

Neighborhood Advisory Committee to Denver Botanic Gardens (NAC) Meeting Minutes

TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
DATE, TIME, LOCATION	December 5, 2011 5:30pm Waring House
FACILITATORS	Jim Hannifin, NAC Co-Chair / Art Blomberg – NAC Co-Chair
NOTE TAKER	Dean Bartell, NAC Secretary/Treasurer
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES	<p>Mayoral Neighborhood Trustees: Christine Grawmeyer. Roger Armstrong, Charlie Wooley</p> <p>Morgans: Art Blomberg, Jay Kenney</p> <p>CHUN: Debra Adams, Roger Armstrong</p> <p>East Cheesman: Steve Lang, Dean Bartell, Timothy Hepp</p> <p>7thAve: Dan Braun, Jim Hannifin</p> <p>Community Gardeners: Linda Smoke, Bob Schatz, John Augenbuck</p> <p>Congress Park: Michael Sutherland, Bill DeMaio</p> <p>Denver City Council District 10: Nora Kimball</p>
DBG ATTENDEES	Brian Vogt, CEO AJ Aljinovich, Operations Director
OTHER ATTENDEES	None

AGENDA

Old Business

1. **September 8, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Approved**
2. **Quorum Discussion due to low attendance at Sept 8th meeting**
 - **16 NAC members require 9 to be present for a quorum. Only 8 members present at Sept 8th meeting, therefore any voting would not have been valid.**

New Business

1) Trustees Report (Roger and Christine):

- There are no current neighborhood issues in front of the Board
- 2012 Budget was approved
- Certificate of Participation “COP” increases in 2012. The COP is through 2027.
- COP in good shape so there will be no impact on garage parking ie.no fee based parking
- Membership fees will increase by approximately \$10
- Charlie and Roger reappointed. Peter Kirsch was appointed, but has not been officially notified.

2) DBG Update (Brian):

- Society House
 - Variance was granted
 - Building height was reduced

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- Japanese Garden
 - Site is being prepared
 - New cherry blossoms being acquired through a grant
 - Art Exhibit will be modern bamboo sculpture
 - Library Update
 - DBG will consider a more connected building
 - At least 12-18 months before a neighborhood meeting would occur for the purpose of discussing design.
 - Potager Update
 - Fundraising underway
 - Cheesman Gate – construction to begin in March

3) NAC Governance:

- Art Blomberg summarized the Bylaws
- Online Documentation – CHUN will provide a location within their site to for maintaining NAC documents (Bylaws, Minutes, etc)
- Clarification that Community Gardeners were added at the second NAC meeting in 1994 or 1995
- Committee was formed
 - To review and revise Bylaws where necessary.
 - To determine what should be maintained on NAC web page
 - Committee members are: Tim Hepp, Art Blomberg, Roger Armstrong, Jay Kenney and Michael Sutherland

4) Community Gardens

- Vote to recommend additional hours at last meeting was questioned since there was not a quorum
- Gardeners are requesting the the NAC formally request that DBG extend hours
- Bill DeMaio summarized current Congress Park issues related related to the Community Gardens
 - Neighbors that have “issues” would not provide specific concerns at the CP meeting
 - Clayton St neighbors have voiced that they may form their own RNO
- Jay Kenney proposed a motion to table the discussion until next NAC meeting to allow CP neighbors an opportunity to speak. Motion failed. There was follow-up discussion that the forum for that should be at the CP RNO meeting and the NAC representatives should be the voice.
- There was a follow-up motion approved (9 in Favor / 1 Against (Art) / 2 Abstain (Bill/Tim)) to recommend to DBG that they extend hours for the same times as voted on at Sept 8th meeting:
 - June 8:30pm
 - July 9:00pm
 - August 8:30pm
 - All other months: 8:00pm

5) NAC Report

- RNO’s need to ensure that they have active representation

Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm

Next Meeting: March 5, 2011 @ 5:30pm - Waring House
