

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

TYPE OF MEETING	Regular Meeting
DATE, TIME, LOCATION	October 6, 2014 5:30pm Waring House
FACILITATORS	Art Blomberg, Steve Lang, NAC Co-Chairs
NOTE TAKER	Dean Bartell, NAC Secretary/Treasurer
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVES	<p>Mayoral Neighborhood Trustees: Roger Armstrong Morgans: Art Blomberg, Jay Kenney, Deane Kreitler CHUN: Debra Adams East Cheesman: Timothy Hepp, Dean Bartell, Steve Lang 7thAve: Dan Braun, Svein Reichborn-Kjennerud Community Gardeners: Kevin Kelly, John Augenblick Congress Park: Bill DeMaio, Myles Tang Denver City Council District 10: Nora Kimball Guest: Charles Welso</p>
DBG ATTENDEES	Brian Vogt, CEO
OTHER ATTENDEES	

AGENDA

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm and a quorum was present.

1) Minutes Approved

- Minutes were approved from June and Special Chihuly Meetings

2) Elections

- Steve Lang, Art Blomberg and Dean Bartell were unanimously re-elected with no contested positions

3) Trustee Nomination Process

- NAC must provide three Trustees nominations
- NAC recommends 10% of the Board (36 current Board members)
- NAC sub-committee (Debra Adam, Art Blomberg, Victoria Eppler, Steve Lang, Svein Reichborn-Kjennerud)
- Meeting held Sept 9th – Svein reviewed the minutes and the Guidelines that were developed. Guidelines are being attached for reference.
- Nominees interviewed: Vicky Eppler, Caroline Schomp, Gayle Lawrence. Five additional candidates have come forward since the meeting.
- Guideline Discussion:
 - DBG Contribution Requirements: There will not be a specific dollar amount required to be a Board member. Brian said that they will work with a member to customize a plan in the event that the typical dollar amount isn't able to be given. There is a request that some percentage of their charitable giving goes to DBG.
 - Item "B5" was edited to remove the last sentence regarding \$500 requirement
 - Item "C6" was added to include a requirement that the nominee understand the special events that occur at DBG and impacts on neighborhoods
 - Motion was approved to approve the Guidelines

4) **DBG Update (Brian Vogt):**

- Science Pyramid completed and opened and has freed up parking in the North lot.
- Outdoor restaurant will be closed between December and the Spring
- Children's Garden will be opened annually between Mar 1st thru Oct 30th
- Cheesman Gate was opened from June thru Aug to accommodate paid admissions in addition to the FOB members. There are now approximately 1200 FOB members.
- Security – Three pieces were removed in the original theft that occurred. There was a second theft attempt, but no items were stolen. There is a motion system now and there is additional patrol as a result.
- Chihuly Nights
 - Extra Signage has been placed along York and Josephine communicating Restricted Parking and Sold Out notice
 - Parking information is being communicated when online purchase occurs
 - Selling out approximately 10 days in advance
 - First few nights have seen two waves, one being early and then a later wave Visitors have been exceeding garage parking capacity frequently.
 - Last general admission is 4pm and then reopen at 5:30pm
 - Staff will be using Amaranth garage on Oct 15th. North Lot is now open

5) **Long Term Plans and Neighborhood Impact**

- Brian reviewed the detail on the attached document "The Chihuly Effect and Lessons Learned"
- It is his expectation is that normal level of attendance will return in 2015 based on other exhibit locations
- The Lego Exhibit that had been scheduled has been canceled as a result of the Chihuly experience
- 2015 art exhibit will be "Tribute to the Great Plains" with sculptures by Deborah Butterfield. There is no expectation of large crowds.
- The following motion proposed and passed: "Any programmatic changes that could potentially have a material effect on the "normal" range of attendance at DBG, will be brought forth by DBG to the NAC. There should be a proactive mitigation plan as part of the programmatic change that is brought forth."
- Steve Lang requested a copy of the minutes from the Board meeting in which the Cooperative Agreement related to large events. Brian will provide the minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm
