

CPFAN Board Meeting

April 7, 2015

Board members attending

Louis Plachowski
LaMone Noles
John Van Sciver
Tom Korson
Linda Dowlen

9 Guests

Guest Speakers:

Travis Leiker, City Council Candidate for District 10
Stacie Loucks, Executive Director, Denver Department of Excise & Licenses
Scott Gilmore, Deputy Executive Director, Denver Parks and Planning
Beth McCann, State Representative House District 8, Candidate for Denver District Attorney

Travis Leiker - Spoke about his campaign. He stressed his support for parks, open space and environmental preservation.

Stacy Loucks - Described the duties of her office, including issuing special event liquor licenses. Residents have the ability to request stipulations on licenses at events. They also can request Good Neighbor Agreements for new restaurants, bars, liquor stores and marijuana dealers. She was uncertain about whether noise agreements can be written into event permit agreements and said the Environmental Health department is looking at noise abatement issues.

Scott Gilmore - Updated the group on Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) parks projects, including:

- Recycling pilot program last year.
- Solar trash cans that can be monitored from a computer to determine the level of trash they contain.
- Sound issues can be enforced by Park Rangers, however, they only can enforce what is on the books. Measured sound during Chive Fest but it never exceeded allowed thresholds.
- Liquor consumption in the parks is enforced by Park Rangers. DPR added authority to the Rangers to enforce rules of the parks.
- DPR is committed to improve the Dustin Redd playground. They are almost finished with near-term improvements. Next steps: The annual playground fund is \$400,000, enough funding for about 2-3 playgrounds/year. Curtis Park playground was just completed, but it got \$300,000 in private funds. New playground equipment for Dustin Redd is on the capital improvements plan (CIP). \$2 million is needed to replace equipment in the existing footprint. DPR is considering creating a nature play park. Needed design money is hoped for by next year. DPR will take the planning process at a snail's pace with lots of meetings, a lesson learned from the City Loop opposition.
- The Prismatic Electric Fountain pump was fixed last year. They will change the lights this year.
- Water can not be turned on for the DeBoer Waterway until the lily pond is fixed. DPR wants to fix the water system all the way to Ferril Lake in next year or so.

- Museum design improvements are underway. The new road is closer to Colorado now, opening up additional meadow space. Landscaping is planned on the north and east sides.
- Denver Zoo will facilitate more outreach on its facility master plan and may postpone the public hearing at City Council next week.

Beth McCain - Updated the group about recent and pending legislation.

- The state is projected to hit the Tabor cap and small refunds may be coming for residents. The state will be asking voters to let it to keep marijuana tax revenues.
- DUI bill would add an interlock device to the cars of those convicted of DUIs after their third violation.
- A bill to allow drugs that counteract the effects of overdose of drugs is considered. Also, would provide access to bio-similar drugs to replace biological drugs.
- A bill to allow more discretion on charging juveniles on minor crimes is being considered.
- The construction defects bill is in consideration.
- A bill seeking labeling regulations for marijuana edibles is in consideration.
- McCann is running for Denver District Attorney and reviewed her qualifications.

Business:

- Louis provided an update on the Neighborhood Advisory Committee process for the Denver Zoo. Hank Bootz will represent CPFAN.
- CPFAN board elections will be held April 28. Louis running for re-election as president.
- Tom Korson announced he will be stepping down from the board.
- There was some brief discussion about notices that CPFAN receives from the City and ways to make them available to members.