

# MINUTES

# Neighborhood Advisory Committee

to the Denver Botanic Gardens

3/6/02 6:30 PM

Waringhouse Dinning room

Denver Botanic Gardens

909 York Street

Type of meeting:  
Regularly Scheduled  
NAC Meeting

**Also attending:**

Lynn Green, DBG AJ (Tom Aljinovich), DBG  
Paul Bakkan, DBG

**Next Meetings:**

July 10, 2002  
Nov. 6, 2002

**Attendees:**

Debra Adams	Y	
Art Blomberg	Y	
Timothy Hepp	Y	
Dan Braun	Y	
Jeanne Collopy	Y	
Jack Finlaw	Y	
Rich Gonzales		N
Jennifer Hill	Y	
Steve Kirkwood	E	
Laurie Korneffel		N
Margot Ladd	Y	
Tom Ledgerwood		N
Dick Mandelson	Y	
Lori Potter	E	
Lisa Tyler	Y	
Don Larrence	Y	
Pam Vanderpool	Y	
Joe Baran	Y	
Mike Blake	Y	
Brinsley Burbidge	Y	
Claud Maer	Y	
Douglas Ray		N
Ed Thomas		N

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 pm. After introductions and agreement to the agenda, the following items were covered:

1) **York Street entrance / Gaylord alley abandonment project**

AJ (Tom Aljinovich), DBG Facilities Manager, gave an update on the new York street driveway which will become the primary service entrance. A J indicated that the first step was to have the city abandon the Gaylord/York street alley. In order to accomplish this, upgrades were needed to the sewer line that runs under the alley. The alley abandonment has been applied to from the city. Once the sewer has been repaired, the current alley area will become new community gardens plots.

The new York street driveway is not funded so the completion date is unknown. However AJ indicated that no changes to the current North parking lot foot print were planned that would reduce the number of community gardens plots.

2) **Update on the DBG/NAC discussions on neighborhood trustees / governance**

Art Blomberg reported on the discussions with the DBG's governance committee. Hal Logan had contacted Art on March 5 to indicate that the Governance committees report from the fall of 2001 was "dead" and that the governance issue would be re-addressed at the next DBG board meeting this spring.

3) **DBG update on activities and plans**

Mike Blake presented a summary of the DBG's plans for the current year. Mike emphasized that no new major initiatives were planned. This would be a year of getting back to basics and improving the DBG's infrastructure and community relations.

4) **Open meeting" initiative**

- Timothy Hepp proposed that: the NAC form a committee to study whether DBG board meetings are required to be open to the public and whether this would be an issue that the NAC should champion.

- The motion was seconded and discussed in detail.

- Claude Maer proposed a friendly amendment that was accepted. The revised motion is that:

The neighborhood trustees will produce a written report to the NAC after each DBG board meeting covering all issues of interest to the surrounding neighborhoods.

-The neighborhood trustees agreed to produce the reports and the motion was carried.

5) **General discussion on NAC objectives & processes**

- The committee agreed that email was effective as the primary communications vehicle. It was also agreed that the general detail level and quantity of communications was appropriate.

- It was agreed that better communications of expectations of neighborhood trustees was required. Based on this, a subcommittee was formed to prepare orientation documentation For new neighborhood trustees. The committee consists of Claude Maer, Dan Braun, Jack Finlaw, Timothy Hepp, and Art Blomberg

- another sub-committee was formed to host NAC materials on a Web site. Claude Maer and Timothy Hepp agreed to serve on this committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.



