

Minutes from the South City Park Neighborhood Association

March 22, 2011 – 7-8:30 p.m. Pinnacle South Tower

The meeting was originally schedule for the Mayfair Manor. The Pinnacle was able to accommodate the SCPNA in one of their community rooms in the South Tower.

Denver Police Department Update with Technician Amy Esten:

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- Last night Auto/child accident involving a 6 year old child walking with her babysitter and her 2 schnauzers. One of the dogs broke loose and the child went after dog and was hit by car. Everyone stayed at scene and TIB was able to get out.
- Crime Stats: There's been an increase in burglaries in the entire city. Buglers kick in the front door, take TV or other high value item and leave. Thefts are increasing from garages, cars, and backyards. While these crimes haven't reached SCP yet, the DPD expect these incidents to rise as spring and summer arrive.
- Lock down at East High: A number of bomb threats were made to East High School. The phone calls made form a lot of different locations. Two neighboring businesses received phone calls saying there was going to be gunmen in front of school. Two officers who work at school and assisted with the lockdown.

Old Pharmaceutical drugs pick up at District 2 station on April 30, 2011 from 10am-2pm: Bring your unused proportions of your pharmaceuticals. A DEA agent will be there. They won't take needles and sharps, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters or illicit drugs.

Five Points Jazz Festival, Saturday May 21 starting at 1 pm

Denver County Judge Claudia Jordan came to promote Jazz festival in Five Points. The festival will take place along Welton Street. They are continuing to iron out the details of the festival. Details will be available at: DenverGov.org/5PointsJazz. The event will include venders, great food and a variety of stages. A question was asked regarding the safety of the event. Judge Jordan assured us that there had been no criminal incidents at any of the prior four festivals. This event is **FREE!**

Youth Biz is having a 5k race on Saturday, May 21 – the morning of the Five Points Jazz Festival

Julie Schumaker, treasurer of the Five Points Rotary Club, joined us to talk about the Youth Biz 5k. Youth Biz (YouthBiz.org) has partnered with Five Points Rotary Club. YouthBiz teaches young people how to have their own entrepreneurial businesses & how to be a good citizen. The race is \$35 to register; \$15 for youth 5k and one mile family walk. This is an officially timed run.

Results of the parking survey:

The results of the survey will help SCPNA represent its constituents to the City of Denver.

Correction: We had reported that the City had added meters in old South Gaylord, but that's not the case.

Concern was expressed that residential parking permit on one side and open parking on one side was not offered in the survey. From reading the one hundred page strategic parking plan, SCPNA leadership body was under the belief that open parking was no longer an option.

Question: Will the parking solution be like downtown and allow people to park all night. As the City has not made a recommendation for SCP, there is no information regarding overnight parking.

The entire survey results will be posted to Facebook (facebook.com/pages/South-City-Park-Neighborhood-Association/187982901241095), Twitter (twitter.com/SouthCityPark) and our website (SCPNA.org)

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General Updates from SCPNA:

- We are moving toward slowly moving toward the 20th century. Pinnacle and Retreat sends newsletters around electronically. If you would prefer an electronic newsletter let us know.
- The SCPNA is starting to put some advertising in our newsletters and on the website. For details go to SCPNA.org
- President Lahey is working with Colfax on the Hill to create special member nights for places. Denver Film Society and Hooked on Colfax have already offered to support a member night.

Save the Date:

March 30 – League of Women Voters, INC, and SCPNA are hosting a Mayoral debate in Mitchell Hall at Botanic Gardens

April 18-22 – Large item pick up for SCP

May 21st the Mayfair Manor is having a garage sale.

May 21st at 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. is the Denver city wide neighborhood clean up initiative.

Jackson street update:

The end of the construction project is in site. There will be mediation between the neighbors, the construction company and the city. There's been tree damage, structural damage in places, and damage to landscaping and sprinkler systems. Our attorney David Lichtenstein will be available to assist in the mediation process. Block Captains Molly Parish and Mike O'Neil will continue to keep people informed and involved as much as possible. We were the first neighborhood to go through this – there will be more neighborhoods. For more information go to:

<http://www.denvergov.org/ProjectsInProgress/MontclairStormDrainageProjectPhaseII/tabid/438280/Default.aspx>

Letter from the President of SCPNA, Congress Park and City Park Jazz to the city of Denver

SCPNA Treasurer Dona Dobson moved that President Lahey write a letter in conjunction with City Park Jazz to the mayor's office, the traffic department, and other city officials including our Councilperson.

The letter would outline the issue:

- 11-12,000 people come to City Park to listen to Jazz on Sunday's in the summer.
- Highlighted results from the parking survey

And possible solutions:

- Barriers on the Seventeenth Avenue end of each street
- Parking on the North side of Seventeenth Avenue
- Signs to promote parking at East High, the Museum of Nature and Science and Zoo Parking
- Hand out flyers at City Park Jazz with parking options

Secretary Claudia Hall Christian seconded motion. The vote was carried with 22 votes.

Parking on the North side of 17th Ave:

Concern was expressed regarding closing a lane on Seventeenth Avenue. Manager of City Park has confirmed her interested in closing off a lane of 17th Ave for parking during big events. According to the Manager of City Park, it's up the City Park management to make that decision.

Proxy voting and number of votes per membership fee:

The Pinnacle representative suggested changing the SCPNA charter to allow proxy voting and only 1 vote per paid membership. All four SCPNA officers suggested talking about this topic in May. This was followed by a rousing conversation regarding the number of votes per membership fee. Many expressed the desire to

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purchase as many votes as they had people in their house or property in City Park. Others discussed the desire to keep the charter the same. After much conversation, the matter was dropped due to the members leaving the meeting and there was no longer a quorum. There was no decision or motion to move the topic to the May meeting.

Suggestions to increase membership and meeting attendance:

1. Change the meeting format from 'update' style to more interactive and more fun.
2. Rather than doing opinion polls, look at issues of creating community involvement.