



**January 27, 2021  
7:00pm – 8:30pm  
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Roth at 7:05pm

**In attendance:** Ellen Roth (President), Brian Friel (Treasurer), Stacey McDole (Secretary), Matt Girolami, Nancy Burke, Dale, Mary Frances Nevans, David Scarbeary, Robert Greer, Eleni Sarris, Trevor Price, Judy Heagstedt, Chad Rounds, Trevor Price, Kathy Price, Char Day, Heather Runkel, Josh Rolfe, Jacqueline Altreuter, Georgia Garnsey (CPFAN president), John Sleaman

**7:05 – 7:10 Denver Police Department Report Ruiz – Absent**

**7:10 – 7:15 Presentation of the 2021 Budget – Brian Friel – Budget Attached.**

- Will be sent to the membership on Friday 1/29 for approval
- Grant of \$1000 Denver Compost Coll, Frontline Farmers
- SCPNA has started the process to become a nonprofit and will be sent out for vote on Friday 1/29

**7:15 – 7:25 Updates from Josh Rolfe with Denver Animal Shelter on the new Pit Bull Ordinance**

- Included how to license a Pit Bull with the city and other helpful reminders.
- There is a permit process, an evaluation at DAS, application includes requirements (vaccinated, city licensed, microchip, spay/neuter, emergency contact other than owner)
- \$30 permit annually, carried for 36 mos with no violations, owner reporting responsibilities if the dog does get loose.
- \$25 evaluation, plus \$15 annual city license fee.
- Breeds evaluated: American Pitbull Terrier, American Staffordshire Terrier, Staffordshire Bull Terrier

*Questions from the community:*

Q: DNA testing that proves is not pitbull, still requires a visual exam?

A: Yes. The law states the evaluation DAS conducts supersedes DNA testing. Canine DNA testing is not entirely reliable. However, owners are welcome to share the DNA testing results.

Q: How can a scientific DNA test be less accurate than an evaluator?

A: Every dog is evaluated by three evaluators and all three must unanimously agree that the dog is of a pit bull breed. Evaluators undergo a fairly intensive class regarding breed standards that is on par with

what AKC/UKC judges go through. They are trained to identify standards and to determine if they substantially conform to those breeds or not.

Q: Does DAS monitor off-leash dogs or is that Parks & Rec?

A: DAS manages leash law throughout the city, however we only have 15 officers. That being said, DAS relies heavily on the park rangers to patrol the city parks. Park rangers are onsite daily, where DAS officers may be there once or twice a week.

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### **7:25 – 7:40 Nancy Burke, founder of Renters Avenue**

- Gave an overview of this new community resource.
- Renters Avenue is the first-of-its-kind, free to the user, online renter and homebuyer resource designed to provide increased accessibility to community resources with information on housing and financial services, made possible through community and business support.
- Up to 400 available resources on the website – Community Resources, Housing Matters, Money Matters, Legal Matters and COVID19 resources.

[www.Rentersavenue.com](http://www.Rentersavenue.com)

Questions from the community:

Q: Is this available throughout the state?

A: It is statewide – all resources on the website are Colorado-based

### **7:40 – 8:55 Char Day will speak on behalf of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights**

- New draft marijuana ordinances in the City of Denver.
- A vote will be sent after the meeting to determine whether or not SCPNA should send a letter of support for this group to the City Council.
- Char covers 16 states and tribes.

[Char.day@no-smoke.org](mailto:Char.day@no-smoke.org)

Questions from the community:

Q: Can we have a copy of the presentation?

A: Yes, and along with that links to the science behind the initiative, etc.

Q: Does your organization work with indoor methane or charred kitchen materials as well? Those are powerful pollutants in indoor spaces, often more dangerous than marijuana smoke.

A: No - just cigarettes, marijuana and e-cigs - all tobacco related

Q: Did we take a vote as a group to ask Candi to vote against for the public question period?

A: The membership will be voting on it on Friday 1/29/21.

Q: What exactly is the membership voting on?

A: Should SCPNA send a comment to Denver City Council asking for more time for neighborhood organizations to respond to the proposed marijuana smoking establishments? Should SCPNA send a comment to Denver City Council requesting they do not opt in to HB19-1230 for local marijuana smoking establishments.

Q: What is the purpose of asking for more time and for who?

A: Asking for more time will give neighborhood associations time to consider the initiative. Slowing down the process allows City Council to educate themselves about the issues around this issue.

### **8:00 – 8:30 Updates on the City Park playground projects**

- There is an upcoming community engagement period with the Denver Museum of Nature & Science and construction updates on the Dustin Redd playground presented by Jaqueline Altreuter – Director of Volunteers at DMNS
- DeBoer Waterway and Nature Play Experience with Denver PnR as it concerns the City Park Overlay. In the design process. Natural playful experience with respite areas. Waterways will be fed from lake water.
- March/April 2021 the final project design will be presented.
- Construction through late 2022
- Online survey to hear from the community – [www.dmns.org/natureplay](http://www.dmns.org/natureplay) to give feedback, request a creative design kit, register to attend a virtual community Open House
  - ◆ 2/2/21 – co-hosted with SPFAN
  - ◆ 2/10/21 – co-hosted with City Park Alliance
- About Dustin Redd – construction will start over the next few weeks and will be complete Fall 2021.

Email at [natureplay@dmns.org](mailto:natureplay@dmns.org)

[www.SEE DOC.com](http://www.SEE DOC.com)

#### *Questions from the community:*

Q: Is the project considering the geese

A: The turf is not traditional (KY Bluegrass) with no stagnant water.

Q: Is there a plan for urban foraging to harvest edible natives?

A: No, but thank you for the feedback. This is the perfect time to present this question.

Q: What are the plans for changing greenspace in the park to construct slides and other playground equipment that could diminish greenspace?

A: The current plastic playground will be demoed, but will use natural materials for immersive playscapes, but also submissive to the current landscape. Having bio habitats where animals and people can be at peace in the park.

### **8:30 – 8:40 Committee Updates**

- Jim Slotta and Mardi Mathers are absent
- Climate action committee won the \$1,000 award - SCPNA will be awarded once W9 is complete.
- Battery recycling may restart - more to come on this
- Mardi Mathers is heading up the zoning committee
- Working on 17<sup>th</sup> Ave project – hopefully will
- Paradise land Cleaners? Buzz Geller, name obtained by Eleni
- Group living proposal – to modernize rules in ordinances – city council voting on 2/8/21 – there is still time to submit written comments to the city of Denver or planner working on the project.
- No updates from INC
- Eleni and Robert Greer would like to help with the membership committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm