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MEETING MINUTES
Monthly Community and Board Meeting

Date: November 5, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: ZOOM meeting - virtual

Board Member Attendees: Tracey MacDermott, Heather Shockey, Shane Sutherland, Nam Henderson, Melissa Davis, Ken Burdette, Amy Harris, Sandy Robnett, Maria Flora, Shanta Harrison, Lisa Zoeller, Kevin Wiegand, Louis Plachowski, Ryan Hunter, Colette Carey, Bernadette Kelly, Rick Medrick, Stephanie Ceccato

| Item No. | Discussion | Action Items/Responsibility |
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| 1 | <p>Introductions by Lana Cordes:</p> <p>Lana – housekeeping rules for Zoom Meeting; attendees to ‘raise hand’ for if they want to talk.</p> <p>Community updates are available on Greater Park Hill Community and Greater Park Hill News Facebook pages.</p> <p>Park Hill Garden Walk Calendar for 2021 – images from past garden walks and tips for gardening.</p> <p>GPHN 60th Anniversary fundraising effort</p> <p>Thanksgiving Giveaway – all of the fixings for a full Thanksgiving meal for a family; visit greaterparkhill.org for list of items still needed (is updated) or could donate money for gphc to shop for what is needed.</p> <p>Membership – join us if you are not already a member</p> <p>Donations – food, toiletries and monetary donations are always welcome!</p> <p>East Area Plan – Monday November 16th – City council Hearing for East Area Plan – denvergov.org/eastplan for more information</p> <p>Group Living Text Amendment – review of sections by the committee denvergov.org/groupliving</p> <p>REMINDER: No December meeting</p> | <p>Denvergov.org/eastplan</p> <p>Denvergov.org/groupliving</p> |
| 2 | <p>D2 Police Report – Officer Heidi Lewis</p> <p>Heidi not in attendance – Lana will follow up with Officer Lewis for a D2 update and will email to all meeting attendees.</p> | <p>Report any suspicious activity to District 2 at the non-emergency dispatch number: 720-913-2000.</p> <p>Reserve 9-1-1 for crimes in progress so that you are not tying up the line for real emergencies.</p> |

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| | | <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>Fiction Brewing – has applied for Cabaret Liquor License – this allows live music where alcohol is served/sold. Located at Colfax and Pontiac. Have outdoor patio on north side of building (faces neighborhood/residences, not Colfax) Colette Carey – they have been a good neighbor, only big events about once a year. If anyone has questions or concerns about this application, please contact Colette, she lives two blocks away from Fiction and is in contact with neighbors that live adjacent to Fiction.</p> <p>Lisa – if neighbors have strong reaction to this application, we could organize with neighbors and Fiction owners for discussion about potential Good Neighbor Agreement</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Zoning Variance on Cherry Street – need owners to attend our Board meeting and present and answer questions – requesting our support; have signatures from neighbors and plans and elevations for proposed addition/remodel</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Officer Elections –</p> <p>Chair – Tracey MacDermott</p> <p>Chair Elect – Shane Sutherland (will become Chair October 2021)</p> <p>Treasurer – Heather Shockey</p> <p>Secretary – Bernadette Kelly</p> <p>18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain</p> | |
| | <p>East Area Plan –</p> <p>Kevin Wiegand does not support applying density to the blocks adjacent to Colfax where affordable small homes are located and the burden of density is placed upon these existing residents - increasing allowable 5 stories to 8. Collette lives nearby – just density for density’s sake – no plans for affordable housing</p> <p>Shane – will increase property taxes and displace existing residents; no guarantee that any affordable housing will be built</p> <p>Lisa – shouldn’t be taking a position/sending letter without notification and community outreach</p> <p>Nam – Colfax/Mayfair BID does support the East Area Plan; residents at risk are not supporting the plan; Minneapolis – prior to single family zoning – return to mid-rise multi-family zoning; should reach out to East Colfax in solidarity</p> <p>Maria Flora – should take a position – read through all the comments and they are overwhelming against the plan; plan benefits developers; COVID limited community outreach and many residents are not aware of these plans; National Jewish commented that they have their own plans for their campus as well as Johnson Wales which is private property; concern about losing</p> | |

grocery stores at Colfax and Krameria where planned for 8 stories; what about schools? Our neighborhood schools do not have capacity for all these additional residents.

Shanta – in comments on website – is there verification that those who are commenting live in the area? (response was no)

MOTION

Colette motioned that the Board should take a position on the East Area Plan.

Motion was seconded by Kevin

Ayes – 15 (Nam, Colette, Kevin, Maria, Amy, Ken, Shane, Tracey, Shanta, Heather, Bernadette, Sandy, Louis, Melissa, Rick)

Nays – 2 (Ryan and Lisa)

Abstain - 1 (Stephanie)

MOTION

Louis motioned that we draft a letter of opposition to the East Area Plan as presented. Motion seconded by Rick.

Ayes – 11 (Louis, Rick, Colette, Kevin, Maria, Bernadette, Tracey, Heather, Shane, Sandy, Shanta)

Nays - 3 (Nam, Lisa, Ken)

Abstain - 4 (Stephanie, Ryan, Amy, Melissa)

MOTION

Kevin motioned that the Board should clarify why we are opposed to the East Area Plan as written. Motion was seconded by Amy.

Ayes – 14 (Kevin, Maria, Amy, Lisa, Colette, Melissa, Shane, Ken, Tracey, Bernadette, Sandy, Shanta, Heather, Stephanie)

Nays - 1 (Louis)

Abstain - 2 (Nam and Rick)

(Ryan Hunter left meeting before vote)

Colette volunteered to coordinate a collaborative process to clarify the reasons the board is opposed to the EAP. Bernadette additionally offered to help draft the final letter. All board members are requested to send their thoughts (both pros and cons) to Colette ASAP as the letter needs to be completed and delivered (electronically) to City Council prior to the November 16th meeting.

End of Meeting

End of Minutes

Next Meeting Thursday, January 7, 2021!!!