



University Park Community Council

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University Park Community Council Board Meeting Tuesday, August 5, 2014

Secretary Meeting Minutes (Megan Bettinger)

Approval of the Meeting minutes from June 2, 2014.

The board learned that multiple neighbors have filed a lawsuit against the developers of 2400 S. University Blvd. More information to come.

Updates from the President (Traci Samaras)

The 4th of July parade went smoothly. It was helpful to have the 2 start times, longer route and the EMT present. Next year, the medic will need a white or blue medic t-shirt. The hairpin turn was too much for some of the kids so we will have to fix that.

December Sing and Sleigh is tentatively scheduled for 12/6. Time to be determined. The UPCC has confirmed proper insurance for the event. We need to determine the proper amount to pay Santa. It is recommended that a background check be done on Santa, since he is working with the children.

Bill Winn has the PO Box key and checks the mail frequently.

Dr. Stencil from Chamberlain Observatory –is asking for the UPCC to be involved in supporting the Observatory. Dr. Stencil is scheduled to discuss the Observatory, its history and funding needs at the next Board meeting. In the meantime, the Observatory will be mentioned in the next UPCC email newsletter.

Welcome David Wrangham (UPWords) & Wes Sjaardema (UPCC email newsletter)

The “e.news” masthead was approved by the board.

Ideas for October General Meeting: Fraud speaker, Historic Denver Speaker, New DU Chancellor.

Vice-President (Debbie Harrington) - absent

Debbie and David Schutt have been working on the UPCC website. Please see changes and view the new Resources page.

Treasurer Update (Ryan & June)

Discussion of the dues payer list and the purple pages account.

UPWords (David Wrangham)

Next article submission deadline is August 13. David will include a Band in the Park review. Possible article regarding the difference between UPark and Observatory Park

Membership (John Rogala)

John has plenty of supplies and products. John needs new ideas for inserts.

Purple Pages (Janet Bardwell)

Janet is stepping down from the Purple Pages after this year but is continuing with the board. \$3,850 in advertising has been promised for the next issue. Should we include a ¼ page ad for the Observatory and the Denver Astronomical Society (DAS)?

The Band in the Park went very well; Park Permit Updates – Park rangers are checking permits, so it is mandatory that we receive the proper documents. Carleen created a manual to help us with the process of obtaining permits; We need to coordinate efforts for fundraising for the UPCC

Safety (Steve Hick) absent

CAB meeting on August 7. Can anyone attend and report back?

Event to be held at South High with the Denver Police on 9/13.

Traffic & Transportation (Vaughan Kendall) absent

There was discussion of a possible mapping of the intersections in the neighborhood to report any damage in these areas: sidewalks, ramps and intersections. The city will compile a report.

Open Space and Parks (Diana Helper)

The INC will vote regarding a letter to the city about housing development and housing plan. How much affordable housing should be available in each neighborhood? 5 INC reps will present to the planning department. The letter is available for viewing on the INC website: www.denverinc.org; Please attend the Good Neighbor meeting at the Stern Building at DU on 8/20 @ 6pm. We should work with DU on a traffic study of University Blvd, from Evans south; Sign for Prairie Park – Diana presented to the board what kind of sign the City will approve. The cost of the sign is \$7,690.00 plus tax. Councilman Charlie Brown will approve \$3,845 of the cost. Additional funds of \$1745 have been pledged. Would the UPCC approve the funds to cover the difference in addition to maintenance costs for a total of \$3,000.00? Further discussion is needed.

Zoning (Pat Cashen)

2400 Zoning updates: there is an article on the UPCC website. <http://upcc.us/safety-zoning/development/2400-s-uni/>. Traci, on behalf of the UPCC, has sent the developer a list of questions regarding the project.

WebMaster (David Schutt)

David and Debbie Harrington have worked together to update the UPCC website.

Many thanks to David for stepping in to help out as our EMT for the 4th of July Parade!!

INC Delegate (Carlene Evanoff)

Carlene presented a manual to help with the permit process.

Historic Preservation (Rosemary Stoffel)

No report. Rosemary will submit an article to the UPWords about why our neighborhood is called University Park and why it should not be referred to as Observatory Park.