

City Park Friends and Neighbors **Final**
Member and Board Meeting
Sept. 6, 2016
6:00 - 7:50 PM
Parkhill Library, 4705 E. Montview Blvd., Denver, CO 80207

A quorum of Members was present: Board Members present: Hank Bootz, Lamone Noles, John Van Sciver, Louis Plachowski, and JD MacFarlane. Also present: Bridget Walsh. (See separate sign-in list.)

The meeting was called to order by Hank Bootz.

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1. Grant for a City Park Garden project: Hank Bootz.

Hank said they had looked into this possibility, but were finding the red tape too involved. He suggested that we postpone. Possible grants could be for an added flowerbed, work on the DeBoer Waterway, etc.

2. Overview and update on the P2PH project, 2015 – 2016: Christine O'Connor.

Christine used visuals to discuss the various aspects of the storm water drainage project; CPGC sizable detention (210 AF approx.) at the west end of the Golf Course; the storm water channel along 39th Ave.; and the Globeville landing outfall. Many questions were raised, environmental issue being the most concerning, especially at the landing and channel where plans are to excavate through OU-1 and OU-2 contamination. Very little public outreach has been done on this issue.

3. CPGC Redesign update: John Van Sciver and Paul Brokering.

The latest meeting of the CPGC Redesign committee (8/25/2016) concentrated on 4 options for placement of the club house/parking: 1. Leave the clubhouse where is. 2. Move the clubhouse up next to the maintenance buildings. 3. Move the clubhouse up adjacent to the Zoo main entrance. 4. Move the clubhouse to the middle of the golf course north of the Zoo main entrance. The committee favored option 2 or option 1.

All options included a small pond located at the south side of the golf course near 23rd, where the existing storm water conduit will be day-lighted. This pond will catch debris,

gravel, and all manner of objects and gunk, which washes into the storm sewer upstream. This pond will be potentially dangerous and will need to be cleaned on a regular basis, particularly after larger storms.

4. CPGC Lawsuit: JD MacFarlane.

JD discussed the status of the lawsuit challenging placement of a flood water detention structure in CPGC. The argument being that such a structure is an industrial use, not permitted in a Denver park. The attorney on the case is Aaron Goldhamer. The City filed an action to dismiss, to which Aaron has responded. Decision of the Judge is expected in about a month.

5. Lawsuit concerning I-70 Expansion in Swansea & Elyria: Thad Tecza.

A lawsuit was previously filed against the EPA by the Sierra Club because the EPA lowered clean air standards so the project could be built. This portion of highway is one of the most polluted. This action has set back the “Record of Decision” for the I-70 project until January/February 2017 (from September 2016.) Additional lawsuits (four to five) could be filed after the record of decision is made. To learn more, get involved, or make a donation, go to “unitednorthmetrodenver.com”.

6. Walk in the Park. Green solutions: Fran and Richard.

Fran and Richard discussed walking in the park, and benefits parks provide for the community. Beyond exercise, there are the benefits of trees that provide shade, turn carbon dioxide into oxygen, and drink up excess water after storms, lessening storm water runoff. They discussed use of green solutions as an alternative for Denver’s current storm water runoff challenges.

7. Resolution to Oppose the Subdivision & Development of Montview Boulevard: Blair Taylor.

Blair discussed plans by a developer to change the zoning on a residential lot on Montview so the lot could be split and a 6000sf house built on the new lot that was created. She presented a Resolution (attached) for consideration. The Resolution was discussed, and then tabled due to lack of time. It will be considered at the October 4, 2016 CPFAN meeting.

8. Community Experts Think Tank: Bridget Walsh.

Bridget described a “Think Tank” to promote policies and plans for the future of Denver that are “environmentally just, environmentally safe and healthy, environmentally conservative and sustainable, procedurally inclusive and transparent, and fiscally sound”. Community organizers, Denver citizens, and business owners, with diverse backgrounds and skills are invited to join. Contact Bridget.

9. CPFAN Expanded Boundaries: Hank Bootz and CPFAN Board Members.

Expansion of the CPFAN boundaries was discussed. We have had requests from people outside our boundaries, who agree philosophically with our “Mission Statement” and want to be members. Also, with the advent of the “Platte to Park Hill” storm drainage project, we have become acutely aware of the value of working together with adjacent neighborhoods to solve common problems. Due to lack of time the discussion was put off until the CPFAN October 4th meeting. If you have a recommendation for a new boundary, please email it to John Van Sciver. (john.vansciver@earthlink.net)

10. Board Meeting (cancelled due to lack time)

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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