

CRANMER PARK/ HILLTOP CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7/25/2019

Guest Attendees: Joanne Bader, Norton Cutler, Claire Douthit, Council Member Amanda Sawyer, Melissa Horn (CM Sawyer's Aide), Rae Reynolds

Attendees: Sandi Berenbaum; Sue Bollman; Brewster Boyd, Lon Breslow; Jeff Cuneo; Andrea Dikeou; Larry Donovan; Tom Hart; Mike Hughes; Ken Malo; Mary Morissette; Steven Paletz; Shelia Pitto; Wende Reoch; Ann Spoor; Andrew Walvoord

Absent: Randy Burgess; Larry Cohen; Joanna Moldow, Joe Reece, Steve Segal, Clay Sparks

Meeting called to order at 6:03pm by President Wende Reoch and presided over by Vice-President Jeff Cuneo.

Minutes:

The minutes of the April meeting will be forthcoming.

Welcome and Report from City Council

Councilwoman Sawyer issued a report that is attached.

Finance/Treasurer Report: Lon Breslow presented the financial report. Current balance is about \$18,000. Most events are sponsored and any increases in balance are from membership. There is about \$46,000 in an investment account, Lon will discuss the changes to investment strategy with the finance committee.

Membership/E-Newsletter: Ann Spoor reported on memberships, including active and expired memberships. Discussion regarding sending a mailing to neighborhood to reach residents not currently on E-Newsletter list or accessible through Nextdoor postings. Historically our cost to print and mail these campaigns was about the same as the revenue achieved from the campaign. We need to periodically communicate with residents not online and residents new to neighborhood. We need to expand the reach of the E-Newsletter list.

Wende Reoch made a request for new content/articles for the E-Newsletter

Zoning Committee Report- Tom Hart reported zoning has been quiet, other than a few fence and sidewalk issues. Small cell towers will be built around the neighborhood and this has been posted on the Assn website.

CCEA Mtg- Larry Donovan reported on 1st & Colorado and Bayaud & Colorado regarding development and entrance points into Cherry Creek East and the proposed McKinnon Gateway Project at these locations to help with beautification, pedestrian safety and reducing speeding issues.

Cherry Creek Steering Committee- Mary Morissette reported on the Cherry Creek Steering Committee and numerous issues that have come before it. These issues include 1st and Colorado; Initiative 300; Denver Moves (bikeways); Cherry Creek North Business Improvement District parking management plan; Neighborhood Transportation Management Plan; Cherry Creek East Development; 199 Steel Project; Special Events in Cherry Creek/Common Consumption; District 10 City Council Vision; Council Redistricting 2020; Forthcoming Cherry Creek North Development

9+CO - Wende Reoch reported on 9+CO. Turning lanes at 8th Avenue and Colorado Blvd were recently installed and the large building is a new 10 screen theater. New business have also signed leases and these have been posted on the Assn website. Parking garage expected to open end of the year with free parking in the garage and free parking on streets but this may be reviewed at a later date and changed. A new picture indicates that Block 5 has been re-evaluated as open space and surface parking and Tom and Wende met with the developer to express concern and disappointment about this change. The nurses dorm has to remain and <may> be small market retail and restaurants - this building use is still undetermined. Wende also discussed street and pedestrian challenges along 8th Avenue, especially at Albion St and the need to address with PW Transportation and Mobility.

Norton Cutler invited to speak with the board about the lack of management of street closures by Public Works and how it affects safety of residential side streets. Would be willing to work on behalf of neighborhood on this issue.

Crime & Safety- Andy Walvoord posted a crime report and crime is up for the second year in a row. 70% over two years. Issues are property crimes. Hilltop is the only neighborhood where crime is up in District 3.

Events Updates

July Cranmer Park Community Picnic- Andrea Dikeou reported the event was a great night, rain stopped right before the event; 1500-2000 crowd size estimate, compares with 750 last year and 1200-1500 in 2017. Sponsors helped defray the cost. Improved our waste diversion rate from 62% in 2018 to 82% this year. Increased food trucks 6 savory and 2 sweet. 5% of gross sales to association. Historically our goal for events are to break even, not raise funds. This year, more so than in past years, Council Member Susman covered many expenses (permit fees, entertainment costs, waste mgt, etc) allowing us to have a cushion for the next year's event. CM Sawyer's office indicated they would be open to supporting event in similar ways (permit fees as co-sponsors, etc).

Hilltop Summer Movie Night Series- Last event is on August 15th, good turnout so far.

Halloween Parade- Sheila Pitto reported that there will be a chair for the Halloween Parade and she asked for more involvement as well.

Draft Denver Metroplex EA- Claire Douthit presented on the FAA plane noise issues. The FAA is proposing the Denver metroplex project to assess ways to improve the efficiency of air travel in the DIA area. The plan creates flight paths that improve landing and take off efficiencies. Claire and Wende will explore presenting this issue to the Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation group (the umbrella org for RNOs) understand how other neighborhoods feel about it and share concerns about lack of outreach.

Trader Joe's Use of Alley- Wende noted a resident had contacted her with concerns about TJ's use of the alley to load and unload their deliveries. He feels they block the alley and should pay taxes as they are practically using it as a storage space. Wende discussed with TJ management and learned they have a permit to use the alley for this purpose and pay the city approx \$17K for the permit.

Motioned to adjourn approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Steven Paletz