

City Park Friends and Neighbors (Final)
Members Meeting and Board Meeting
May 4, 2017
6:00 – 8:00 PM
Ford Warren Library, 2825 High St., Denver, CO 80205

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm, by CPFAN President LaMone Noles.

A total of 22 people attended. Fourteen were CPFAN Members (the Member Meeting quorum was present; 12 required.) Eight of the 10 CPFAN Board members were present (Board quorum present; 5 required). Board Members present: LaMone Noles, John Van Sciver, Bridget Walsh, Louis Plachowski, Georgia Garnsey, Steve Eppler, Jackie Victor, and Keith Lofton. (See attached sign-in list.)

Welcome: LaMone introduced herself, and displayed a list of the Board Members elected at the annual meeting May 20, 2017. All meeting attendees were given a chance to introduce themselves, and then share their interest in City Park. LaMone showed slides and briefly went over projects CPFAN has been involved with over the past year.

Community Reports:

1. *Democratic Party Resolution against Platte to Park Hill project:* The Resolution was read, and then discussed by the group. All comments supported the resolution. A copy of the Resolution is attached.
2. *Park Hill Golf Course (PHGC):* Georgia and Bridget explained the situation with the PHGC, owned by the Clayton Foundation, but controlled also by an agreement with the City of Denver. There are competing interests including continued use as a golf course, possible redevelopment, and partial use as a storm water detention structure, to name a few. There was also discussion about the value of preserving green space for the City. There are legal issues as well. PHGC Stake Holders meetings are ongoing with Jacqui Lansing and Georgia representing CPFAN.
3. *INC Park:* Maggie Price is co-chair of this INC committee, which has much in common with the mission of CPFAN. CPFAN is represented by Hank Bootz, Vice President, at INC meetings.

4. *Gate 15 Public Art Committee:* Georgia explained their goal is to further improve the appearance of City Park gate 15, which faces directly the Pavilion on Ferril Lake. Gate 15 is the location of a planned gasification plant building that the Zoo was proposing, but which failed to get final approval.
5. *City Park Open Doors Tour:* Georgia Garnsey said 18 people, from all over, showed up for the tour, held April 30th. The weather was great and the attendees all said they loved it, and City Park!
6. *I 70 Meeting/Sierra Club Law Suit:* Rachel Garfield attended the meeting and reported on the various activities underway to delay or kill the P2PH project, through lawsuits, political action, or pushback from neighborhood groups. While some actions are self-funding (by volunteers), others, particularly lawsuits, need donations. (See item 7 below.)
7. *City Park Golf Course Law Suit and Fundraising:* JD McFarlane, Bridget, and Phil Hainline spoke. JD confirmed that the lawsuit was on schedule for trial in late August. All agreed, however, that there is a great need for increased funding to make that happen, and be successful. Phil stated that we are beyond the point where neighborhood organizations and residents alone can succeed. At the request CPFAN, Phil is developing a video designed to encourage donations for the cause “Save City Park Golf Course”.

Member Meeting:

1. *The minutes of the April 20, 2017 annual meeting were approved.*
2. *New Standard Agenda was approved: Speakers will be scheduled for the time period 6pm-7pm. Two speakers will be allowed up to 30 minutes each. Speakers from the City are not allowed. The Member meeting (and Board meeting if necessary) will be in the time period 7pm-7:45pm.*
3. *Establish Committees: LaMone described the various CPFAN committees, and asked that interested members contact her to join, or to suggest another committee they think is needed.*
4. *Community Outreach: LaMone emphasized the importance, and asked those interested in working in this area to please contact her.*
5. *EPA Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Vasquez I-70 Superfund site project (Note: The EPA emphatically states that the CAG is neither for the Montclair drainage project nor for I-70 central): Bridget emphasized the importance of this, saying that CPFAN needs to be represented at the table. A motion to that affect was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously by hand vote of the CPFAN members.*

There was no “Old Business”.

Announcements: Ice-cream social at City Park June 1 Thursday 6pm-9pm at the pavilion. CPFAN should be represented.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm

Notes by John Van Sciver
Secretary CPFAN

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Platte to Park Hill Resolution

(Adopted by the Denver Democrat's Executive Committee April 18, 2017)

WHEREAS public resources should be used wisely and for the greatest public good; and

WHEREAS the Denver City Council recently enacted a massive increase in Denver storm and sewer fees;¹ and

WHEREAS the City and County of Denver is planning to spend nearly three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000.00) on the "Platte to Park Hill" stormwater management project ("P2PH");² and

WHEREAS the P2PH project is principally driven by the I-70 expansion proposal (which has been the subject to an ongoing civil rights challenge) through north Denver neighborhoods that are home to many working-class Coloradans of color, and

WHEREAS the P2PH project also resolves stormwater issues for other projects without having them pay their fair share of the project including: (1) the redevelopment of the National Western (which was sold as not requiring any new "taxes") and (2) planned private development in RiNo (where developers would otherwise have to pay for their own stormwater mitigation); and

WHEREAS both the storm/sewer fee increase and the P2PH project were opposed in a resolution passed by Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation ("INC");³ and

WHEREAS City Park and its Golf Course are entitled to certain protections under common law and under the Denver Charter as designated parkland, and their use is restricted pursuant to the Denver Zoning Code for park purposes; and

WHEREAS massive construction in and the closure of the City Park Golf Course is contemplated by the P2PH project; and

WHEREAS City Park is within the boundaries of House District 8 and the House District 8 Democrats—at their well-attended February 18, 2017, monthly meeting—overwhelmingly voted in favor of advancing a resolution to the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Denver condemning the planned construction of P2PH; and

WHEREAS the use of public funds is more appropriate to address the one-and-a-half billion dollars (\$1,500,000,000.00) of storm drainage infrastructure needs identified in Denver's 2014 Storm Drainage Master Plan (that did not include the recently-created P2PH); and

WHEREAS such use of funds would be consistent with Denver's obligation to use public monies wisely and for the greatest public good;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that:

1. The Executive Committee of the Democratic Party of Denver Opposes the P2PH project;
2. Urges public servants to not fund the P2PH project and instead fund long-identified other drainage projects;
3. A copy of this resolution shall be sent to the members of Denver's City Council and Denver's state legislators.

¹ See Carlos Illescas, "Massive storm and sewer fees hike approved by Denver council," The Denver Post, June 14, 2016 (available at <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/06/14/massive-storm-and-sewer-fees-hike-approved-by-denver-council/>).

² See Jon Murray, "Flood-control project lands in City Park as cost estimates jump \$100M," The Denver Post, April 6, 2016 (available at <http://www.denverpost.com/2016/04/06/flood-control-project-lands-in-city-park-as-cost-estimates-jump-100m/>).

³ See INC Resolution re: Proposed Ordinance CB16-0306, available at http://www.denverinc.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/05/Storm-Drainage-Fees-resolution-INC_06_11_2016.pdf