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Next General Meeting:

Sat., November 17th @ 10:00 AM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street

Meeting Agenda:

- Denver Police CRO Report
- Presentation - Proposed 2008 Mile High Music & Arts Festival
- Brief Reports-Officers, Delegates, Committees
- Possible Vote - Liquor license application-Encore Restaurant in Lowenstein complex
- Vote - SCPNA Election of Officers for 2008
- New Business

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER 2007

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat for their converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter!

What Are You Doing Saturday Morning, November 17th?

Can you imagine a two-day event in City Park for upwards of 50,000 people who will pay upwards of \$75 a ticket to attend? AEG Live Entertainment can! They are proposing such an event, to be called the "Mile High Music and Arts Festival", for the weekend of July 19-20, 2008 - with a proposed community event to be held on Friday, July 18.

AEG Live will present their proposal to us at our November 17th Meeting.

It will be our opportunity to hear about their transportation, ticketing, entertainment, food & beverage, and neighborhood control plans. These plans were unveiled October 30th at a well-attended public meeting at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science. The attendees were overall supportive of the proposal. Many tough questions were asked that evening. Tough questions and general comments are being encouraged by the organizers during this period leading up to a City Council Public Hearing in early December.

Parking is one of their key marketing issues, and they are bringing in a world-class team of experts to best assure success.

With a focus on the event's impact on South City Park, this is a meeting to attend.

Come to our next General Meeting on Saturday, November 17th. Hope to see you there.

-Jim Slotta

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CITY PARK UPDATE

Proposed Annual Music Festival

Anschutz Entertainment Group (AEG) Live has approached the city with a proposal to create an annual 2-day music and arts festival in City Park. The proposal is modeled after other annual music festivals such as Austin City Limits in Zilker Park (Austin, TX) and Lollapalooza in Grant Park (Chicago, IL). The weekend festivities would include 5 different stages set up on the west side of the park. Musical acts such as Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews, Willie Nelson and Bonnie Raitt would be featured in addition to many others including local bands. City staff are evaluating the proposal to occur on July 19 & 20. The event presents many exciting opportunities for showcasing City Park and potential additional funding for park operations. However, there are many issues that will need to be addressed such as parking, access, park closures, coordination with other park events such as City Park Jazz, ticket fees, alcohol sales to highlight a few. AEG president and concert organizer, Chuck Morris and his staff have already tackled many of these issues and met with surrounding neighborhood groups, City Council, Denver Zoo, Museum of Nature and Science, local artists and many other stakeholders. One of the greatest challenges is access and parking which is being studied by an engineering consultant who has extensive experience in other cities with large event logistics. A community meeting (was held) on Tuesday, October 30 at 7 pm at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science Ricketson Auditorium to present and discuss the details of the proposal with the general public. Everyone (was) encouraged to attend and spread the news about this event. Please contact me or Brittany Morris, CRL Associates: at bmorris@crlassociates.com or 303-592-5458 for more information or concerns..

Montclair Stormwater Project

The project is the final stages of completion focusing on irrigation, seeding, and completing the main storm drain conduit. Many of you are probably aware of the conduit construction extending across 17th Ave. necessitating lane closures and traffic delays. The project will end at a connection to the existing storm system at Jackson St. and does not include storm pipe improvements on any of the neighborhood streets south of 17th. Contractors expect to complete the project by early November. The Electric Fountain will also get additional nozzles and miscellaneous improvements this fall.

Park Projects

The gravel paths around the H2Odyssey interactive water feature are being replaced with new concrete walkways to provide a more durable and accessible surface around the fountain. The project will be completed by the end of October. New trees and shrubs will be strategically added to screen the fountain vault structure too. The improvements are being funded from a generous grant from The Gates Foundation.

Mile High Loop

Volunteers for Outdoor Colorado selected the Mile High Loop Trail as one of their projects for Fall, 2008. More information about this will be posted as the project develops.

—Submitted by Helen Kuykendall
Denver Parks and Recreation

NEW DISTRICT 8 OFFICE OPEN HOUSE AT 2713 WELTON

I'd like to invite you all to our new office open house on Saturday, November 24, held in conjunction with the "5-Points Last Saturday" celebration. We will be hosting an art show by Jack Price.

Come down, say hello, have some cider and cookies and enjoy music, fine art and crafts by local artists in time for the holidays. Our open house will be from 11:00 am till 2:00 pm while the festivities in the Points will go on till 5. The office number will remain the same – 303-298-7641. Pam Sauls and Stephanie Cross will continue as my Council Aides and the office will be staffed, for the most part, from 9 till 3 Monday through Friday. Please help us put together our email list for an electronic newsletter by emailing us your name and address at: pam.sauls@ci.denver.co.us. Put "email list" in the subject line. See you on the 24th!

—Submitted by Carla Madison
District 8 City Councilperson

NEIGHBORHOOD SCAMS

It appears that the scam artists are still playing the neighborhood. It is always variations on the themes of help for cab fare, sick child prescription or doctor money, locked out of the house or car and money for a locksmith. The latest was daughter or son in a car accident and the parent needs to get to the hospital but

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car has no gas or is not working so cab fare to hospital or gas money is needed. They invariably tell you that they are a neighbor from down the block, or a block over and if asked will rattle off an address but only if asked. They never start out by giving their name or introducing themselves. The latest on my block was a guy--blonde, 6 ft tall, with piercing icy blue eyes--who told my neighbors that 'Mary' at the end of the block said to go to their house for help meaning money. (My given name is Molly, not Mary.) If approached by anyone asking for money, etc., call 911. The police want to make contact with them and track them. DO NOT GIVE THEM MONEY and DO NOT LET THEM INTO YOUR HOUSE. Hopefully, they will find that our neighborhood is not easy pickings, and will give up.

—Submitted by Molly Parrish
Block Captain - 1500 Block Jackson St.

BLOCK REP NEEDED ON 1500 STEELE

Sherry Abeyta has resigned as Block Captain for the 1500 Block of Steele Street. She has taken a job that requires her to be outside Colorado for long periods. Thank you, Sherry, for your years of volunteering for this important role. We now need someone from this block to step forward. If that can be you, please advise an officer.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

MERCY SITE UPDATE/ WONDERLAND LOT STATUS

The prospective buyer of the Wonderland Lot is still in the due diligence phase of the purchase and so has not yet closed on the property. The Hospital Redevelopment Committee has asked for a meeting with the buyer and hopes to have a report for the neighborhood soon.

—Submitted by Michelle Prescott Carter

SUMMARY OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2007 GENERAL MEETING

Meeting held at Montview Manor Penthouse, 1663 Steele Street, from 10 to 11:30 AM.

Police District 2 Community Resource Officer Presentation

Officer Michael Jimenez spoke with us. Officer

Reyes Trujillo is still our contact generally, as Michael focuses primarily east of Colorado Boulevard. Crime statistics for South City Park and City Park West are down in nearly every major category, such as theft and burglary and auto theft. This improvement is 100% due to the result of community actions: we have reduced the opportunity for crime. There is a rise in disorderly conduct--up 200%. This is also good because we have turned in more requests for intervention on incidents. There has been better neighborhood vigilance.

The "Broken Windows" program began in NYC. Its focus is on small crimes --smaller quality of life issues. Often when enforcing those crimes, they pick up someone with outstanding warrants. Michael took a survey of parked cars in both South Park Hill and Stapleton Neighborhoods. Out of 175 cars inspected over 50% had something of value visible in the vehicle; 20% were unlocked. Neighborhoods must stop such practices.

Question: What is the "72 hr parking limit?" Its intent is to find illegal plates, and abandoned vehicles. Police respond to complaints, first issuing a warning to move the vehicle within 72 more hours, and chalking the tires. If the car is registered to a local resident, there is usually no further action taken.

Question: What are the pillars of "formal" and "informal" Neighborhood Watch programs? Number one is education; number two is partnerships. We seem down pat with that. Stay in touch with neighbors and watch out for each other, versus being unorganized. Number three is documentation and tracking. Everyone who signs up for a "formal" Neighborhood Watch program is given an ID Number and a form to track their belongings. Pawnshops cannot accept anything with a Neighborhood Watch ID Number on it. A block (or a floor in a high rise) can be defined as a Neighborhood Watch area. They will come if 70% of the block agrees to get a sign. This should be a task for the block captains.

Question: Why is so much copper being stolen? Copper is more valuable than silver. Thefts are often related to local construction crews, sad to say. Again, vigilance helps.

Opus Group (Pinnacle Towers) Presentation

Three members of the OPUS team-- Matt Derrick (Sales), and Dave Einfeldt and Steve Rogers (Construction)--were the presenters. 80% of units in the first tower are sold (117/142); 9/18 "Park Homes" are sold, and 30% of the second tower (29/111). People will begin moving in next week. Expect 70% mortgages clos-

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ing by December. This is the first phase. 100% of the new garage is complete. East side of the first tower is the move-in zone-a drive off of Milwaukee. Moves will be tightly scheduled with 1 move-in at a time due to one service elevator. Move-in schedule will be 8 AM-8 PM. They are hoping for a 4-hour interval for each move-in. Contact if issues: www.thepinnacle.com with a link for contact. Steve Rogers has an office at 1633 Fillmore, Suite 100, 303-298-4950.

Tower 2 will be completed in March of 2009 and security will be paid for by OPUS until then. It will be 5 stories shorter than tower one (22 versus 27). The "dirt pile" on the vacant Wonderland Homes lot south of 16th is temporary and should be gone when the foundation and basement is complete.

There will be a 24-hour concierge available. Outside doors will be unlocked but all other doors locked. The HOA will determine future security. Perhaps they will provide a roaming guard.

Question: What does Opus know about the Wonderland Homes undeveloped parcel? Nothing in addition to what we already know, which is that a potential sale is in the works. Zoning anxieties prevail. An architectural firm representing the potential buyers has approached us for dialogue; they know about the existing MOU. Any scheduled meetings on the subject will be announced, with preliminary meetings presumably with our Hospital Redevelopment Committee (HRC).

Other Association Business

Vice President Michelle Prescott Carter reported (in absentia) about Legacy's first HOA meeting. Michelle and Jim attended and gave out welcome packets, including a coupon from Goodfriends, our mission statement, and recent newsletters. All were encouraged to join; we were well received.

The "Mile High Loop" exercise path is still under way. A \$200,000 grant request was made to Colorado State Trails. A decision will be known by December; organizers are optimistic. Questions will be asked of the organizers regarding the kind of surface and how bikes and pedestrians would co-use the path.

Treasurer Rob Hunsley reported (in absentia) a bank balance of \$1525.40.

—Submitted by Jim Slotta

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE CHUN ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOODS ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, November 13, 2007 - 7:00 PM

Encore Restaurant

2550 East Colfax Avenue

Lowenstein Arts & Cultural Complex

TOPICS FOR THIS NEIGHBORHOOD GATHERING

- Encore Restaurant's application for a hotel and restaurant liquor license and a standard cabaret license
- Update by Saint Charles Town Company of the Lowenstein Arts & Cultural Complex
- Election of CHUN Neighborhood Representatives

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OUR BLUEBIRD DISTRICT ROCKED WITH THE FIRST ANNUAL BOO & BREW HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Saturday, October 27th, the weather was perfect—crisp autumn air and clear skies. The stage was set. The trees were decorated with floating ghosts and fluttering bats, pumpkins and cornstalks dotted the street, hay bales and colorful balloons were whispering Halloween. After months of planning the first annual “Boo and Brew on Colfax Avenue” was finally here.

The afternoon quickly became a blur of over 400 kids and their chaperones, investigating everything—other costumed kids, every open door, and lots and lots of treats served by merchants and staffers decked out in Halloween costumes. Neighbors mingled and shared in spicy witch’s brew cheerfully handed out by a delightful witch. Live music—by an East high school rock band called ‘The Panic’, by a high school jazz quartet, and by a local singer-song-writer JT Nolan—spilled onto the sidewalk from separate establishments. Human “Guardian Angels” hovered around, helping when needed. Decorated children who stopped by the Bluebird Beat storefront were able to partake in having a free ghoulish portrait taken and received a custom Boo and Brew on Colfax Avenue candy collection sack made from reused pillow cases.

Twenty-four businesses in the district from St. Paul to Monroe hosted the “Boo” part of the event and did it up right by decorating their establishment and highlighting their commitment to Colfax and the Bluebird District. Hooked on Colfax coffee shop had a haunted house that

spooked many little ones. One tyke was overheard saying, “Ooh, it was so scary! Dad, you gotta come down there with us to see this!” Qi Kinesis, a new fitness center on Colfax near Steele, did a fantastic job by taking advantage of all the people coming to their business. They had monsters set up in various workout rooms and sent kids through mysterious fake fog to find them. The activity enabled adults to check out their facility and the equipment. Brilliant marketing for them!

The evening “Brew” event took place after kids were back home safely. Many parents re-grouped to join the other 1,000+ revelers for the Colfax pub-crawl that rocked well beyond the witching hour. Many enthusiastic adults donned costumes ranging from witches to a sundry of villains and heroes. Prizes were handed out late in the evening at various establishments for a variety of categories. The ‘most creative costume’ award, a new cruiser bicycle donated by Collins Bike Shop, went to a woman dressed as a salad bar. Many other gifts and prizes were handed out through the night to the many happy customers.

The Boo and Brew was a hugely successful community event, planned and staged by residents of South City Park neighborhood and the association who shared the idea of the Halloween event with Bluebird Beat. Retailers reported excellent shopping traffic, including newcomers to the area who were often heard to remark, “I had no idea all this (redevelopment) was happening here on Colfax.” One native resident remarked, “never thought in a million years I would be taking my kids to Colfax to trick-o-treat.” What a great example of how much Colfax has improved.

Visit the local web sites, www.scpna.org and www.bluebirdbeat.com, to view pictures of this first annual event.

Plans are already underway for next year’s repeat of this event.

—Submitted by Dawn DeAno
SCP resident and Boo and Brew Committee Member



REFLECTION ~ BOO AND BREW ON COLFAX AVENUE

This is a request for your observations and reflections following the Boo and Brew events that were held Saturday, October 27th. Either deliver, or email, answers to Jim Slotta (Address on Page 1).

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO YOU.

I ATTENDED:

- ☐ SATURDAY AFTERNOON WITH CHILDREN
- ☐ SATURDAY AFTERNOON WORKING WITHOUT CHILDREN
- ☐ SATURDAY EVENING
- ☐ BOTH SATURDAY EVENTS WORKING
- ☐ BOTH SATURDAY EVENTS PLAYING
- ☐ SET-UP SATURDAY MORNING

I AM A:

- ☐ BUSINESS OWNER OF A COLFAX BUSINESS
- ☐ WORKER AT A COLFAX BUSINESS
- ☐ PARENT/GRANDPARENT
- ☐ NEIGHBORHOOD RESIDENT
- ☐ OTHER (PLEASE INDICATE) _____

1. What memories or “scenes” stand out for you? (List several & include costumes.)
2. What surprised you? (Describe in a little detail.)
3. What was a smashing success from your vantage point? What made it so?
4. What would you change if we did this again?
5. How do you think this event helped the businesses?
6. How did this event support the neighborhood?
7. How do you think the event enabled neighborhood-business relationships?
8. Were there issues you were aware of that may have harmed this relationship (If so, describe them)?
9. Who does the committee need to thank? How should we do that?
10. I would rate this event as a (circle) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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