

CPFAN Board Meeting
July 28, 2014

Board members attending:

- Louis Plachowski
- Bridget Walsh
- Hank Bootz
- Dave Felice
- Georgia Garnsey
- LaMone Noles
- John Van Sciver
- Eric Clayman
- Linda Dowlen

11 guests

Minutes

Approved unanimously

New Business

- Approved a boundary expansion for CPFAN. The new area to be included covers the rest of Congress Park, between York and Colorado Boulevard along 12th and 8th streets. This will be put to a vote at the next general member meeting.
- Board members appointed - Georgia Garnsey was appointed to the board. Linda Dowlen was appointed Secretary.

Chive Fest Discussion

- There is a meeting this Wednesday meeting at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. museum to discuss Chive Fest. CPFAN has protested and it already has gone viral. We've received a lot of feedback from both sides of the issue. CPFAN will make a statement at the Chive Fest meeting to City officials.
- There was prolonged discussion with attendees at the meeting about the CPFAN position.
- Concerns expressed:
 - This is the wrong venue for this kind of event.
 - The existing admission-based policy is not well developed or executed. It may likely be illegal. The City defines this a permitting, not leasing, and has said it is not a violation of the City Charter, but that opinion is subject to challenge. The City is not providing control by its citizens.
 - This is an opportunity for promoters and the City to demonstrate that behavior, parking trash and other side effects of the event can be properly managed. The people of Denver expect and deserve respect and proper event organization.
 - The liquor permit for the event is being issued to another agency, as a non-profit.
 - The City is promoting City Park as a great venue for admission-based events. These kind of events will keep coming because City Park is listed on the Festival-Permit Parks list.
 - There is a process, but the City has been notoriously lax in enforcement.
 - Concerns about trash in the park and impacts of crowds and vehicles on the sod.
 - This event sets a precedent for all other events.
 - Noise
 - Mitigate traffic of vehicles and crowds, parking and safety. There are concerns about the spillover effect - lot of people spill over.
 - What to do about protecting and restoring the park
 - What to do about the trash - Event promoters promised to clean up inside and outside the fence

- Why is City Park a proper venue and Washington Park and Cheeseman Park are not
- No one signed FAQ no one taking responsibility for it
- For future action, CPFAN should revisit the admission-based policy and challenge it. CPFAN should insist on:
 - A detailed parking plan
 - Monitoring noise at all times and when given notice of complaints
 - Current rule in the City is that meter readings are taken at the closest residence and nothing louder than 80 DBS are allowed. This should be that at no place in the park is the sound louder than 80 DBS and residences should not have anything louder than 70 DBS. There also should be restrictions on the bass.
 - Content of the event should be restricted and no profanity should be allowed.
 - Monitoring alcohol - a requirement of the permit should be that bartenders are TIPS certified and ID those who are able to drink.
- Points to be made in our statement
 - Positive in our approach - Read our mission statement.
 - Say we are against any fee-based event and are pro-pastoral park. We won't attack Chive Fest as an event, but general process and policies.
 - Read the charter. Recognize that it's allowed in City Park, but we are against it. Just because it's legal, is it the right thing to do?
 - List our concerns:
 - This is not the right venue - it's the wrong event in the wrong venue
 - City Park should not be used as a profit-making venue.
 - A park is for the public and for escaping the pressures of the City. City Park should be free and open access to public, fee-based events are not the intended use of park and might ruin the pastoral quality.
 - The real issue is the way Denver Parks and Rec is handling it.

A motion was made and seconded that CPFAN draft a statement as our position. Approved unanimously.

Updates

- There is a meeting this Thursday at 3 p.m. at the Historic Denver building on Emerson Street to discuss landmarking of City Park as a historic Olmsted Park. Expecting Bill Wenk, a landscape architect, Gordon Robertson of Denver Parks and Recreation, Annie Levinsky of Historic Denver Denver, Barbara Stocklin-Steely of the City Landmark Commission, Carolyn Lievers and Mike Fernandez of City Park Alliance and Councilman Albus Brooks. Joe Mauro and Georgia Garnsey will represent CPFAN. There will be a discussion on the historic nature of City Park and they will explore historic designation and add protection for the park.
- Money for Dustin Redd - There still is a request for funding on the table from City Park Alliance. The contact has not returned our phone calls. Nothing has changed
- A meeting is planned for sometime in September for the general membership. Board members will get an email about the next board member meeting, about a month from now.
- A suggestion was raised for all board members to see important letters before they are sent out.
- Treasurer report - CPFAN has not spent a penny.

Meeting adjourned