

MINUTES-JANUARY 20, 2010 SCPNA MEETING

About 35 attended at the Montview Manor Penthouse from 7-8:30 PM. Police District 2 Sergeant Eric Knutsen and Community Resource Officer Amy Esten were in attendance. Two issues were discussed and voted on: (1) Medical Marijuana Dispensaries; and (2) Parks and Recreation Private Event Policy. Results as follows:

(1) Medical Marijuana Resolution: Passed (21 Yes, 8 No, 4 Abstained)

The South City Park Neighborhood Association is opposed to allowing medical marijuana dispensaries to be located in the neighborhood. SCPNA asks that local and state elected officials adopt new laws and regulations that will prevent medical marijuana dispensaries from operating within its boundaries.

(2) Private Events Policy Resolution: Passed (23 Yes, 1 No, 8 Abstained)

Whereas, events in City Park place a parking burden on the South City Park neighborhood,

And whereas, City Park is already burdened with over 4,000,000 annual visits,

And whereas, a five-year planning process for City Park concluded that as an amelioration of the 4,000,000 annual visitors, the remainder of the park not impacted by the two cultural institutions would be developed as a passive park for casual recreation by area residents and other Denver area citizens,

And whereas, the Denver City Charter contains the following provision:

DENVER CITY CHARTER

Part 4 – PARKS AND RECREATION

Paragraph 2.4.5

"Without the approval of a majority of those registered electors in an election held by the City and County of Denver, no park or portion of any park belonging to the City as of December 31, 1955, shall be sold or leased at any time, and no land acquired by the City after December 31, 1955, that is designated a park by ordinance shall be sold or leased at any time, provided, however, that property in parks may be leased for park purposes to concessionaires, to charitable or non-profit organizations, or to governmental jurisdictions. All such leases shall require the approval of the Council as provided for in Article III of this Charter. No land acquired by the City after December 31, 1955, shall be deemed a park unless specifically designated a park by ordinance."

And whereas, the public has never voted to rescind this Charter provision,

The South City Park Neighborhood association hereby urges the Mayor, the Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Denver City Council to reject proposals to fence off use of the park by Denver citizens for the benefit of any non-governmental enterprise.

-Submitted by Jim Slotta