



# SOUTH CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SCPNA)

## Meeting Minutes

Date | time 3/20/2019 7:00 PM

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### In Attendance

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Special Guest(s): Officer Ruiz Denver Police Department, Dianne Thiel, Keith Igoe, Sunni Benoit, Polly Kyle

~60 attendees

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### Agenda

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- Denver Right to Survive Initiative
- Denver Police Department
- Let Denver Vote Initiative
- Lisa Calderon for Mayor
- Councilwoman Robin Kniech
- Neighborhood Updates
- Committee Updates

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### Denver Right to Survive Initiative

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Dianne Thiel spoke advocating in support of the ballot initiative:

Denver right to survive initiative is for a few basic rights and protections for individuals, families and couples experiencing homelessness in our city. We are protecting the constitutional rights of poor people in Denver. Imagine for the next five minutes that you or your grandchild is homeless based on Federal Reserve data, bank rate calm and other financial news sources report annually. Since 2013 was the first year I saw the story that 39% to 60% of Americans in the United States are one \$500 emergency away from losing their housing,

A family member of yours could be on the street. The current reality in Denver is that in 2012, your city council and Mayor Hancock passed the unauthorized camping ordinance. It prohibits you as a homeless person from using anything other than I want to read this exact quote from using any blanket or any form of cover or protection from the elements other than one's clothing. Unquote. That is the exact language in our ordinance.

It's 10 degrees outside and snowing or two 40 degrees outside and raining. You are not allowed to have any protection from the elements. You will be dead but you will be in compliance with our ordinance.

In 2017, 4647 homeless people were contacted by police for the crime of violating this camping then these people were forced to move along. We call this whack a mole enforcement because there is no legal place for them to move along. To move along is countless sleepless nights. Lack of sleep affects your brain function and every organ system in your body. I highly recommend the book by Matthew Walker called why we sleep.

Why do people make you move along day and night. Let's allow you to stay in one place. So outreach workers can find you friends and family can reach you and you have stability in your life.

Continuing on with the current reality in Denver and you're still homeless. Denver has an acute shortage of housing for homeless and extremely low income people. The housing first approach is known to work to get homeless people back on their feet. But Denver has not dedicated the resources to make any real progress in housing, homeless people like you at the very least 600 of you will be sleeping outside every night.

Those of you of working age are all highly motivated, I'm sure so you would be among the 60% of homeless people who have jobs.

But according to the Housing and Urban Development housing affordability criteria, you would have to work more than 107 hours per week for four weeks a month to afford a one bedroom apartment in Denver.

But you say I could go to a shelter. Regrettably, not so fast.

The reality and dynamics of life in our shelters are such that they are not viable, healthy, safe, or even possible option to the many so you could be living on the street.

The right to survive initiative is not a solution to homelessness. It is a right to exist with dignity as a human being in our city. It is a critical lifesaving step to allow our four and homeless folks to survive in our city until such time as Denver provide housing that they can afford.. Our ordinance will codified basic human rights the right to MIT take shelter, the right to rouse the right to receive free food, the right to occupy your legally parked vehicle and the right to be safe, secure in your person and belongings. Our ordinance repeals existing laws that do not that would infringe upon these rights including the unauthorized campaign ban.

This means that you as a homeless person can survive in our city. This means you can protect yourself from harsh weather, summer and winter. Our ordinance means you can get sleep our ordinance ends wasteful spending on enforcement of cruel and ineffective Denver laws and policies are ordinance protects some constitutional rights of people in poverty. Our ordinance does not allow you to obstruct sidewalks, or passageways, it does not allow you to access parks or outdoor public spaces when they are closed to the public. For example, after curfew. Our ordinance does not allow you to litter, harass others or sell illegal drugs. Our ordinance does not allow you to rest on private property. Finally, you need to know that numerous Federal District and state courts have determined that laws like Denver's unauthorized camping band are unconstitutional. The courts understand that homeless people have basic constitutional rights that cannot be abridged.

So I wave my magic wand and now you're not homeless anymore.

Opposition is led by car Elle, a big lobbying company that works for the city and county of Denver building owners and managers, The Apartment Association, the restaurant association and developers all across the city together. They raised \$588,000 in just three months to oppose us.

You may be thinking we can't have homeless people camping in definitely in our parks and public spaces. Public outdoor spaces are one of the few spaces in our city where unhappiest people have a Constitutional and Human right to be that said, however, NIMBY attitudes, business policies such as the downtown Denver, big business improvement district takeovers of public spaces along the 16th Street Mall city ordinances and policies like the CIT live band downtown, the unauthorized camping band move along orders and police sweeps have taken away free access to public outdoor spaces and domestic our initiative will restore that access. And why shouldn't unhealthy people find a place to rest in our outdoor public spaces. homeless folks are harassed and traumatized, lose their belongings and suffer sleep deprivation, having to constantly be on the move. When contacted by the police. homeless people have to look for another place to be, but there is no legal place for them to be imagine for a minute. How would you feel having to move at 2am in the dark where you don't

know where to move to having to constantly be on the move is terrifying. Especially for women and LGBTQ individuals and for men, to allowing our unhealthiest resident, the bottom of that paragraph and allowing our unhealthiest residents to be in one place. If they choose to do so makes it easier for outreach workers to find that allows them to be able to sleep makes it easier for them to go to work. Remember, 60% of homeless people work and give some stability in their lives. Being in one space can be better for their mental and physical health. Thank you.

**Comment from crowd:**

Well, it's really inappropriate to have a single response to this. I'm vehemently opposed to the camping ban, and disgusted by the human feces and campers that I find in my city park when I walk. And that is just a small taste of what will yet if this ordinance passes. So I would appreciate maybe at our next meeting, if we would invite people to talk to the people who were proposing the against the initiative to give...

**President Jen:**

I can certainly do that. But no one no one contacted me Just so you know,

**Comment from crowd:**

I know who cleans out the ornamental gardens along the museum last year complained about it. And it's the reason that the ornamental grasses are now mowed down early. They're not left they're very beautiful. But the the parks and rec doesn't leave them up as long as they can. Because what happens is the homeless people who can't find those trees, they defecate in the ornamental grasses, because it gives them cover...they're very tall, and they give them good cover. And the beautiful woman who does those gardens over there either. I don't know if you've ever met her. And she told me she complained about cleaning it up. And she told me that's why we're losing.

**President Jen:**

Okay. We probably will have time at the end of the meeting. If you want to speak about it. I'm going to let officer Ruiz talk about police matters. Thank you.

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## Denver Police Department Update

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**Officer Ruiz:**

Hi, I'm the police officer...Officer Ruiz. And I'm from district 2 CRO. And I'm pretty much going to tell you so far, you know, pulling up our stats, everything's pretty much staying the same. We're down on violent crimes, we're still going lot of that promoted vehicles, but it's still lower than it has been. So that means that people are taking, you know, stuff out of their cars, not leaving it visible for someone to just, you know, break into their car. We're still getting a little bit of burglaries in garages, people may be leaving their garage doors, open things, that kind of stuff. But it's not it's definitely down. So we're still getting it. But it's not it's not increased at all. So I will say in this area, we are down in crime. So that's a good thing.

**Question from crowd:**

I walking down 17 times because I happen to watch the speed monitor. And I saw a car going as fast as 48 miles an hour. Is that a traffic thing?

**Officer Ruiz:**

Well, we've been tracking it is a traffic thing. And we actually have had, I know the speed dams, you've probably seen those. They come out there and I don't know how frequently they're out there. But I have seen them on various times because I come through just to you know, to see make sure

they're gauging and that they're doing what they're supposed to be doing. But it is run by the traffic department.

**Comment from Crowd:**

Yes. One thing you could help us share to help this issue and the speed signs are great. I'm glad they're back. I've been corresponding with the mayor and the City Council for a year and a half now because they caught him doing 80 miles an hour down there. First of all, they don't use speed bands for westbound because you can't put this began on the curve, right. So the westbound traffic is the one that's typically doing close to 50 miles an hour for some reason that speed flasher on Sixth Avenue next to the expensive homes starts flashing at 32 miles an hour, but ours is gotta go to 41 miles an hour before it flashes. So what you could do for us officer is to get out there and reprogram that speed flasher that is sitting there for the westbound traffic. It's inappropriate to wait for somebody to be doing over 40 miles an hour. But that being the flash they will put their brake lights on. But we're not helping them at all. It's a terrible sign to begin with. It's a dumb sign. If you stood there. It only shows the speed for a brief couple of seconds. And then it goes to slow down. They don't slow down. They just see the sign the people who have that flashing at the speed limit below it. You're doing 42 flashing and people slow down on Sixth Avenue. I watch him they do 34, that thing starts flashing. they slow down to 30 people over here.

**Officer Ruiz:**

I'm glad you said that because I am in charge of the Sixth Avenue one.

**Comment from Crowd:**

Why is there a different standard over there....are they better than us?

**Officer Ruiz:**

No, I can monitor it better because Congressman Nu is the one that purchased those. And actually, we place them wherever the you know, residents want more traffic. So we moved them over to Seventh Avenue. Those ones are done by traffic. But I can contact the appropriate persons. And I can ask them to change that.

**Comment from Crowd:**

because the response of the last response I got from Albus Brooks office just so y'all know. And he went to the Denver police and to traffic control. And their response was, well, people I'll paraphrase people aren't dying on 17. So we're not worried about 17, we're worried about Colfax in Colorado where people die.

**Officer Ruiz:**

Well, that shouldn't matter. We can still change it shouldn't we can change it. So I will definitely get in contact with their appropriate people and make sure it gets changed. But I do control the ones on six and seven. So if you're having problems with that I can do that controls. The 17th is the traffic ops area there, the traffic engineers, so they, those are done by the city and county of Denver.

Okay, so that's probably why you got Albus Brooks and those folks but Congress and new he purchased those and he actually lets us control and then take care of them. So but I can contact to the right people.

**Comment from Crowd:**

People do die on 17th. But it was a young child dying on the corner, St. Paul and 17th a couple years ago to get the city to finally agreed to drop the speed to 30.

**Officer Ruiz:**

Yeah. And I'm sorry to, you know, that has to come to that point for him to do something about it. I can do my best. I do work a lot of traffic grants now with my Seargent. So I try to concentrate in

these areas that people are complaining. And it is mostly on 17<sup>th</sup>, a lot of on 17th Avenue. So I try to concentrate when I do traffic stuff. I try to stay in those areas. So I can see if you know, I can maybe get people to slow down. yeah, I will reach out to our traffic ops and see if we can get some more enforcement there. I know they put the van out. But I'll see what else we can do on 16 and 16, right. And that's what why we moved the flashers to Seventh Avenue from Sixth Avenue because people were cutting through seventh because of those areas they know to get through faster. So that's why we moved into Seventh Avenue.

...what I recommend, I mean, I hate to say this, but if that becomes us as pedestrians, our responsibility because you know, you're not going to win against a to 10 car. So, you know, just be more aware when you're crossing. You know, there may be a speeder that's going to come around that corner, just constantly be aware of, you know, your surroundings and vehicles.

**President Jen:**

All right. Any other questions for Officer Ruiz?

**Officer Ruiz:**

If you do have any questions? You have my email. Yeah, just you can email or call me and it should be in your newsletter. Right? Right. So you can reach out to me at any time.

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## Let Denver Vote Initiative

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My name is Sonni Benoit. I'm a volunteer with the let Denver vote initiative, which is going to be on the June 4 2019 run off ballot. So I got involved with this initiative because I believe that the people should be allowed to vote on important matters that will have dramatic effect on their communities. You know, Denver recently expanded significant city funds to bid on the Olympic Games in that bid recently lost the proposed ordinance will if past in the future prohibit Denver from spending or issuing fiscal guarantees regarding bidding for or hosting the Olympics without first obtaining prior voter approval.

The Olympics are the ultimate marquee event and competitive winter sports. And along with all the logistical and financial challenges of hosting a 17 day event of this magnitude comes a prolonged period of in the global spotlight for the host city. The let Denver vote initiative is a simple and straightforward ballot measure that when passed will ensure that before the city and county of Denver expend any municipal resources on pursuing a bid to host the Olympics. And before the taxpayers of Denver become liable for cost over runs, the people of Denver must first approve the decision with the vote of the polls. So basically, everyone would get a chance to vote yes or no on whether or not the city has properly planned for the Olympic Games. Before any taxpayer funds are spent.

The Olympics will have major effects on traffic including shutting down one designated lane for anywhere that Olympic athletes seem to travel, housing, city funds, the environment, etc. Many of which will last for decades. For instance, the last few Olympics cost overruns have run into the billions of dollars, all of which Denver taxpayers would be responsible for and less

the funds were raised sufficiently by the city beforehand.

We believe that it's critical that the citizens of Denver be able to weigh the benefits and risks and have the ability to vote yes or no. So whether they want to use city resources to bid or host the Olympic Games. If anybody was here in 1972, you might recall that we all got a chance to vote on whether or not the Olympics were healthier. That vote was a no and Denver became the first and only city in the history of the Olympics to turn down and Olympic Games.

So I am asking you to vote yes, on this ballot initiative. We do not have a number yet but we will be the only valid issue on the June 4 ballot that mentions the Olympic game so we should be pretty easy to find.

Anybody have any questions?

It's so simple. Nobody has questions. Thank you very much. I appreciate you letting me see tonight.

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### Lisa Calderon For Mayor Advocate

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Good evening. Thank you very much for letting me come up here to speak. Lisa Calderon is a friend of mine and is running for running to be the next mayor of the city of Denver.

Anyone who would show up on a Wednesday evening for a community meeting probably already knows that there's a municipal election on May 7. To some folks in the neighborhood. That's that's a surprise.

Lisa regrets that she was not able to be here tonight to speak with you. She's at she's at a mayoral of debate on the other side of town. This is the setting where where she thrives. We were at one of several community events yesterday and Lisa spent the two hours between 6pm and 8pm speaking with three women in a parish church in southwest Denver and enjoyed every moment of it. And she certainly regrets not being here this evening.

Lisa is running to be the first woman to be elected to the mayor, the mayor's office in Denver.

She may very well be the most qualified person to occupy that office. As Lisa is currently a law professor. She earned her master's in English and also her doctorate in education.

She attended Metro State as a single mom, so she knows she knows what it takes to get to get through an education as a mom raising a young man on her own.

She Lisa spent over 30 years advocating for the Denver community. She was executive director of the safe house project for eight years, she managed the city's return from prisons to community project for just over eight years. And as a as a criminal justice professional. Lisa really knows the inequities of our justice system firsthand from being in from growing up in the neighborhoods. Lisa is a fourth generation Denverite. And as a as a biracial woman growing up in the city, she experienced some of the some of the inequities that we see in every city firsthand.

Lisa would like to change the direction that policy development takes in the city of Denver right now. Right now. It's sort of a I guess, a reverse osmosis from City Hall out to the communities and sometimes that policy development works. But sometimes it does, it falls into the community in a way that doesn't really work for everybody in the neighborhoods. What Lisa wants to do is she wants to develop city policy from your neighborhood into City Hall, which is really kind of a reverse of that reverse osmosis. It's a way to, to more closely to develop city policy that really reflects the way that we want to live in our communities. Instead of having edicts being issued from City Hall out to out to the neighborhoods. The one thing that distinguishes Lisa among her challengers in this campaign is that Lisa is really a person of the neighborhood, she grew up in the north side, she attended North High School, she completed all our education within Denver, actually some in Boulder. But the the thing that distinguishes Lisa is that her campaign while I guess in terms of contributions, her contributions come into her campaign from the largest number of people, although her funding is not coming from the big developers. And it's not coming from big corporate interests. Lisa's special interest group is really right here in this room. And then is where the ground swell has begun to happen. I'm a Policy Director of Policy Advisor on Lisa's team. And we have begun to really ramp up the development of city policy because there is a there's a very good chance that the next mayor of the city of Denver could be the first woman in the history of the city as mayor

as well, they were really, really three pillars of Lisa's candidates and what she wants to bring to the city and, and they're encapsulated in the principles of equity, fairness and justice, the equity leg of this really does seek to, to uplift women and minorities and, and the disabled in our communities. And to level the playing field that some of those folks with some of those folks have experienced distinct inequities because of their socio economic backgrounds or maybe simply because of the fact that that some of these people are women.

The fairness leg of of Lisa's platform is to integrate with more transparent open policies we see city government right now is being a little bit occluded by some special interests and, and by policies that are developed, developed really more in the back rooms of City Hall than in in the front rooms of your own homes. That's something that we would really like to change as a criminal justice professional.

Lisa knows from the inside from, from having been around the system, that the system is inherently broken. And we would like to move away from the over criminalization of our citizens in and move toward a building a community health that that prevents our need to have to enforce crime. I think that or Lisa believes that that we have we have two great an emphasis on law enforcement than we do on crime prevention and crime prevention really starts with community health. So again,

I am glad that that you've asked us to come speak with you tonight. If at any time in the future you'd like to have Lisa come out to speak at a time when there isn't an major mayoral debate going on. We'll be glad to do that. Do that for you. Thank you so very much.

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### Councilwoman Robin Kniech Aide Polly Kyle

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Hi, I am Polly Kyle.

I'm with the Office of Councilwoman Robin Kniech

Councilwoman Kniech represents the entire city. She's one of your to at large Councilwoman, the other is Debbie Ortega. You also have a district council representative who I'm sure many of you know is Councilman Albus Brooks,

Robin tries her best to get around to all of the Arno's across the entire city. But there is a big debate happening tonight. So I am here on her behalf.

Our office works to prioritize making the city more affordable, sustainable and inclusive. And we do that by focusing on policies related to affordable housing, supporting good jobs and tackling climate change. And the council woman has worked hard recently to double the dedicated funding for the affordable housing. She worked on a bill to prohibit housing discrimination and recently helped expand Denver's property tax rebate program for seniors, disabled homeowners and low income families with children. It's also why she co led the creation of a targeted hiring program and apprenticeship utilization pilot programs for large city contracts connects workers from economically disadvantaged areas to construction careers, currently herself. The mayor's office and unions proposed then passed a \$15 minimum wage increase for city employees and those who do business with the city. She's champion policies to protect immigrant communities and the LGBT q community such as the ban on conversion therapy, which was passed earlier this year. Lastly, thank you. Lastly, Councilman can each has participated in the development of numbers at by 50 Climate Action Plan which was published in 2008 and is supportive of plans to switch Denver to 100% renewable electricity by 2030. She's also participated in the development of energize Denver program, which requires Denver's largest greenhouse gas contributors. Commercial and multifamily buildings to publicly report their usage which has resulted in a 4.5% energy use decrease and



associated emissions decrease in recent years. So only by making them reports these things they have decreased.

Additionally, and I'll wrap up quickly

We launched last year free eviction legal defense pilot program for income qualifying folks in in Denver, a city was released that almost all landlords are represented by an attorney when less than 1% of tenants are represented by attorneys. So this is helping to level the playing field. That program was just announced to be funded by the new name what used to be the Office of Economic Development now the Denver economic opportunity office, I think ditto is that acronym.

And we also council members, Cashman can each and Lopez worked with the community on an ordinance to update and reinforce the Office of the independent monitor more effectively bolstering independent oversight of the Denver's police and Sheriff's Department.

I can take any questions really quickly. If anyone has any. I'll stick around for the whole meeting. I have newsletters and a bunch of other resources about the programs that we have. If you're interested in any of that. The signup sheet that's going around is for our newsletter, we only send it out every other month. So it's not a bunch of email spam. But if you would like to sign up please or have any questions that you would like me to follow up with you about you can write that on the sheet.

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### Neighborhood updates from the President - Jen Morrison

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What I would like to do now is talk about all the exciting things that are happening with the neighborhood association. And with the board specifically. So I became your President, I'm Jen Morrison, I became your president on January 1, and there were a lot of projects that needed some serious attention. And thankfully, I have three angels that have volunteered to help get lots of things done in our neighborhood. And I would like them to just briefly I would like to just mention their names and have them stand up because I would love for everyone to thank them very much. Stacy McDowell is here. And she is one of our communications co chairs. And she is our social media girl. So if you are now seeing posts on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, they're all coming from Stacey. So I thank you very, very much. Maura Knowles is here. And she is also communication co chair. And she is our website girl. So she has done a lot of work to create a brand new website for us. And I'm hoping that it will go live at the beginning of April. And it looks amazing. And I'm very, very thankful for all her help and expertise. And then Kama Newell is our new membership chair. And she is going to try to help us all increase membership in our neighborhood. So if everyone can talk to their neighbors and encourage them to join, it's only \$10 per person per year. And you also get that nifty discount card which more than pays for itself. If you go out on Colfax at least once or twice a year. And for a lot of us, we go out on Colfax much more than that. So thank you all three of you for helping and standing up stepping up to do some work for the neighborhood. I really, really appreciate your help.

I also want to talk about the nature play playground. That's what they're calling it. Now, the nature play playground will eventually replace this East Side. It will eventually replace that East Side playground and the Denver Museum of Nature and science is cooperating with or partnering with Denver parks and RECs to get that playground that needs a whole lot of attention, it's going to turn into kind of a nature area. They're hoping that it kind of blends in with the environment that there might be boulders for kids to climb on. I suggested a treehouse or something different things like that, that can kind of fit into the environment. And I think especially for kids that are growing up in the city, being able to do things over at the park that you don't normally get to do say, if you grew up in the country, like climb trees do different things like that. So that is my hope that that nature



play playground will be amazing and will blend into the to the neighbor. But we have been asked by the Museum of Nature and Science because we live so close to city park, they want our feedback, probably almost more than anybody else. And so they have asked me to create a subcommittee which I included in this month's newsletter. So what I'm going to do is pass around a clipboard with a sign up. And if you are interested in being part of the subcommittee, for that nature play playground, I would love for you to write down your information, there shouldn't be too much involvement.

There might be one or two meetings where the museum wants to get together with a smaller group of concerned citizens within South City Park to get more targeted feedback on another project of mine is that I really would love to get the 16th and cook street intersection of four way stop sign intersection where you have stop signs on the cook side, just like you do on the 16th sign. And so I have been talking to all of his books or council person about that particular intersection and about the need for some extra safety at that intersection. And so he has already submitted that the Public Works Denver Public Works would come out and do a survey of that intersection. But my fear is that if they come out and do a survey, that they're not truly capturing the real safety concerns that I have at that intersection, that they're going to be looking at data of actual accidents rather than near misses. Because I think there's an awful lot in your missus. So he had me put together a petition that concerned citizens in the neighborhood can sign I'm hoping that everyone on cook street is willing to sign this as well. And so I'm going to pass around and petition if you are interested in turning that into a four way Please sign. And Councilman Brooks thought if the city were inclined to say no one's not needed, because of the statistics, the hard cold statistics that may be the petition would help us. So that is why I decided to do that as well.

The other piece of information that I'm going to pass around, I only printed one of these because I didn't want to kill trees. But I mentioned at the last meeting and I've also talked about it in the newsletter that eventually we will get a full stop sign intersection stop light intersection at 17th and Garfield that is part of the 12th Avenue bike way project. And so there will be kind of an amazing way to just go right up Garfield and get across very easily into the park. So they're going to have actual bike path that goes directly across the street and gets people right into the park. And so I have the plans that the city has released. And if you would just like to teach through those and kind of look at those. There's various schematics that kind of show you what that intersection is going to look like. So that will be amazing. Once it's done. At the last meeting, I announced that it should be starting soon and possibly even by the summer or fall that construction would start. I have heard that construction will not start probably until the very beginning of 2020. And once construction starts that estimate that it will take about six months to complete. What is holding it up is that there are a couple trolley tracks under 17th right now that need to be identified and then eventually remove just so that they can put in the stoplight. Yeah, we should go back to trolleys.

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### Climate Action Committee – Jim

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Hello,

Are there climate deniers here tonight?

Anyhow, there's a lot of work that needs to be done by the Climate Action Committee and perhaps, you know, I'm going to fess up say what we really need our monthly meeting. So if people that are willing to take a block of time and sit down and think about, you know, the climate activity in our neighborhood, there are some going on, there seems to be a lot of interest, the city's program to do composting for single family units or complex is less than less than eight units is working well. And we had a meeting this past month with a young entrepreneur that's collecting composts from high rises. I know all of you and I have have signed up for it. There are these little slips laying around, maybe Libby would walk up to somebody walk up and down and give this to whoever we want or

would want it at any rate, the the people the streets that were at that meeting or representative that meeting were 1600 block of cook 1600 block of steele and those you know blocks are pretty heavy in in high rises and so there was a kind of a competition you know, between cook and steele that was imagine that that time you know to see which block who you know might be able to land more composters in their building. So that's kind of taking off right now. And there might be other competition that could be inspired, you know, throughout the neighborhood. But please keep your ear to the ground. This is another meeting where promises are being made, I guess rather than reports of things that have been accomplished. But we will make every effort to set up a rhythm of meetings for the climate action activists and that will happen before the next meeting. So that's that's kind of a promise. Any questions about climate action in Sound City Park neighborhood?

There was a little conversation up here about the idea of perhaps inspiring community garden you know so looking for some some space that's underused right now that could be claimed as a community garden for a period of time you know a year at a time or whatever but we could compost for that you know so increasing combo so city park is I think one of the hope for improvements.

**Comment from crowd:**

I think it would be helpful and on the website we said what could become closer by the city and what can be composted by the combos collected because you can't put meat or any kind of issue white films that you're paying two years or in case you can in the city? Yes, you wanted to clarify that? because nobody's sure you get it wrong. They just dump it.

Jim:

Anyhow, they The exciting thing about the composting company that does it for the high rises is they go to local urban gardens and directly to the gardens to their process there and then and then used by the by given freely to the gardens or to the to this gardens sir

**Comment from crowd:**

Jim. Hi David Carberry from Madison Street I'll I'll step out on a limb here and offer my services in the fall. And maybe reminders, we get to default. There's something that we've used very effective on Madison and you'll see him in my front yard. And I volunteered to help anyone who wants to have me come over and help them create some hoops themselves. They are wire loops that are about four feet tall. So it's that wire mesh, that Home Depot and I put it in a hoop that's I don't know, about four feet wide. I invite all of my neighbors to take their leaves because the leaves would overwhelm those those bins and they do pick up some bags, but I have I feel bad putting compost believes in a non-degradable plastic bag myself. And what is so much better is we are now getting ready to harvest three hoops worth of that for mulch in our gardens. That said, they're all winter and it's going to be beautiful march for our flower beds and our gardens. Now this spring, so again, I'll volunteer next next fall, if anybody is willing to host one of those in their yard wants one. It's great in the front yard, like I said, because I invited my neighbors to come bring their leaves in.

Jim:

you know, in the past past summers, a few summers ago in back from there, we used to have garden tours, remember when we had guard the emphasis at that time was beautiful flower gardens. And it's still really great idea because of the bees. And so but also, you know, maybe it might be fun for the climate activists to to inspire a tour around to look at, at at vegetable gardens, or composting ideas or things like that to have some kind of a tour that spotlight lights now homes, families that are that are making a difference to the health of the planet. So pray for us will try to increase our visibility and and seek input from everybody about about a very important topic.

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## Next Meeting

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Wednesday, May 15 from 7:00-8:30pm

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