

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

TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
DATE, TIME, LOCATION	July 7, 2012 5:30pm Waring House
FACILITATORS	Jim Hannifin (by phone 6:08pm), NAC Co-Chair / Art Blomberg – NAC Co-Chair
NOTE TAKER	Jay Kenney on behalf of Dean Bartell, NAC Secretary/Treasurer
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES	Mayoral Neighborhood Trustees: Charles Wooley, Peter Kirsch Morgans: Art Blomberg, Jay Kenney CHUN: No representatives East Cheesman: No representatives 7th Ave: Jim Hannifin (by phone 6:08pm), Dan Braun, Svein Reichborn-Kjennerud Community Gardeners: Linda Smoke, John Augenbuck Congress Park: Myles Tengalin Denver City Council District 10: Nora Kimball, City Council – District 10
DBG ATTENDEES	Brian Vogt, CEO Jennifer Riley-Chetwynd, Dir. Of Marketing, Pub Relations and Special Events
OTHER ATTENDEES	None

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 5:37 p.m. The chair determined that 9 people constituted a quorum. Although 4 neighborhood groups were represented, only 8 NAC members were present. Thus there was no quorum. Jay Kenney agreed to act as secretary.

Jim Hannifin joined the meeting by speakerphone at 6:08 p.m. With his presence a quorum was established.

Old Business

March 5, 2012 Meeting Minutes: Provisionally approved, subject to future ratification by a quorum.

New Business

1) Trustees Report (Peter Kirsch):

- **Street Signs** - Peter Kirsch noted that the street signs warning of concert dates were badly drafted. They can be read (and have been read) as prohibiting parking between June 8 and July 9 because a dash was used instead of a comma after the first June concert date. DBG staff expressed surprise, said that the dates had been proofed several times, and said that they had not heard any complaints about the signs. All agreed that there was no intent to prohibit parking for a month. Jay Kenney noted that it was past the point in time where the improper signs would have any effect. A photo of the sign is attached to these minutes.

2) DBG Update (Brian Vogt):

- All major construction and building is complete for the season. The Bonsai Pavilion is done and well received by the neighbors to the north. The *Kizuna* exhibition has been well received and little affected by rain, heat, or wind.
- **Community Gardens** - Hours have not been changed in spite of a recommendation by the NAC that they be slightly extended during the summer. Anecdotally, there have been some complaints against the gardeners, but there is no record of Security being called to enforce curfew hours at the Community

Gardens, which are currently 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Absent a formal request to DBG Security, DBG is unable and unwilling to take any kind of action to limit access to the Community Gardens. Security's phone number is 303-472-1288. NAC members and members of the neighborhood may call at any time if there is a concern or a problem. If neighbors do not call when there is a problem, DBG does not have a record of the concern and cannot take any concerted action. Anecdotally as well, the Community Gardeners have been well behaved this season.

- **Cheesman Gate** - The west entrance gate to DBG from Cheesman has been dedicated but not formally declared operative due to electronics issues. CPAG (Cheesman Park Advocacy Group) was helpful in the planning and implementation of the gate. Fobs that will open the gate may be purchased for \$35, subject to CCTV monitoring and agreeing to terms and conditions about use. The gate will be manned on concert dates and other major events. DBG expects the gate to be electronically operative this coming Friday, July 13.
- **2012 Concert Series** - The concert schedule begins in earnest on July 11, 2012, with a concert almost weekly through the balance of the summer. Gypsy Kings are returning but were required to sign a stipulation to abide by DBG sound levels. BV is confident that the sound levels will be enforced—the new producer (Swallow Hill) has a master (and the final) volume control.
- **Lucy Congdon Sculpture** - SRK asked that attribution be restored to the Lucy Congdon sculpture. BV said it would be taken care of.
- **North Building Concept** - DBG would like to convene with NAC's help a meeting of interested parties to consider some preliminary ideas and design concepts for the new North building. This would not be a formal NAC meeting for approval of plans by the NAC, but rather a preliminary meeting open to any and all interested parties to consider ideas, concepts, and plans to date. The meeting will be scheduled in September or October.

3) NAC Report

- **Revised Bylaws** - The chair asked the NAC to consider the proposed, revised by-laws for the NAC. There was **unanimous agreement** and approval of them (termed draft 9) with a provisional vote in their favor.
- **CHUN Website** - The chair asked for consideration of the new CHUN hosted website devoted to NAC matters. There was general agreement and support for the material presently gathered and compiled there. NAC members are encouraged to forward additional materials to the Chair for inclusion on the website.
- **NAC Member Contact Information** - The chair asked the NAC to consider whether members' contact information should be added to the website. After discussion, **the NAC moved and agreed** to encourage all NAC members to supply both a phone number and contact e-mail address for the website on an opt-in basis.
- **Quorum Established** - Jim Hanifen joined the meeting by speakerphone at 6:08 p.m. With his presence a quorum was established and the **earlier actions of the NAC were ratified, to include unanimous approval of the By-Laws and unanimous approval of the website issues.**
- **Chairpersons and Secretary Elections** - The chair noted that elections would be held for Chair and Secretary at the next meeting, now scheduled for November 5, 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm

Next Meeting: November 5, 2012 @ 5:30pm - Waring House (Chairperson(s) / Secretary Election)
