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MEETING MINUTES
Monthly Community and Board Meeting

Date: September 3, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: ZOOM meeting - virtual

Board Member Attendees: James Groves, Blair Taylor, Bernadette Kelly, Shane Sutherland, Lisa Zoeller, Stephanie Ceccato, Heather Shockey, Tracey MacDermott, Sandy Robnett, Rick Medrick, Justin Petaccio, Melissa Davis, Jeanette Fedele, LaMone Noles, Colette Carey, Kevin Wiegand, Louis Plachoswki, Ryan Hunter, Nam Henderson.

Item No.	Discussion	Action Items/Responsibility
1	<p>Introductions by Blair Taylor and Lana Cordes: Lana – housekeeping rules for Zoom Meeting; Ryan and Melissa moderating questions and comments – attendees to ‘raise hand’ for if they want to talk. Community updates are available on Greater Park Hill Community and Greater Park Hill News Facebook pages.</p> <p>Free Farm Stand on Mondays Home Tour and Street Fair – modified to exterior walking tour Emergency Food Pantry - Coffee, tea, toiletries, fresh food – complete list is available at greaterparkhill.org Annual Meeting is October – Elections for odd numbered districts and 3 at-large positions, please email Lana if you would like to run as a representative for one of those districts East Area Plan – presentation this evening Group Living Text amendment – went to City Council Land Use Committee denvergov.org/group living for more information Resolution for Ballot Initiative on Conservation Easements for Public Parks – Council deferred and it will not be on November Ballot Parkview on Fairfax – developer withdrew rezoning request, they are building under current E-MS-2 zoning and we are awaiting further details. Membership – join us if you are not already a member Donations – food, toiletries and monetary donations are always welcome!</p>	
2	<p>D2 Police Report – Officer Heidi Lewis</p> <p>Not in attendance – Officer Lewis will provide a briefing via email and that briefing will be sent to all meeting participants.</p>	<p>Report any suspicious activity to District 2 at the non-emergency dispatch number: 720-913-2000. Reserve 9-1-1 for crimes in</p>

		<p>progress so that you are not tying up the line for real emergencies.</p> <p>Twitter: follow @DenverPolice</p> <p>No longer monitoring Next Door – use pocketgov.org to connect with D2 Police Officer Heidi Lewis</p>
3	<p>Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, Jodi Radke Tobaccofreekids.org Case Studies about Vape Use in Teens One vape cartridge is equivalent amount of nicotine as a pack of cigarettes Tobacco marketing targets minority neighborhoods Strategies – flavor ban and tax most impactful; partnering with the City to reverse the trends; asking City Council to devote time and attention to this issue FlavorsHookKidsDenver.org Hookah is a different device/product from vaping but included as a risk Asked for GPHCs support in their initiative.</p>	
4	<p>Climate Action Denver, Patty Iwasaki, Sebastian Andrews: Climateactiondenver.com A Climate Action Sales Tax – how implemented Backing a Ballot Initiative developed by 2020 Task Force that included Oil and Gas Industry, CoPIRG Where do funds go? – transportation, building, electricity, waste and consumption, resiliency and adaption https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/climate-sustainability/initiatives/climate-action/climate-stakeholder-process.html New office with 7 dedicated staff members to enforce the desires of the task force Sustainability Advisory Council – 30+ members that are citizens of Denver Asked for GPHCs support in their initiative.</p>	<p>Sebastian Andrews - 720-234-5521 - sebastianandrews21@gmail.com</p>
5	<p>East Area Plan, Liz Wiegler: Plans are policy documents, not regulations Plan Process – started 3 years ago, we are now in the DRAFT process of the plan Next Steps: about to post another updated DRAFT, 2nd draft Virtual Open House next Thursday, September 10th Steering committee Meeting: September 23rd October and November working towards adoption by Planning Board and City Council Priority Recommendations: Keeping current residents and businesses in the community Be an inclusive place by increasing affordable housing</p>	

<p>Colfax Avenue – make it a street that brings people together, not currently pedestrian friendly</p> <p>Architectural History – wealth of beautiful old houses and interesting architecture, encourage maintaining existing fabric</p> <p>Create Parks and Community Gathering Spaces</p> <p>Storm Water Management – area subject to flooding</p> <p>Mobility – make streets safer and more convenient without using automobiles</p> <p>Heights – 3-5 stories and recommend that it stay that way, only very targeted areas for 7 stories – provide affordable housing, support businesses, Blueprint Denver targeted Colfax as being 5 stories in height</p> <p>Achieve a public park along Colfax – residents should have a public park that is within 10 minutes of walking distance; Community engagement process to design park</p> <p>Depth of Lots – Careful about where 5 stories is allowed – have to provide affordable housing and open space in order to build to 5 stories</p> <p>Encourage Green Building – mixed use where infrastructure is already in place</p> <p>Nam – tying increases in density to transit stops, how has plan changed regarding Johnson and Wales?</p> <p>Liz – recommendation to add BRT stops, Johnson and Wales – achieve plan goals if changes from education use</p> <p>Community Will be able to comment on Draft before goes to Planning Board</p> <p>All residents of Denver are allowed to comment, they do ask where you reside when you comment</p> <p>All unanswered questions will be sent to Liz. Responses will be provided to all meeting participants.</p>	
<p>Tara Bannon: Update on Libraries: Curbside is a rocking! We have a few great programs coming up!</p> <p>https://www.denverlibrary.org/event/7-biggest-myths-about-sex-and-aging</p> <p>https://www.denverlibrary.org/event/alternatives-calling-police</p> <p>Northeast Transportation Connections (NETC) - Bike to Wherever Week is Sept. 21, 2020-Sept. 25, 2020. For more information visit biketoworkday.us. Looking to give away 13 electric bikes to low income workers. If you or anyone you know is interested in applying please email n Glenn@netransportation.org.</p>	
<p>Bylaws on voting, Ryan Hunter made two requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Point of order: appeal to Tracey and Bernadette to amend the August minutes to include his absentia vote on the charter amendment. 2. Introduced resolution for Louis' resignation. This was later withdrawn. <p>Discussion about bylaws commenced:</p> <p>Ryan - reviewed bylaws and they do not allow voting by proxy; however, voting by email prior to a meeting is not 'by proxy'</p> <p>Shane – agrees that bylaws are in need of updating, need language about absentee ballots</p>	a

<p>Ryan – bylaws are problematic on how we operate. Ditto by Collette Lisa – have voted on decisions via email in the past Justin – how do we address unique situations where we don't have an understanding of the bylaws Blair – did reach out to other RNOs and they do not allow absentee ballots (includes INC) Ryan – bylaws about meeting attendance and that missing so many meetings in a row are an automatic resignation of a Board member. RE: Louis Plachowski missing meetings and calling for his resignation Melissa: should not single out one person, as there are others who have missed attending 3 consecutive meetings in a row. Heather – we have not applied the 3 consecutive meetings of absence as an automatic resignation. Ryan – encouraged by this conversation – comments not addressed directly to Louis as an individual</p> <p>Ryan and Stephanie have agreed to form a committee to review the By-laws and recommend changes. Shane and Lamone also expressed interest.</p> <p>Tracey is in communication with a human relations director to revise bylaws for the current times – electronic and virtual communication which was not previously available and needs to be considered.</p>	
<p>Blair – presented INC resolution on the Climate Change Colorado Ballot Initiative/Tax .</p> <p>MOTION: The board voted in favor of having GPHC's INC delegate vote in support of the Climate Change Tax Initiative resolution. (counts and names not recorded)</p>	
<p>Vote on August minutes deferred; requested revisions have not yet been provided.</p>	
<p>Justin – request Group Living presentation at annual meeting next month</p>	
<p>End of Meeting – other business to be addressed in future meetings</p>	

End of Minutes
Annual Meeting Thursday, October 1st