



SOUTH CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SCPNA)

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 1/16/2019 7:00 PM

In Attendance

Special Guest(s): Officer Hana Ruiz, Candi CdeBaca, City Council District 9 candidate;
~40 attendees

Agenda

- DPD update
- Dustin Redd & Small Playground update
- NPI Update: upcoming meetings 2/5 East Central Area-wide Workshop, 2/13 South City Park & Congress Park
- INC Update
- Treasurer's Report: 2019 Proposed Budget
- Special Committee Updates
- 17th Ave Update
- 23rd & Zoo: traffic light installation

DPD Update

Officer Ruiz, our community resource officer from the Denver Police Department District 2, discussed some of the recent activity in SCP. One of the biggest things happening recently is East High students breaking things, causing criminal mischief, throwing trash in parks, etc. She had a meeting with them this morning and they are coming up with plans to get it under control. She assured everyone that it would not become too much of a problem. She also discussed the new speed monitors that have been added to 17th Ave. There are two of them but they are noticing some calibration issues with the monitors – DPD is working to get these calibrated. She hopes that having the flashing lights on these monitors will also get people to slow down. Photo radar continues along 17th Ave.

Dustin Redd Playground Update

Jen Morrison, current SPCNA President, gave an update on the Dustin Redd Playground. In December, the City held an open house at the Carla Madison Rec Center where they showed some of the final plans before they send them out for bid. The project is fully funded and they expect to have a completion date sometime in 2020. Printouts of the PDF's from the City's website were passed around. The footprint appears to be similar to that of the existing Dustin Redd playground but the materials will be much more durable so that they last longer. One tree will be removed and per the City's forestry department, that tree needed to be removed anyway. There were questions of a skate park and a lot of concrete but the city denied that when asked. Residents may still provide input to the city via their website.

Small Playground Update

Jen Morrison, current SCPNA President, gave an update on the smaller playground on the east side of the park. Denver Parks entered into a partnership with the Museum of Nature and Science and the museum will be providing funding for the small playground. They have lots of ideas but there is no design right now. It sounds like they would like to do something that is nature inspired and blends into the environment.

17th Avenue

Jen Morrison, current SCPNA President, gave an update on changes to 17th Ave. Both intersections at Fillmore and Steele Streets will have “Lead Pedestrian Crossings” that will have a walk sign prior to the light turning green. This will allow pedestrians to get into the crosswalk so they are easily visible and hopefully reduce accidents. There are also plans to add a full stoplight at 17th and Garfield St. The City has secured the funding so the project should begin soon. They expect the project to be completed in 2020.

Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI) Update

Jesse Clark is now our neighborhood representative to the City for the Neighborhood Planning Initiative. He shared some information about the status of the project including survey results asking what people liked (walkability, local shops) and disliked (parking, traffic, speeding, loss of character, development) about the neighborhood. If anyone in the neighborhood wants to get involved in NPI or has feedback about the project, you can contact Jesse at jclark@streamla.com.

Treasurer's Report

Brian Friel, current Treasurer, gave an update to the group. Membership in 2018 was very light at 130 members. There is a balance of \$5,442 in the bank at this time. Normally, there are ~250-275 members per year. The 2019 budget was approved.

23rd & Zoo: Traffic Light Installation

Jen Morrison, current SCPNA President, gave an update about a new intersection at 23rd Ave across from the zoo. This will be the new entrance to the golf course club house. The City is putting in stoplights there very soon and expect to be completed in March.

INC Updates

Bonita discussed what the INC is and shared information from their recent meeting. INC is a neighborhood cooperation that includes 110 representatives to allow everyone to come together on issues that affect us all. In the last meeting, they had a talk with the District Attorney's office, Beth McCann's office.

Candi CdeBaca – Candidate for City Council District 9

Candi attended the meeting to talk about her experience, current campaign and City issues that are important to her.

Next Meeting

03/20/2019 at 7:00 pm at Montview Manor.

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