

Minutes (DRAFT)

DBG NAC Meeting, November 4, 2013

Present: Steve Lang, Jim Jehn, Jim Hannifin, Brian Vogt, John Augenblick, Kevin Kelly, Jay Kenney, Dan Brown, Victoria Eppler, Myles Tangalin, Debra Adams, Bill Demaio, Roger Armstrong, Timothy Hepp, Art Blomberg, Christine Grawemeyer

1. Meeting called to order at 5:35 by Jim Hanifin. Twelve NAC members were present, and they represented six neighborhood organizations: East Cheesman, Seventh Avenue Neighborhood Association, Informed and Concerned Community Gardeners, Morgan's, Congress Park, and Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods. In Dean Bartell's absence, Jay Kenney agreed to act as secretary and take notes of the meeting. Minutes of the last NAC meeting were approved without correction by unanimous consent.

2. Roger Armstrong, as DBG trustee, discussed a Department of Public Works meeting to be held at DBG on November 7, 2013 for community input into a new residential parking permit plan complete with new fees, zones, and requirements. Discussion followed.

3. Brian Vogt gave his report and indicated that: the past year had been a strong one operationally; concerts had gone very well without noticeable neighborhood or patron distress; the large events agreement had been recently re-approved by the DBG trustees; and that May and June, 2014 would be extremely busy at the gardens. A new café and science pyramid are about to begin construction, both with completion dates in the Spring of 2014. The science pavilion will focus on the science of the gardens, and the design will be iconic and based upon bio-mimicry. The new café will be open 8-9 months of the year during operational hours, will not be a destination restaurant, will not have indoor seating, and will be managed by Catering by Design for the first six months. The café will rarely be rented for events. Both buildings were funded through a surplus of Better Denver Bond money.

There was discussion about the need for NAC approval of the two projects. Under the First Amendment to the Cooperative Agreement, §5(c) gives the NAC an opportunity to review and comment upon any new buildings or facilities not contemplated by an approved master plan. Brian Vogt asserted that both buildings had been identified in the approved Master Development Plan (2007) and that no NAC approval was required. A post-meeting review of the MDP identified two buildings that matched Vogt's presentation: an "Environmental Learning Pyramid" (D-23 at p. 74) and a "Garden Café" (D-25 at p. 76). No further input was requested from the NAC.

4. Christine Grawemeyer is up for re-election to the DBG Board as a neighborhood trustee. Her recommendation by the NAC was moved and seconded. A discussion followed about the criteria the NAC should use in considering new or renewing trustees. Some consensus was reached that the neighborhood trustees should be able to give voice to neighborhood concerns, should attend regular NAC meetings, should represent the neighborhood to the extent that it does not conflict with the trustee's fiduciary duty, and should act as a conduit of information to and from the DBG board and the

NAC. Christine Grawemeyer was unanimously endorsed by the NAC to serve a second term as a neighborhood trustee.

5. Officer Elections: the following slate of officers was offered to the NAC for 2014: Steve Lang and Art Blomberg as co-chairs; and Dean Bartell as secretary. Upon motion and second the slate was unanimously approved.

6. John Augenblick gave the Community Gardens report and reported that 2013 had been a very successful year and one without incident. There is still a good-sized waiting list to be part of the Community Garden.

7. Candidates for two upcoming (2014) vacancies on the DBG Board need to be secured, vetted and referred to the Mayor's office for final selection. See section 2.4 of the NAC by-laws (below) for a complete statement of the process. Candidates must live within one mile of DBG. Upon motion and second, the NAC voted unanimously to create a subcommittee in February, 2014 to solicit, evaluate, and recommend potential candidates as neighborhood trustees to the DBG Board.

Per the 1st amendment to the cooperative Agreement, The NAC, or a committee of it, shall nominate up to ten candidates for each neighborhood representative position that is, or will become, vacant to serve as neighborhood representatives to the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Such candidates shall reside within one mile of the Botanic Gardens at their time of their appointment. From this list of nominees, the Board of Trustees shall select up to three candidates for each position to be presented to the Mayor as candidates mutually acceptable to both the NAC and the Foundation.

8. Miscellaneous discussion was had concerning efforts to clean up Denver Water's property and the DBG and NAC's efforts to persuade DW to pay for materials in return for donated labor. Reference was made to a NAC vote of support in September, 2013 and to a discussion between Jim Lochhead (Denver Water CEO) and Brian Vogt at a recent DBG event. Vogt agreed to continue to pursue the issue. Discussion was also had concerning a broken tree branch at approximately 11th Avenue York and Gaylord Streets, the theft of two bonsai trees (and the return of one of them), and the difficulty of graffiti removal on the west wall of DBG property. Vogt noted that with the construction of the Residences at the Garden, both the construction project and the Gardens have become a target for thieves and appropriate steps have been taken to protect DBG property while the construction is ongoing.

2014 NAC meetings were scheduled for February 3, June 2, and October 6. (Note new dates!)

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.