

SOUTH CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SCPNA)

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 3/21/2018 7:00 PM

In Attendance

~20 attendees

Agenda

- Membership
- Block Captains
- Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)
- Picerne Foundation
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Climate Action Committee
- Conservation Overlay District (COD)
- Next Meeting

Membership

It's a new calendar year which means dues need to be renewed. Members can renew on the website (www.scpna.org) or in person at meetings.

The Membership Chair position is currently open. Hopefully the Membership Discount Cards will be available at the next meeting.

Block Captains

Each street/block needs a Block Captain. Residents are encouraged to get involved.

Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)

The NPI is a 2-3 year process with the City. Phase I is now complete and the City is currently working Phase 2. They are currently creating a Vision for neighborhoods. The City is working with Sustainability Denver to incorporate their goals into the NPI.

Picerne Foundation

The developer of The Venue on 16th Street created a foundation to give back to the communities where they develop properties. The SCPNA Board was invited to a meeting with members of the Picerne Foundation to apply for funds to be used in our neighborhood. Trent asked for feedback from the meeting for ideas on where the money could be used (\$5,000-\$10,000). Several suggested projects in the park ranging from planting trees to the goose problem. We were initially thinking money could be used to improve the two playgrounds at the park but in checking with the City, those projects are already funded.

The proposed intersection at 17th & Garfield was also suggested but that money should be coming from the approved City GO Bond.

Bus Rapid Transit

Brock Barry is our neighborhood representative. The GO Bond passed and the City is applying for additional Federal funding for the project.

- The City wants to allow more U-turns at intersections since many left turns will no longer be available.
- We still might have overflow traffic in South City Park along 16th.
- The plan is to stagger the 15 & 20 bus stops along Colfax & 17th so no one will need to walk more than a couple blocks to a bus stop.

If you would like to get involved in giving feedback to the BRT project, contact Trent Thompson (southcitypark@gmail.com). Meetings are held approximately every 2-3 months.

Climate Action Committee

Battery Giant (603 Grant St) is sponsoring battery recycling for our meetings. Bring your spent batteries to the meeting where they will be collected. Please patronize the business for your household, cell phone and other battery needs.

The committee could use another three members. They are working on a tree action plan.

Conservation Overlay District

Mardi discussed updates to the COD Committee. She is working to draft a COD for our neighborhood which is a four step process. The committee is currently on Step 2. Members can vote on whether to move forward with the COD.

Once drafted, it needs to go to the City Planning Board. Mardi is also distributing a survey to gauge neighborhood interest.

There are several neighborhoods in Denver that have a COD: Potter Highlands, Curtis Park and a few others. Park Hill is attempting to create one. The next COD meeting is 4/13/2018 at 4:00pm at Hooked on Colfax. The COD doesn't have to encompass all of SCP. It can be just for a few blocks. A COD could help increase or maintain property values.

Next Meeting

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Email addresses are being generalized so they transfer from officer/chair to officer/chair in future years.

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