

Minutes from the South City Park Neighborhood Association
November 17, 2010 – 7-8:30 p.m. Montview Manor

Twelve SCPNA members attended the meeting. This was a voting meeting so a quorum needed to be established. SCPNA President Bonita Lahey brought the meeting to order explaining that the meeting would involve an election of officers.

President Bonita Lahey updated the assembly on the following neighborhood issues:

Jackson Street construction

Background: The City of Denver has ripped up Jackson Street in its entirety in order to complete the sewer project. 16th Street between Garfield and Harrison and Jackson Street are inaccessible. (For information on the project visit the Denver City Government website at : <http://www.denvergov.org/ProjectsInProgress/MontclairStormDrainageProjectPhaseII/tabid/438280/Default.aspx>)

Specific neighborhood issues:

1. Natural Gas — Molly Parrish spent 5 days on the phone with Xcel Energy in an effort to determine why there was a gas smell in residences on Jackson Street. Xcel Energy admitted to Ms. Parrish that they were moving natural gas lines while the street is opened up. Ms. Parrish was given assurances that gas situation would be resolved.
2. Metal plates — A gentleman slipped and fell on metal hole cover during last snow storm. Mike McNeil called Xcel Energy and the Wastewater project managers in an effort to remove the metal plates for safety reasons. Mr. McNeil was assured that the plates would be removed and the areas filled with sand.
3. Parking for Jackson Street residents — Jackson Street residents have access to their home via the alley only. President Lahey and Wastewater Management had a conversation with National Jewish regarding using parking for Colfax businesses or current Jackson St situation. National Jewish affirmed that they are not able to sublet any of parking lots. The new pet supply business on the corner of Jackson and Colfax is willing to allow resident parking on one end of the lot.

Strategic Parking Plan

The SCPNA in conjunction with the Congress Park Neighborhood Association is going to survey people in neighborhood regarding parking. The survey is planned go out in January/February, 2011. The SCPNA and Congress Park Neighborhood Association are interested in determining how people are affected by the businesses and park events.

President Lahey has learned that the current status quo for parking is no longer an option in the city. The City of Denver will change parking in South City Park. The city is moving forward to determine what parking will look like for South City Park.

When asked, President Lahey gave the example of the So. Gaylord neighborhood. This neighborhood now has parking meters and residents must purchase permits to park on the street. South City Park's options will be varied.

The SCPNA would like to get as many residents' opinions on parking prior to the City making a final determination.

US OpenAir

US OpenAir had reserved City Park for a month long event. They have not been able to find a name sponsor and will not be going forward in 2011. They have left the door open for a possible event in 2012.

Treasurer's report (year end)

Miscellaneous expenses:

P.O. Box Fee \$44.00

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Web Host Fee \$47.88
Postage \$11.25
Total misc: \$103.13

Newsletter expense:

\$71.74
\$527.00
\$218.87
\$255.76
\$347.67
\$211.00
\$13.00
\$61.00
\$39.00
\$378.10

Total newsletter: \$2,123.14

Special Flyers expenses:

Dog Park Mtng \$52.46
Garden Tour \$43.29
Total Special Flyer expense: \$95.75

Organizational Dues:

CHUN \$50.00
INC \$35.00
Total Dues: \$85.00

Contribution:

City Park Jazz \$200.00
Montview Manor \$50.00
Total Contribution

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,657.02 \$3,077.79 - 2009 expenses

TOTAL REVENUE \$1,875.00
(140 members)

DEFICIT (\$782.02)

BANK BALANCE \$2,563.00

This does not include individual contributions, in excess of dues, designated to local charities

Bi-law changes

President Lahey noted incorrect statements in the bi-laws.

1. Meeting time: Currently the bi-laws state: '(the SCPNA) will meet at 10 am on 3rd Saturday of the months January, March, May, July, September, and November'. President Lahey recommended changing the bi-laws to state: 'Meeting of all members will take place the 3rd Wednesday of the months January, March, May, July, September, November unless changes at the prior meeting.' The change of the bi-laws passed unanimously.
2. Presidential term: Currently, the bi-laws state that someone can be SCPNA President for life. President Lahey doesn't believe that a life time appointment is good for any organization. She proposed a change making a 2 or 3 term limit. Each term is only 1 year. The voting determined to leave it as is for now

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Two way signs

The City completed work on additional stop signs. Every stop sign now has signs on each side and orange flags. Steele Street was made into a 4 way stop and a 3 way stop was added to Detroit Street at East High School.

7-11

The 7-11 at Colfax and Josephine is moving from its current location to a new structure on the other side of Colfax. There will be a public hearing for liquor license hearing for 3-2 license moving across the street. There's a concern for East High School.

Denver Film Society

The Denver Film Society moved into Neighborhood Flix. Film Society is heavily endowed by their supporters and expected to take permanent residence in the spot. They currently offer free Saturday morning matinees for children.

Block Captain Vacancy

Positions for block captain for Harrison and Detroit are currently vacant. Ruby Wilbur volunteered to be the Steele Street Block Captain. Thank you, Ruby!

Crime statistics

Denver Police Officer Jacob Robb visited the SCPNA meeting to answer questions

1. Increase in graffiti — There is a dedicated unit in the police department to deal with graffiti. Call 311 for a graffiti hotline. Waste management comes out to repaint dumpster
2. Medical marijuana — The law changed in September, 2010. There are more changes coming in July, 2011. There is now a restriction on the number of plants per person; licenses expire – both business and user license expire annually. Denver Police Department is forming a medical marijuana task force.
3. If you see something that looks out of place or irregular, don't hesitate to call. Will always come out when they can.

Election of the officers

The November meeting marks the end of service for every officer. A vote was issued for officers.

Treasurer — Dona Dodson: Passed unanimously
Secretary — Claudia Hall Christian: Passed unanimously
Vice President — Karen Newman: Passed unanimously
President — Bonita Lahey: Passed unanimously

Slate of officers remains the same for 2011. Because President Lahey and Secretary Christian volunteered in 2010, they will begin their first term next year.

General conversation

After attending to agenda items, President Lahey opened forum for general conversation.

1. Rock 'N Roll marathon. A home on 16th and Garrison had damage to property. Rock 'N Roll marathon to repair it immediately. Some miscommunication regarding parking and towing as the flyer said there was no parking or they would be towed. Otherwise, overall Rock N Roll Marathon was easy.
2. President Lahey is planning on attending the City Park Jazz meetings to bring SCPNA issues (specifically parking and safety) to their attention.
3. Liaison at the Pinnacle — Dale Parachini introduced himself as the SCPNA liaison with the Pinnacle – If we have issue for them, or they have issues for us, Dale is the person to go to. He can be reached at: dalepar@gmail.com
4. What would make neighborhood association more relevant? The following suggestions were made:
 - Meeting attendants could reach out to neighbors on our block and bring one more person,
 - Request block captains attendance at meetings

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- Have historical society come to meetings to talk about joining or becoming a historic meeting
- Landmark Denver is trying something a little different – doesn't have to be a neighborhood thing – could be all Denver Squares
- Be a voice for issues at City park – traffic issues, zoo, parks and rec, festivals ('Now that we're a festival park, I'd like to know what's going on for festivals') – hope to be involved in the discussion of the placement of events
- Have a neighborhood party
- Link to Parks and Rec/CityPark events admission based events.
- Have the City Park manager to come and talk to us – overview of how process went.
- Continued updates on the construction going on at the museum.
- Return to block captain meetings to get them more hooked in.

SCPNA meetings are held at the **Montview Manor**. The Montview Manor is 55 years old and above condominium style living. www.MontviewManor.org