



Greater Park Hill Community, Inc.
 2823 Fairfax Street
 Denver, CO 80207

Phone: (303) 388-0918

Fax: (303) 388-0910

MEETING MINUTES
 Monthly Community and Board Meeting

Date: August 3, 2017

Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Board Member Attendees: Lyle Hansen, Bob Homiak, James Groves, George Dennis, Louis Plachowski, Rebecca Rogers, Ryan Hunter, Kevin Wiegand, Melissa Davis, Roger Kilgore, Justin Petaccio, Heather Shockey, Tracey MacDermott, Bernadette Kelly, and Nam Henderson

Item No.	Discussion	Action Items/Responsibility
1	Introductions	
2	<u>D2 Report:</u> Officer Sharon Avandaño, new Community Resource Officer from Denver DPD D2	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	Community and Organization Update, Sierra Fleenor, GPHC Exec Director: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Sending out surveys to food pantry donors ❖ Weekend food program on hiatus with school out, met with Boys and Girls Club ❖ Free farm stand – 1200 lbs. of food via Denver Food Rescue from East High Farmers Market ❖ 10 people have donated food from their gardens. New volunteers very helpful ❖ Planters out front with growing things! ❖ Volunteers from south America – in GPHN August edition ❖ Adding two rain barrels to GPHC garden ❖ GPHC Events – Denver Days – Summer Social – farmer’s market mixed with party, vendors, fresh produce, local artisans; GPHC will have a table at this event – need Board members to volunteer to be at table ❖ Collaborating with Denver Park Hill Library – ice cream social and volunteer fair at the library, other organizations will be there ❖ Sustainable Neighborhood Program – 9 am to noon – what you can do at 	Volunteers welcome Farm Stand - Bring fresh produce Email info@greaterparkhill

your home right now to help mitigate storm water run-off from your property to city storm system/flooding. Had kick-off meeting last night. Next meeting is August 23rd at GPHC. Events and program help GPHC to earn points, so please sign up to organize something.

Solar workshops

Need volunteers

Zero waste goal

- ❖ Home Tour – 30 days away – Sunday September 10th, tickets can be bought online and starting September 1st bought in person at several locations
- ❖ Donate your extra produce from your garden to GPHC Food Pantry – can deliver them yourself or Denver Food Rescue will set up pick up from your home
- ❖ Noise Ordinance Variance – installing new water line on Colorado Boulevard, want to work night hours, August 23rd public meeting

Two Ways to Donate your Fresh Produce!- Are you a gardener? Do you have more produce coming in than you can use? Are you going on vacation and don't know what to do with your zucchini? Then, we have two easy ways for you to donate your produce.

1. Bring items by GPHC to be distributed to our Food Pantry and Farm Stand clients. For how to donate, visit: <http://greaterparkhill.org/get-involved/donate/>

2. Sign up for Denver Food Rescue's Fresh Food Connect and they will pick up your veggies at your door! <http://www.freshfoodconnect.org/>

4 Sustainable Neighborhood Update:

5 Councilman Chris Herndon
East Area Plan – a lot of neighborhoods do not have small area plans – South Park Hill, Hale, Montclair and East Colfax – Colorado Boulevard east to county line, 6th avenue north to 23rd;
August 26th – 9 am Cabinet and the Community – Mayor Hancock will be at Johnson and Wales Event Center with his department directors for face time with community;
Park Hill Golf Course – feedback on public survey regarding future of the golf course – August 10th; Public Hearing on Denver Infrastructure Bond (vote November Election) on Monday, August 7th;
Saturday August 5th Family Bike Parade – police escort down 26th Avenue to Smiley Campus;
Herndon – potential land swap for Xcel Sub-station on west side of Fairfax for developer provided park on east side of Fairfax. Is not a done deal, has to go through City Council approval in Public Hearing. Scott Gilmore with Denver Park and Rec will attend September meeting to go step by step through the process with dates, etc. Councilperson Herndon does support this land swap (GPHN Editor Cara DeGette asked if he did)
Quebec Multi-modal plan – start construction 2018, take 2 years, expansion of Quebec will take right of way (sidewalks, tree lawns, etc.)

6	<p>Community Conversation Update, Tara Bannon and Leslie Williams (DPL): Community Conversation – held in April and July at GPHC – what kind of community do you want? What are the 3 most important issues? What concerns do you have about the issues? What’s keeping us from making progress? What would success look like in 6 months to year. Hour long meetings. Have packets so you can organize your own conversation – collectively determine what are the major concerns of Denver. Next step is to dig deeper into the concerns. August 4th Block Party at Pauline Robinson – 11 am; sending ‘meeting minutes’ back to participants to confirm conversation; Teen conversation when school is back in session; article coming out in September GPHN; every month library will have different topic of conversation</p>	
7	<p>District Attorney Update, Michael Song, DA Office: DA Advisory Committees for: elder abuse is on the rise, in Colorado 70 years or older is considered ‘elder’; youth sex trafficking; domestic violence; immigration – U Visa – if you are victim of a crime you can apply for a U Visa to stay in this country; mental health; medical and recreational marijuana – security – more marijuana facilities are robbed than liquor stores</p>	
8	<p>School Board Elections and DPS, Eve Cohen:</p> <p>Our Denver Our Schools non-profit established 2 years ago; this Sunday at Montview and Dahlia - achievement gap, not reading at grade levels, segregating schools by income and race, equity – some schools are very poorly resourced, teacher turnover rate is 22% (highest in Colorado). DPS plan of revamping school system from business model began 12 years ago – is not working. November – there will be 4 open seats, one is District 4 and one is at-large, Park Hill will have opportunity to fill two Board seats that can make a difference. It’s an off-year election which tends to be poor voter turnout, encouraging people to vote to make change in DPS School Board. Organization is supporting Tate Anderson for District 4 (who is a recent graduate of DPS) and Robert Staff for At-Large.</p> <p>Colorado Black Round Table – really wants to have multi-racial conversations, September 9th meeting is on education experience as a black person</p>	
9	<p>Zoning Variance at 4836 E 18th Avenue, Rebecca Alexis, architect:</p> <p>variance for addition within required 10’ side setback (matching existing mudroom and garage that are within the side setback) and moving air condition units towards the front of the house and screened with stucco wall. Kevin motioned to support the variance, Ryan second, All approved, no against or abstentions. 15 Board members present for Quorum.</p>	
10	<p>Sense of Healing, Joe Gira, KGBI Colorado LLC:</p> <p>marijuana business relocating from 10th and Federal, will have 8-10 employees, to 3900 E. 48th Avenue. Will open with medical dispensary first and then pursue license for retail at a later date. Plan to open in December</p>	
11	<p>Vision Zero Coalition, Jill Locantore, with WalkDenver:</p>	

	<p>22 cyclists and 5 pedestrians killed last year. Traffic safety – goal of zero deaths - moral responsibility to make streets safe. Human life and health should be most important things considering in the goals in design of our streets, rather than speed and convenience of driving. Data driven initiative – where are the fatalities happening? Safe speeds for Denver – speeding is primary factor of when crash happens and how bad the crash will be. Goal for zero fatalities is by 2030 (also goal of reducing accidents that create injuries) 10 Core Principles for meeting goal. Need consistent accurate data between the City Department – police, public works, etc.</p> <p><i>Learn more at www.walkdenver.org/vision-zero</i></p>	
12	<p>Board approval of May & June minutes – (quorum not present at June meeting):</p> <p>Some Board members left so not enough for quorum to approve minutes – move June and August approval to September meeting</p>	

End of Minutes

Next Meeting is Thursday, September 7th