

Minutes: Greater Park Hill Community, Inc. Meeting 5/3/2018

Board Members present: Tracey MacDermott; Geneva Goldsby; George Dennis; Melissa Davis; Justin Petaccio; Lana Cordes; Louis Plachowski; Blair Taylor; Stephanie Ceccato; Jim King; Colette Carey; Rebecca Rogers; Lynn Kalinauskas; Kevin Wiegand; Heather Shockey; Bob Homiak

1. District 2: Thefts from construction sites have increased. Call if you witness suspicious activity. Be a good neighbor. Thieves stealing spare tires from Toyota Tacoma trucks. Tires can fetch up to \$1,000. D.2 has locks available to help deter these thefts at the station for no charge. Questions raised about the recent shooting at 28th and Eudora. This is an open case and the police have some potential suspects, but nothing further at this time.

2. Executive Director's Report: Sierra Fleenor gave a rundown of recent goings-on at the GPHC offices. Most of what Sierra reported on is included in the GPHNews and on the website. Perhaps most significantly, Sierra announced that GPHC will be continuing its food backpack program throughout the summer on a pilot basis. While the weekend program during the school year feeds 275 students, Sierra plans to serve about 80 throughout the summer.

Sierra also noted that over 280 people participated in sustainability events during "Earth Month" in April, and the GPHC will be hosting another beekeeping class on May 8.

3. Library News: Leslie Williams (Pauline Robinson Branch) and Tara Williamson (Park Hill Branch) updated the group about their recent efforts. They have produced a document called "Our Denver-Park Hill" which was distributed at the meeting. The top 5 subjects of concern to neighbors, identified during a series of public meetings at the libraries, were: civil discourse; history of the neighborhood; gentrification; school equity; and safety. The librarians sought input from the attendees about how best to disseminate the document and next steps.

4. Stormwater retention issues: Brian Muller and a group of landscape and architectural design students from C.U. presented their thoughts some small projects within Park Hill to prevent or minimize stormwater runoff through the implementation of certain landscaping measures. They are focusing on the Auto Zone site (Colfax and Cherry) and on the expanded e of small rain gardens.

5. Fairfax St. Park Issues: There was a extensive and lively discussion on the status of the proposed park project in light of the recent story in the GPHNews concerning a heretofore

secret letter of intent between the City and HM Capital. Councilpersons Herndon, Ortega and Kniech were invited to address the meeting but none were in attendance. Next steps seem up in the air.

5. Board Matters: The April Minutes were approved by a vote of 12-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:04.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Homiak, Acting Secretary