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Next General Meeting:

Sat., March 15th @ 10:00 AM
Montview Manor Penthouse
1663 Steele Street

Meeting Agenda:

- Denver Police CRO Report
- Presentation-City Park: Helen Kuykendall
- Presentations-Two Colfax Businesses:
 - Anika Zappe of The Pink Elephant Room
 - Steve Ballas of Steve's Snappin' Dogs
- Vote - Liquor License Application:
 - Steve's Snappin' Dogs
- NEW BUSINESS (topics from attendees)
- Brief Committee Reports

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2008

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat for their converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter, and a big thank you to Saint Paul Health Center for providing the printing services!

The More Things Change, the More they Remain the Same

A 'beer and wine' liquor license is being applied for by one of our Colfax businesses. Each time there is an application, there are unique circumstances to be considered, and this time is no different. Our popular hot dog restaurant wants to be able to sell beer and wine with their menu. Please take the opportunity to hear about this at a special Neighborhood Assembly on March 8 (see article), and to meet and hear from owner Steve Ballas at our Meeting on March 15.

Another of our businesses has undergone a change in venue. Read the article by Anika Zappe, the new manager at 1515 Madison (old Normandy Restaurant). You can also meet and hear from Anika at our March 15 Meeting.

Our Social Committee has begun to think about 2008 activities. Read articles by Mardi Mathers and Maureen Hartman to join in the anticipation of things to come.

There is an insert that includes a roster of our block representatives, and another insert from our sponsor, The Bluebird Beat, with interesting news about our stretch of Colfax.

Get the Beat; join the association! I look forward to seeing you around the 'hood, and at our meetings when you can make it.

-Jim Slotta

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSEMBLY

Co-sponsored by:

*SCPNA, Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Congress Park Neighbors
Saturday, March 8, 2008, 3:00 PM*

Location:

*Heated, Covered Patio of Steve's Snappin' Dogs
3525 East Colfax Avenue (at Monroe)*

Topic:

*Liquor (Beer & Wine) License Application for Steve's
Hearing at Denver Excise & Licenses scheduled for early April*

This is an informational meeting for the surrounding neighborhoods, to help our organizations decide whether or not to support the application.

GARDEN TOUR OR PROGRESSIVE GARDEN PARTY?

Here it is February again and time to consider whether you are going to put your garden in the Spring garden tour or the August progressive garden party. The progressive garden party was suggested by Roger Lawson, our esteemed vice president, who had his garden (and his wife, Katy's of course) in our first annual garden tour 2 years ago. He liked the idea because, while hosting, they missed out on the other gardens that tour. I would like to thank all the SCPNA members that made the tour possible over the last two years by hosting us in their gardens: Peter Romanelli, Karen Newman, Roger and Katy, Rob and Kevin, Albert and Efren, Way Shen and Chris, Eileen Heimerl, Ann Luke, Edith and Patricia, and the folks at Elton Arms and Montview Manor.

For 2008, the Spring garden tour will be much the same as previous years. It will be during the evening from 6-8 pm on a weekday to allow those who leave town on the weekends to participate. (Late May or early June to try and catch the spring flowers?) We have left the date open to get feedback from all who would like to host; please email or phone me, Mardi Mathers, with your availability. Phone: 720-207-1980 and email: mardi48@tmo.blackberry.net.

The Progressive garden party is a new idea. My suggestion is we start at 6 pm at a designated garden and progress in a crowd to the next designated garden after say ½ hour at each garden. The advantage is that the hosts may join the throng, and dancing and juggling we make our way around the neighborhood. Probably a weekend would be best for the progressive parties. Please contact me, as above, if you would like to host a party or if you would like to assist with leafleting, contacting your favorite garden's owners or any number of other chores that come up.

--Submitted by Mardi Mathers, Cook Street resident and Social Committee Chair

PAVING PARTY, EVERYONE?

After a long wait, new curbs are in place and the streets of South City Park are on the city's schedule to be resurfaced this summer. Thank you to everyone who called the city to express the need for attention in our neighborhood. Our street maintenance was delayed due to projects in the park & neighborhood. Patience will be tested again as paving moves from block to block, creating a squeeze on parking.

As our neighborhood continues to host successful social events, it would be great fun to take to the streets when the paving is complete. Consider celebrating smooth streets by having an event that brings out anything with wheels, i.e., bikes, strollers, wheelchairs, skateboards, wagons, training wheels, tricycles and maybe a unicycle or two! Imagine something like Tito sending us off with a "shotgun" start in front of Collins' Bicycles, as we wheel our way towards cool drinks at the park.

Whether by wagon or wheelchair, bikes or boards, I'd like to see SCPNA celebrate the span of ages in our neighborhood. A "push, pull, drag & peddle the wheels" event could be an inclusive way to encourage participation of those who have challenged mobility or are otherwise homebound, alongside the growing movement of strollers and bicycles.

We know many of our neighbors would "escort" our older friends for an outdoor stroll. Many already do! I would hope the Saint Paul Health Center, Montview Manor, and the seniors who enjoy independent living throughout our neighborhood would welcome an event that integrates and reflects our diverse neighborhood. Amazing things happen when "young meet old" for a smooth ride around the neighborhood! Have a great day... Spring is in the air!

--Submitted by Adams Street resident Maureen Hartman



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STEVE'S SNAPPIN' DOGS @ COLFAX & MONROE

A Beer and a Dog! A Beer and a Smashburger! It just goes together! We have been told by many the only thing missing at Steve's is an Ice Cold Glass of Beer along with our award winning Thumanns' Hot Dog, that we import direct from New Jersey. Our dog is all beef and pork, with No Fillers, No MSG and is lower in sodium, with a Smokey flavor that "Snaps" when you bite it.

We have recently applied for a Beer and Wine License from the city and hope to have it at the end of April, so mark that on your calendar and have a Cold One on our Patio.

We also have expanded our menu a bit that includes Blue Bunny Ice Cream, Shakes, Malts, Root Beer Floats, Cups and Cones. We also have a "New" Loyalty card that if you buy any 9 Shakes, Floats, Frozen Hot Chocolate, Fresh Squeezed Lemon or Limeade, you will get the 10th one FREE!

We added the "Rippin Rockies" Dog opening day of the World Series in honor of the "Awesome 21 Wins." It was featured in the Rocky Mountain News special edition that day. In addition, we added a Philly Style Steak Sandwich, Frito Pie, Expanded Vegetarian Menu, Kids Value Menu and much more. Please visit our web site for a complete menu @ www.stevessnappindogs.com. 303-333-SNAP (7627)

Come enjoy our newly Heated and Enclosed Patio that seats an additional 85 people for the winter, and look for "Misters" to keep you cool in the summer when you have that cold one on the patio.

*We also have City Approved "Doggie Dining" on the outdoor Patio.

*Now Serving Birthday Parties at Steve's at very reasonable prices.

*Coming Soon "Whippersnapper", can you guess what a whippersnapper is? There will be Prizes!

*Look for our updated web site coming soon that will have an "interactive Kids corner" and contests.

*July is National Hot Dog Month! Have your Dogs at Steve's and look for the First Annual Hot Dog Eating Contest at the end of the Month!

Come one, Come All, and whether you are a First Timer or a Regular, I would like to buy you a Fresh Squeezed Lemon or Limeade when you purchase a hot dog!

Thanks for your continued support, Sincerely Steve, Linda and our Fantastic Staff at Steve's Snappin Dogs.

If anyone is looking to work part-time at Steve's, please call us at 303-333-7627. We are very flexible!

Bring in this article and get a Free Fresh-Squeezed Lemon or Limeade with purchase of any hot dog.

A NEW BUSINESS IN OUR AREA

I would like to take a moment to introduce South City Park neighbors to a new business in your area, The Pink Elephant Room. Well, it's not exactly a new business, it's a revitalized business. The PS 1515 has been owned and operated by Pete of the PS Lounge for several years now. This space has languished, mostly unused, save for the occasional wedding reception, birthday party or other event. A long time employee of Pete, I had shared my vision of a gourmet cocktail venue with him and we agreed that it was worth a shot.

It is my belief that the trend in the bar business is that people are drinking less, but drinking better. I have enjoyed some wonderful drinks in major cities in the US and Europe. What I noticed about these bars was the dedication to providing a quality product. I had a hard time finding a place that I enjoyed. The bars I was seeing were either too rowdy, overpriced, or the quality of cocktails was lacking. With my interest in culinary arts combined with many years of bartending, I embarked on a journey that resulted in my creation of homemade simple syrups and the use of fresh herbs and fruit juices.

How was I to attract customers and fill such a large venue? The answer was right in front of me. I had worked for some time at Lannie's Clocktower Cabaret located downtown in the historic Daniels and Fisher Clocktower. We were sold out almost every Thursday night for the vaudeville style, burlesque variety show that they offered. The people that came to this weekly event seemed to be just the kind of customers I was seeking, men and women of all ages, who were willing to pay for a little live entertainment and enjoyed a fine cocktail. I had been acquainted with the performers of 'Burlesque As It Was' for many years and invited them to perform at this new venue. I knew there was a greater demand for this entertainment and that fans and future fans of the art form might not venture downtown to see them.

Currently we are open Thursday, Friday and Saturday
(over)

(New Business-Cont.)

day from 4:30 pm until 2 am, occasionally opening on other nights for special events. Our burlesque variety show, 'The Shimmy Shaker Show', features singers, comedians, jugglers, magicians, acrobats and of course, lovely ladies, and takes place on Fridays and Saturdays at 10pm. The cost of admission for the show is \$12 and reservations are highly recommended. Come see for yourself. 303-394-1515, 1515 Madison St.

--Submitted by Anika Zappe, Manager of The Pink Elephant Room

HOUSING DIALOGUES TO BE OFFERED

A series of four dialogues, based on the topic of housing, will be held on Wednesdays--April 9, 16, 30 and May 14. (Location tba.) The focus will include the formidable challenge to understand the serious social need for affordable housing. This complex issue affects our neighborhood's housing, character, scale of buildings, and historic preservation. (Example: The housing development at 1601 Colorado Blvd.)

Sponsored by CHUN and other organizations including SCPNA, the goals are:

1. Provide accurate information about affordable housing in Denver and specifically, in our Capitol Hill neighborhoods.
2. Provide meaningful dialogue about affordable housing that is inclusive of and validates diverse perspectives on issues.
3. Create links to specific actions and organizations working on affordable housing in our neighborhoods.
4. Provide training, resources on dialogue, consensus-building, facilitation, civic engagement to interested participants.

I hope that you and others in our neighborhood will be able to prioritize your time on these four Wednesday evenings in April and May to attend these dialogue sessions.

--Submitted by Jim Slotta

LEARN ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CITY PARK IN 2008

City Park Open House

Tuesday, March 11, 5 pm to 7 pm

Denver Museum of Nature and Science - West Atrium.

2008 will be an exciting year for City Park as more changes and new activities are planned. The Electric Fountain is being readied for its centennial celebration,

hundreds of trees will be planted and a new 3.1 mile running and walking path will be constructed. And these are just a few of the highlights.

City Park, the Denver Zoo and the Museum of Nature and Science together are set to spend \$82 Million over 5 years. The major projects include over \$2 million of bond money to be invested in City Park over 5 years to repair and improve existing roadways, structures and buildings, and many of these projects will be in the planning stages in 2008. The Denver Museum of Nature and Science also has improvements in the works as a result of \$30 million bond funding made available this year. The Denver Zoo will be completing the plans for the \$50 million Asian Tropics exhibit to improve 10 acres of the zoo for the resident elephants.

With all this activity and planning going on, Denver Parks and Recreation in partnership with the City Park Alliance, Denver Zoo and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science want to share the specifics of these projects with the public at the March 11 open house and information extravaganza. Not only will the public find out about these projects, but also everyone can learn how to be involved in these projects as volunteers, planning participants and park advocates. So please mark your calendars for March 11. Refreshments and appetizers will be served! For more information call: 720-913-0630

--Submitted by Helen Kuykendall-Denver Parks and Recreation

WALK IN THE PARK—THE FILLMORE COMMUNITY

I am Jan Harrison, assisting the owner at 1633 Fillmore Street. I have been involved with SCPNA's Hospital Redevelopment Committee (HRC) since its inception, while managing the professional office space. Our building's location just west of the redevelopment has presented us with both gifts and challenges. I would like South City Park neighbors to know that we offer affordable opportunities. This fabulous space currently hosts dentist groups (specialists), local headquarters of the Opus development group, a law firm, an ophthalmologist and other medical and business related tenants. We have a few prime multi office and smaller 1 to 2 person executive suites that are available. Parking, excellent tenants, garden terrace, large conference room may be scheduled for meetings, cleaning, security and management on site. Please telephone Jan #303-399-2100 or e-mail to hartomcorp@aol.com to schedule an appointment.

--Submitted by Jan Harrison

SUMMARY OF JANUARY 19, 2008 GENERAL MEETING

16 attended at Montview Manor Penthouse, 1663 Steele Street, from 10 AM to Noon.

Announcements-Jim Slotta

- 2008 concert in City Park cancelled, opposed by Denver Zoo
- "New Business" part of meetings to be emphasized as recommended
- Burlesque venue at 1515 Madison business (old Normandy); city reviewing legality
- Website coming along. Useful now, and in time will be used as a place for dialogue.
- Holiday Recovery Party on Colfax, January 26, 6-9 PM, at Babooshka & ism Gallery.
- City Park West reviewing move of Church in the City from Colfax & Josephine to the Synagogue at 16th & Gaylord. Lowenstein Developer Charlie Wooley (St. Charles Town Co.) owns both properties, to develop Josephine property using MS-3 Zoning.
- National Jewish Hospital will financially sponsor our newsletters at some level; in return, we'll insert their newsletter twice this year. Additional sponsor(s) will be sought.
- Donations to other non-profits will be delayed pending membership income.
- Residents D'Ano & Reichmuth (Halloween event) were given an award by CHUN.
- SCPNA's Fall Survey suggested basic satisfaction with current schedules, but desire to experiment with alternative schedules, and limited volunteer availability.

Police District 2 Community Resource Officer Presentation-Officer Amy Esten

Amy spoke about the scam artist asking for money for a personal crisis. These dire situations are fake. They are not your neighbors. Don't let them in; say you will call the police for them. Keep the door locked, and watch where they go.

Also, they are updating a Neighborhood Watch database, and revisiting getting blocks certified. If you know about a problem with your block, talk to your neighbors and re-organize. The DPD wants to know who is interested in keeping the NW active.

In the absence of details, Amy could find no paper trail for a lost Alzheimer's patient sought in January. The person must have been found before a report was written. They must have a name or location to get reports after the fact. The immediate email communication that we did is how to limit or stop these kinds of behaviors.

Financial Report-Rob Hunsley

Doña Dodson is taking over duties in 2008. (Doña and VP Roger Lawson in absentia.) \$1456.62 at start of year. We renewed INC membership for \$35. We spent \$182 (copies) for membership appeal. \$1264.56 balance at end of year. Memberships are now \$10 (from \$5), and individual donations to other local causes are encouraged.

New Business (Attendees filled out 'post-its' with topics for discussion.)

- Placement of neighborhood bulletin board (suggestions: on Colfax & on 16th)
- Plan of SCPNA Social Committee (will be underway by March)
- Snow removal from sidewalks, & other obstructions (call 311 or N'hood Insp. Svcs.)
- Use of vacant lot at 16th & Milwaukee (staging area now, for sale by Wonderland)
- Billboard ads on west wall of liquor store at Saint Paul Street (Block Captain to inquire)

SCPNA 2008 Goals

The detailed list of 7 goals was discussed with many practical suggestions offered.

Review of Political Caucus Process

Richard Gonzalez led a discussion with the February 5 Caucuses approaching.

--Submitted by Jim Slotta from notes taken by Oliveann Slotta