

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

TYPE OF MEETING	Quarterly Meeting
DATE, TIME, LOCATION	September 8, 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	Mayoral Neighborhood Trustees: Beth McCann Morgans: Art Blomberg CHUN: No Attendees East Cheesman: Steve Lang, Dean Bartell 7th Ave: Dan Braun, Jim Hannifin Community Gardeners: Linda Smoke, Bob Schatz, John Augenbuck Congress Park: No Attendees Denver City Council District 10: Nora Kimball
DBG ATTENDEES	Brian Vogt, CEO AJ Aljinovich, Operations Director Sarada Krishnan, Director of Horticulture
OTHER ATTENDEES	None

AGENDA

Old Business

1) June 6, 2011 Meeting Minutes: Approved

New Business

1) North Yard:

- Dean Bartell raised concerns over the condition of the property during the summer. Area had become a staging area for dumpsters and trash.
- Brian Vogt provided an explanation. Due to issues with the City and parking spaces, the area became a holding area for dumpsters and other receptacles.
- Original plan for nursery is now moving forward per the concept drawing
- DBG agreed to utilize some screening material for the Gaylord St gate.

2) Society House:

- Complaint was made by Homeowner, Jill Montrey, when the house was placed adjacent to her property on Race St. due to distance and height
 - Structure was placed 13.5' from property line. Zoning requirement is 20'.
 - Height is allowed due to prior variance of Bonsai Building was in the plane.
 - The house is not intended to be a permanent structure.
 - Owner has agreed to support a variance on the setback based on negotiations with DBG
 - DBG lowers the roof line will be reduced.
 - DBG to provide fencing and landscaping
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3) Community Gardens – John Augenbuck:

- Continues to function well and is maturing
- Neighborhood committee is working well – meets monthly and some neighbors are attending
- DBG - Timer lock was installed
- Community Gardens would like to keep longer hours in mid summer. Contingent upon agreement by Congress Park Neighbors, a motion was passed to change hours to:
 - June 8:30pm
 - July 9:00pm
 - August 8:30
 - All other months 8:00pm

4) Neighborhood Trustees

- Written report provided by Christine Grawemeyer
- Trustee nominations submitted to DBG and are under review
 - Charlie Wooley and Roger Armstrong nominated for 2nd term
 - Bruce Smith, Jim Jehn and Peter Kirsch nominated to replace Beth McCann

5) NAC Report

- Elections - Art, Jim and Dean will continue for another year

6) DBG Report

- Neighborhood Outreach
 - Yard contest completed
 - 9 applicants
 - 2 winners – plans are in process
- Cheesman Gate
 - Brian presented drawings and site plan
 - Worked with Cheesman architect and Cheesman Park committee
 - Primarily a members entrance via electronic fob or badge
 - Construction to begin in late fall and complete by March
 - Wrought iron fence will be added to south side of gate first with north side being completed within a year
 - NAC approved the plan
- Research Library (North site)
 - Brian will be speaking to Board about moving this onto priority list
 - Make rethink the positioning on the site to be closer/attached to existing buildings
- COP- ahead of budget as of July

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm

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