

**HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION- MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON 10/11/2022**

**Board Member Attendees:**

**In Person:** Kelly Armento, Sandi Berenbaum, Sue Bollman, Lon Breslow, Larry Donovan, Lisa Glauser, Michael Hughes, Carol Kleiner, Ken Malo, Josie Ostrander, Wende Reoch, Steve Segal, Andy Walvoord.

**Zoom:** Melissa Thomas, Graham Kaltenbach

Meeting called to order at 6:08PM

- I. Intro by President- Introductions and agenda preview
- II. **Nominating Committee-** Email with new form sent out by Sandi Berenbaum. One change to form is verification of membership—whether they are a paid member and date they paid. Carol Kleiner can check database to verify. There are eight vacancies for the board, but we do not need to fill it all. No new nominees yet for the board and recommendation for outgoing board members to recruit new board members, preferably with specialties in website management, newsletter content creation/communication. Send nomination forms to Sandi Berenbaum.
- III. **Membership-** 26% growth in membership since June. As of 9/11/22, there are 254 active members. Mailer increased membership and various membership growth initiatives like meeting new neighbors and having a membership table at events. Plans in 2023 for member-only exclusive events.
- IV. **Web Hosting-** Mike Hughes researched six different companies for webhosting, web content management, and technology support. Request to stick with original proposal with Jeremy Tilden. No vote needed; approved via motion last month. The next steps will be to meet with Jeremy.
- V. **Annual Meeting Agenda-** Due to time constraints, it was suggested to waive the 30 days for nominating committee. Andy Walvoord moved to waive the provision for 30 days notice for nominations. Sue Bollman seconds the motion. Motion passes. This motion allows for the board to be notified five days prior to the annual meeting.
- VI. **Events-** Suggestion was made to host forums next year for ballot initiatives. General agreement for July Family Picnic to be held at Cranmer Park with the Denver Municipal Band as the feature performance and no longer piggy backing off Glendale fireworks. Only two Summer Movie Nights proposed for 2023.
- VII. **Finance-** Treasurer proposed three motions: 1. Proposal to change the fiscal year from fiscal year ending in September to calendar year. This is primarily due to the Halloween event falling at the end of October and for better year over year comparisons in end of year reporting. The treasurer will provide a one-time Q4 gap period report. 2. Proposal for a one checking account policy. All association revenue and expenses will be run through this account to ensure a single record for the association's financial activity. There are existing issues with how July picnic expenses are handled differently than other events. Board agreed to talk with Andrea Dikeou for advisement before creating a motion on this proposal. 3. Proposal for consistent bookkeeping for events. Event chairs are recommended to provide an annual event budget to the board and sponsorship

amounts to the treasurer. Wende Reoch moves to change the fiscal year to a calendar year beginning January 2023 and to follow the recommended gap year presented in the treasurer's proposal. Sue Bollman seconds the motion. Motion passes.

- VIII. **Zoning-** Cherry Creek path (connecting Cherry Creek bike path to City Park) updates shared. Updates on big project on Cherry Creek West to come. No updates on Gateway project (1<sup>st</sup> and Colorado). 9<sup>th</sup> and Colorado are bringing in seven new tenants including Tarra, a co-working company and Le French, a restaurant. Block 5 will become 175 new apartments instead of a surface parking lot with retail on the bottom, street level. The 30-50 S. Colorado Blvd Church development cleared all permits and demolition will take place. Issues regarding fence between Parks and the developer of the 10 S. Colorado Blvd duplex units continue. The developer wants an 8 ft wall versus a 4 ft chain-linked fence that is 75% permeable.
- IX. Crime and Safety - Hilltop/Crestmoor/Lowry- Property crime up 50%. Trends in Denver, reflect what is going on in Colorado. In absolute rates, Colorado is 47<sup>th</sup> worst state in the nation regarding crime.
- X. Sandi Berenbaum moves to adjourn. Andy Walvoord seconds. Motion passes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Kleiner