

CRANMER PARK/ HILLTOP CIVIC ASSOCIATION
Quarterly Board of Directors Meeting at Graland 2nd Floor Conf Room
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10/24/2019

Guest Attendees: Denver Police Department, Chris Hansen, Amanda Sawyer, Robin Kniech

Attendees: Sandi Berenbaum; Sue Bollman; Brewster Boyd, Lon Breslow; Jeff Cuneo; Andrea Dikeou; Larry Donovan; Tom Hart; Ken Malo, Steven Paletz; Sheila Pitto; Joe Reece; Wende Reoch; Steve Segal, Ann Spoor; Andrew Walvoord

Absent: Randy Burgess; Larry Cohen; Joanna Moldow, Mary Morissette, Clay Sparks

Meeting called to order at 6:14pm by President Wende Reoch

President Reoch presented the slate of nominees for terms ending in 2022:

Sandi Berenbaum (incumbent)

Sue Bollman (incumbent)

Lon Breslow (incumbent)

Jonathan Burton

Stephanie Chay

Lisa Glauser

Tomas Hart (incumbent)

Ken Malo (incumbent)

Nicole Malo (not present)

Wende Reoch (incumbent)

Lisa Glauser noted the upcoming Halloween Parade event committee was closely monitoring the weather and planning for alternate venue.

President Reoch moved to approve the slate as presented, Brewster Boyd seconded the motion. Slate passed by voice vote.

Election of Officers

President Reoch presented the slate of officers:

Jeff Cuneo, President

Andrew Walvoord, Vice President

Lon Breslow, Treasurer

Steven Paletz, Secretary

Crime and Safety

Denver Police Department presented on crime statistics for the area and announced the apprehension of a suspect in a number of burglaries in the area.

Denver Police Department emphasized the importance of not leaving valuables in a car.

DPD discussed the neighborhood watch program that is upcoming at the Calvary Baptist Church, as well as other community events to connect the community with the Denver Police Department.

DPD also discussed the Ring Neighbors app (Free) and the importance of using it to help protect the neighborhood.

A question was asked about 50 S. Colorado and the DPD mentioned they are meeting with the developer next week.

Chris Hansen, State Representative

Rep. Hansen discussed the two state initiatives on the ballot and his appointment to the Joint Budget Committee. Rep. Hansen discussed the details of the previous budget.

Rep. Hansen discussed the legislature's action taken to reduce carbon emissions.

Rep. Hansen discussed Proposition CC and DD.

CC - "De-Bruces" the state and allows tax collections above threshold to be retained by the state and not returned to voters.

DD- Allows for sports betting in the State of Colorado and the tax revenue would be used for water.

Council Member Amanda Sawyer, Denver City Council

CM Sawyer discussed the City Propositions on the Ballot.

Council Member Robin Kniech, Denver City Council

CM Kniech discussed the minimum wage proposal and the process to gather community input. Proposal will be introduced to Council November 2. It will be discussed and voted in committee on the 12th, the courtesy public hearing is November 25th.

Treasurer's Report

Lon Breslow presented the Treasurer's report. The financial standing of the association is good.

Lon presented the financial gain and loss of the community events (Halloween Parade, Summer Movie Nights, and Independence Day Picnic).

We currently have 203 active members.

Membership Report

Ann Spoor, membership chair, discussed the drop-off in membership and the block captain approach the membership committee has been experimenting with some success when able to identify members willing to recruit on their blocks. We have 117 expired members. Our membership is less than 10% of possible members.

Zoning and Board of Adjustment Report

Tom Hart noted Robinson Park is funded for an update to their playground and there was an online questionnaire seeking community input. A community meeting/open house is scheduled for Nov 19 to review input from the survey and provide feedback on the initial concept design.

The Assn hosted a meeting in Sept to inform Hilltop residents about a proposed development on the west side of Colorado Blvd at 1st Ave and Bayaud. Cherry Creek East Assn is negotiating covenants with developer but has invited our association to provide input.

There is another proposed rezoning in CCEA at Bayaud and Madison regarding changing the zoning for a “retail village” from three stories to five stories.

Common Consumption

Brewster Boyd presented on the allowance for public consumption of alcohol in certain areas. It doesn't affect Hilltop, but it does effect outdoor areas in Lowry. It helps to increase alcohol business within a certain area.

Traffic Calming Projects

Wende Reoch presented on the status of a small area traffic management plan in the section of the neighborhood adjacent to the 9+O development. Public Works met with a group of neighbors over the past 3 years to identify and select areas of concern that might benefit from low cost calming projects. The goal was to get ahead of anticipated traffic impacts from the 9+CO development. 4 were chosen and installed on a temporary basis in the summer of 2018. A neighborhood meeting was held on Oct 16 for a one year review, specifically to discuss the traffic circle at Ash & 7th and the left-hand prohibition at Ash and 6th Avenue EB. There is going to be an 18 month to 2 year waiting period to see how traffic occurs from 9+CO.

CM Sawyer would like broader view of traffic (making a change in one area effects another area) and has plans to fund a more comprehensive traffic study of a larger section of the district including our neighborhood. Wende hoped the lessons learned from the experiment with the small area traffic planning would be able to be transferred to the larger scale.

Motioned to adjourn approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Steven Paletz