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MEETING MINUTES  
 Monthly Community and Board Meeting

Date: January 7, 2016

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: GPHC Offices, 2823 Fairfax Street, Denver, CO 80207

Board Member Attendees: Veronica D’Annibale, Lyle Hanson, Melissa Davis, Heather Shockey, Tracey MacDermott, Geneva Goldsby, Keith Brown, James Groves, James King, Ryan Hunter, Lynn Kalinsauskas, Bob Homiak, Gete Mekonnen, Rob Barber and Bernadette Kelly

Item No.	Discussion	Action Items/Responsibility
1	Introductions	
2	D2 Report, Officer Reyes Trujillo: Crime is down 26% overall, but only 4% in south area of neighborhood North side – most significant two sex assaults (one is person of trust), other was allegation at day care; domestic violence; seven auto thefts; six burglaries; one shooting in occupied structure-36 <sup>th</sup> , gang related; shots fired at office on 33 <sup>rd</sup> and Jasmine South side - Six auto thefts, 9 thefts from autos; burglaries while people were aware for the holidays; two aggravated assaults with fire arm  Community involvement-donated in kind to children in need, collaborated with Aurora PD.	Report any suspicious activity to District 2 at the non-emergency dispatch number: 720-913-2000. Reserve 9-1-1 for crimes in progress so that you are not tying up the line for real emergencies.  Twitter: follow @DenverPolice
3	Rebecca Born, Co Tree cycle until January 15 <sup>th</sup> Food Pantry – served 150 through December, open during holidays and has increased with the first week of January; served 1,000 people with Thanksgiving food baskets Backpack program – has increased significantly, have capped program at 300 children, cost averages \$3.50 per bag per week – trying to find a way to reduce this cost by increasing partnerships. These children are on free or reduced lunch at school, so this program fills the nutrition gap for the weekend. Want to be able to provide fresh fruit. Back bags immediately following food pantry hours on Wednesdays. Roots Elementary, Smith Elementary, Boys & Girls Club – means testing Tuesday, January 12 <sup>th</sup> , Park Hill Golf Club House, 6:30 pm– meeting on addressing flooding in south Park Hill.	
3	Building Committee Chair, Louis Plachowski Ongoing issue with water intrusion in the back of the building – trying to address with downspouts to keep water away from edge of building Carpeting and awnings	
4	Education Committee Chair, Lynn Kalinauskas Venture Prep is leaving the Smiley Campus at the end of this year Option to expand McAuliffe MS to 1,000 seats or shrink the cap on	

	<p>enrollment and place to middle schools in the Smiley Campus Park Hill, McAuliffe and Stapleton all pushed back on the idea of 2 middle schools and DPS sent out an email stating that they would increase the enrollment to 1,000 seats for McAuliffe middle. (Principal has plan for 1,080 students)</p> <p>Concerns – access to McAuliffe for Park Hill residents based on boundaries (competing with Stapleton for seats); traffic on Holly Street – make one way to resolve?</p> <p>Funding – State of Colorado will probably cut funding for education again this year</p>	
5	<p>Property Use Chair, Bernadette Kelly</p> <p>Two zoning requests at November meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rebuild carport, in required setbacks, E 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue – we voted to support and applicants were granted their variance</li> <li>• Lot spitting/re-zoning at 5315 E Montview Blvd – we voted to oppose this lot splitting/re-zone, letter was sent to all City departments concerned and the City has requested that we participate in a mediation. Mediation will be January 14<sup>th</sup> – attended by Bernadette Kelly and Rebecca Born</li> </ul>	
6	<p>Historic Designation Proposal for Park Hill, Rebecca Rodgers, George Dennis and Mark Davidson</p> <p>Only proposing for a portion of Park Hill (Montview to 26<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Colorado Blvd to Clermont) This area is already a National Historic District (Federal); this area is the first platting of Park Hill. The proposal is for it to be Denver Historic District, which brings about the Historic Design Guidelines and review by the Denver Historic Preservation Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• held an informational meeting in early October,</li> <li>• Will be sending post cards to each residence within the proposed historic district for the home owners to respond as to whether they support it or not.</li> </ul> <p>Benefits of Historic Designation, George Denis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Studies on historic designation real estate values-are proven to appreciate faster and to hold their value longer in economic downturn</li> <li>• Tax Rebates - Can receive up to 20% of cost of project for renovating a historic property</li> <li>• Less expensive to renovate an historic property as opposed to scraping and building new</li> <li>• Historic guidelines are not restrictive like covenants in a residential neighborhood – generally help you get done what you need to get done; no one is going to tell you what color you can paint your house. An Historic District is not an HOA. (very different things)</li> <li>• Any work on an historic property that doesn't require a permit does not go through Preservation Commission review (i.e. painting the exterior)</li> <li>• Does not prevent you from upgrading HVAC, electrical, installing solar panels, geothermal, etc.</li> <li>• New homes being built in Park Hill are on the market for \$1M – does not make for a very diverse neighborhood</li> </ul> <p>35 year Park Hill resident, participated in law suit against City for Stapleton, Mark Davidson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• After several moves over the years, now living on Montview</li> </ul>	<p><a href="http://www.historicparkhill.org">www.historicparkhill.org</a>  <a href="mailto:info@historicparkhill.org">info@historicparkhill.org</a></p>

	<p>Boulevard within the proposed district, home is designed by prominent Denver 20<sup>th</sup> century architects Hoyt and Hoyt</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History of neighborhood striving and fighting for equality – fighting segregation, lawsuit against Stapleton for deteriorating the quality of life in Park Hill</li> </ul> <p>Rebecca Rogers – goal to remain transparent and accessible, see website for contact information; will be hosting house parties throughout area for further discussion and outreach.</p> <p>Not specifically requesting anything of GPHC at this point, only informational presentation. When submit application for the district, will present to City Council and will want GPHC support at that time</p>	
7	<p>I-70 Reroute, Frank Sullivan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part of Unit North Metro Denver</li> <li>Despite conversations that this is moving forward, any changes to I-70 are actually a long way off</li> <li>Requesting CDOT to research alternatives, specifically relocating I-70 to the existing corridor of 270 and 76 from Central Park Boulevard to Wadsworth</li> <li>Please attend the next I-70 Reroute Committee meeting – St Thomas Episcopal Church (22<sup>nd</sup> and Dexter), Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm</li> </ul>	<p><i>Please attend the next I-70 Reroute Committee meeting – St Thomas Episcopal Church (22<sup>nd</sup> and Dexter), Tuesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm</i></p>
8	<p>Approval of September and November 2015 minutes – Louis motion approval, seconded – all in favor</p>	
9	<p>Treasurer’s Report, Bob Homiak</p> <p>Will be presenting proposed budget for 2016 at retreat, 2015 was a profitable year</p> <p>Have \$20,000 in restricted account – can discuss use for some of this money in 2016 at retreat</p>	
10	<p>Board Retreat, Saturday, January 16<sup>th</sup> and Mountain States Employers Council on 18<sup>th</sup> and Pennsylvania</p> <p>Breakfast is potluck, please bring a dish to share</p> <p>Tracey will send out reminder email with more information on address and phone numbers</p>	
11	<p>Denver Urban Gardens – reducing the free seeds and transplants program; based on need and eligibility is based on household income</p> <p>GPHC will send letter to DUG as a plea not to reduce program as it fulfills a need in Park Hill for access to healthy produce. Voted to support this letter, all in favor.</p>	
12	<p>Lyle Hansen – to meet with Colfax Business Improvement District</p>	
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End of Minutes

**Next Meeting is Thursday, February 4th**