

## HILLTOP NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION- MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 09/13/2022

### **Board Member Attendees:**

**In Person:** Kelly Armento, Sandi Berenbaum, Lon Breslow, Jeff Cuneo, Larry Donovan, Tom Hart, Michael Hughes, Carol Kleiner, Ken Malo, Mary Morissette, Josie Ostrander, Steven Paletz, Joe Reece, Wende Reoch, and Ann Spoor.

**Zoom:** Sue Bollman, Andrea Dikeou, and Melissa Thomas,

**Guests:** Jill Locantore, Executive Director Denver Streets Partner

Carrie Makarewicz, University of Colorado, Denver, PhD, Associate Professor & Dept. Chair

Jeff Walker, At-Large Candidate for Denver City council

Adrienne Razavi, Bicycle Colorado/ Denver Streets Partnership

Felicia Rodriguez, representative from Amanda Sawyer's office

**Resident Attendees:** Marissa Echaniz and Laura Lohr

Meeting called to order at 6:05PM

- I. Intro by President- Introductions and agenda preview
- II. Annual meeting is November 15, 2022 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday due to election night)
- III. Motion to approve the July 12, 2022, Meeting Minutes. Lon Breslow moves to approve the meeting minutes and Ann Spoor seconds. Motion is approved.
- IV. Guest speaker, Jill Locantore, Executive Director of Denver Streets Partnership, shares about the "Denver Deserves Sidewalks" program to repair, upgrade and build sidewalks throughout Denver to make it safe, equitable and fair. Project will be managed by Denver Department of Transportation and the responsibility for repairs will be placed on the city with fees to property owners costing \$2.15 annual fee per linear foot of property frontage, with estimated construction to be completed within nine years. This will be in November 8<sup>th</sup>'s ballot for Denver residents. More information can be found on [denversidewalks.com](http://denversidewalks.com)
- V. Guest speaker, Carrie Makarewicz, PhD student from University of Colorado, Denver, is conducting a study with five other DU students for City Council and Mayor's Office of Human Rights and Community Partnership on neighborhood safety, community engagement, and constituent services. Survey will be provided September 25<sup>th</sup>-October 31<sup>st</sup> as they collect data for the study.
- VI. Web hosting technology support discussion- Tech consultant, Jeremy Tilden is a resident of Hilltop and provided a proposal for work to be done to update the website and membership database. Proposal was sent out by Mike Hughes via email to the board on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Lon Breslow moves for a one-time allocation of \$5,000 to update the website and hosting in 2023 fiscal year. Kelly Armento seconds. Motion is approved.
- VII. Updated Bylaws discussion on substantive changes only. Cleanups to verbiage can be addressed via email to Steve Segal and Steve Paletz but not discussed at this meeting.
  - a. Request to include in the bylaws Hilltop Neighborhood Association's involvement in the Cherry Creek Steering Committee to reciprocate their bylaws. The board concludes that it is implied in section 4.1 "Other Committees" and does not need a specific callout.
  - b. Request to change 4.10 (e) (i) regarding Nominating Committee submitting the names of its slate of candidates to the board from five days to 30 days. In addition,

request for qualifications to be submitted to ensure the candidates live in the boundaries of Hilltop. Jeff Cuneo moves to change 4.10 (e) (i) to “the Nominating Committee shall then submit the names and qualifications of its slate of candidates to the Board at least 30 days prior to the annual business meeting of the Membership.” Kelly Armento seconds motion. Motion is approved.

- c. Request to add a requirement for Board Members to serve on at least one committee in section 4.03 (c). Mary Morissette moves that we add additional “item x” to section 4.03 (c) to include, “participate as a member of at least one committee.” Wende Reoch seconds. Motion is approved.
  - d. Discussion on section 5.06—Action by Directors Without Meeting— states that any action taken by the Board of Directors may be taken without a meeting if consent in writing is signed by “all”. Board discusses if it should fully account for every voting member (“all”) vs majority. Board agrees to leave it unchanged.
  - e. Request to change Section 3.06 (d) to include status of dues payment to qualify to vote. Board members share current verbiage in (d) needs to include specific verbiage, “current dues payment” to the list of qualifications to vote. Larry Donovan moves to add “current dues payment status” to section 3.06 (d) between “voting age” and “primary residence address”. Ann Spoor seconds motion. Motion is approved.
  - f. Request to eliminate Section 3.06 (c) regarding landlords having a vote. Discussion around whether the landlord or resident gets vote. Jeff Cuneo motions to remove section 3.06 (c). Board members vote: eight votes in favor of eliminating part (c); four votes opposed to delete part (c). Motion is approved to delete section 3.06 (c).
  - g. Wende Reoch moves to approve the bylaws as amended. Tom Hart seconds the motion. Motion is approved.
- VIII. No updates from the membership committee, safety committee and zoning committee.
- IX. Events- Halloween Parade: Kelly Armento requests additional help for the parade and event at Robinson Park. Signup Genius will be provided to board members to sign up to help at the event.
- X. Motion to adjourn made by Mary Morissette. Lon Breslow seconds the motion. Motion is approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Carol Kleiner