and costume contest. Need more volunteers for future events. Positive feedback from sponsors.
- XIV. Updates from upcoming Board President- new bylaws require us to be at the Board Meetings (three or more missed meetings can be cause for removal from the board), participate in at least one committee and take an active part on the board. Possible theme for 2023: Community
- XV. Mike Hughes moves to adjourn the Board Meeting. Ken Malo seconds. Motion is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Kleiner