



**March 17, 2021
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Roth at 7:02pm

In attendance: Ellen Roth (President), Brian Friel (Treasurer), Stacey McDole (Secretary), Matt Girolami, Greg & Tonia, Jim Slotta, Jennifer Rosen, Maria Flora, Chris Davis, Bonnie Clarke, Matthew James, Madeline Horowitz, Mary Giammari, Jacqueline Altreuter, Mary Frances & John Nevans, Robert Greer, Kevin Stephenson, Wendy Rouder, Chad ? , Kathleen Stewart, Bruce Heagstedt, Kathy Riley, Eleni Sarris, Jan Reiley, Jo Untiedt, Kathy & Trevor Price

7:05 – 7:10 Denver Police Department Report Officer Ruiz & Officer Sanchez

Uptick on motor vehicles and bikes – keep garages closed and locked and no valuables in car – 15th & Garfield unhoused are on private property have been requested to move,

Introductions with Ofr Sanchez – 26 year veteran – traffic officer. Has an extra flashing light to be deployed where the community feels it's needed/necessary. Email Rodney.sanchez@denvergov.org

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

Update on AR/AP

Membership will now be a rolling year membership.

Q: How often are there members of the community who can't pay the annual dues

A: Free memberships are available, but we haven't had any of those recently. Some members do send more than the \$10/year. By becoming a nonprofit we can solicit donations and charitable events.

Q: Do we need any help with recruitment?

A: We have a few events planned for this year to bring more engagement to the neighborhood

7:15 – 7:25 Denver District Attorney's Office updates from Deputy District Attorney Matt James

Denver DA prosecutes more serious criminal cases like felony, DUI, domestic violence, etc. New restorative justice program on misdemeanor offenses to mitigate with the defendant, can pay for restitution – to work with the victim so they understand how it affected them. Diversion program – pay for restitution, etc. Also on the elder abuse program.

7:25 – 3300 E. 17th Ave owners Kevin Stephenson and Chris Davis – BOSSArchitecture

Small arch/design firm for 13 years. Custom residential, restaurants, offices. Just the two of them for some time, now 8 ppl and have resisted growth. But now want to own their own space to call home. Looked for a building to buy. The building at 3300 spoke to them on a design and value. Their plan is to restore it back to its original condition. Not added sq footage or second story. MCM design that needs love. Every system needs to be redone. The building is currently gutted. A few weeks ago the basement was full of water – 3ft. Due diligence is 3-4 more weeks. Closing late April/early May and renovating right away and moving in in the Fall. In their best interest to have a beautiful building that echoes the aesthetics of the neighborhood.

Parking the east side, new mechanicals that will not be on the roof, new fence, bike parking, handrails for access points from 17th & Adams streets.

Will have an open house once complete.

Will be the sole office for the firm and its 8 designers

Will you be taking on interns?

Are open to architect interns and show them the good, bad and ugly of the industry.

There will be a ramp for wheelchair access on the rear.

A survey will be going out to the membership regarding BOSS permit and zoning.

Built in 1954 as a medical office. Was approved for office and residential. Since it's of nonconforming use, each new owner has to permit it as an office.

Emails:

chris@bossarch.com

kevin@bossarch.com

7:40 – Maria Flora From City Park Friends & Neighbors – Adopt-a-Flower-Bed Program at City Park

In an effort to keep City Park beautiful, they are looking for volunteers to make sure the beds are taken care of through the season. 6-person teams with a captain, to work individually, or to be placed on teams to help with the park maintenance by April 10th. Meet and greet and kick-off in early May. Please send an email if you're interested with your level of interest and/or participation without overcommitting.

Email: mjflora@msn.com

Q: What kind of time commitments are you looking for?

A: There will be some flexibility as you'll be on teams

Q: Will there be native and edible plants and an overlap with the box canyon project/nature play?

A: This project will be concentrated on existing beds, in particular the rose gardens. However, we aren't going to be dictating what the horticulturist wants to plant.

8:00 – 8:30 Jacqueline Altreuter/DMNS - Updates on the City Park playground projects

Off previous guest: We have provided feedback to Denver Parks & Rec – over 800 have responded. They will be the final say on what will be planted – will be working with Denver Botanic Gardens. Bunnies eat everything! Border collies come in a few times a week at the Botanic Gardens that scare away the bunnies, but DMNS will not have this opportunity. Also working with zoological and ornithologists as well.

No concepts to share with the neighborhood yet, but will have an event to show it when it's available to make sure the feedback and consideration of the neighborhood has been taken. Winter 2021/2022 for construction.

Q: What kind of plants will be in the area

A: We need the maintenance team feedback to make sure they can be maintained properly – environmental sustainability. DMNS will not be making any decisions on what will be planted, Denver PnR is responsible for the selection.

Email: natureplay@dmns.org

8:30 – 8:40 Committee & INC Updates

INC:

Survey has been sent out about legislation to expand or easier for the State of Colorado to mandate affordable housing in the rental industry rather than allowing it to be voluntary.

RNO reform question did not come up during the INC meeting.

There are several committees for anyone who wants to be involved.

Membership Committee:

Mary Frances wants to be more involved after living here for the last 30 years. Will have ideas for the future for engagement!

Kathy – Mary Frances reminded everyone that our USPS guy was leaving. He was touched!

Teller is having a Dining Out at Modern Market Thursday 11am-9pm 1000 S Co Blvd

Climate Action:

Is small but mighty as far as educating the community about how to live a sustainable life.

Last fall, they spearheaded a leaf collection drive for composting with the Denver Compost Collective. Because of this, CA won a grant in our efforts.

April 22nd is Earth Day – doing a clean up campaign!

South City Park Neighborhood Association will be coordinating an Earth Day Clean Up, co-hosted by the SCPNA Climate Action Committee and Executive Committee! There are three opportunities to participate in this event:

- 1) Thursday, April 22nd, 10AM - This group will meet at the corner of 17th and Adams. This group will break off into smaller groups and clean up half of the neighborhood between Detroit and Adams.
- 2) Thursday, April 22nd, 5PM - This group will meet at the corner of 17th and Cook. This group will break off into smaller groups and clean up half of the neighborhood between Cook and Colorado.
- 3) Saturday, April 24th, 10AM - This group will meet at the corner of 17th and Steele. This group will break off into smaller groups and clean up a portion of City Park.

Block captain program will be reinvigorated! Welcoming new residents and businesses, surveys, organizing block parties, encouraging businesses to join meetings/become members, flyering

If you want to become a block captain: email Jim Slotta at scpnaclimateaction@gmail.com or southcitypark@gmail.com

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm