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Next General Meeting:

Wed., July 15 @ 7:00 – 8:30 PM Montview Manor Penthouse 1663 Steele Street

Meeting Agenda:

- Intro of Guests, Announcements
- Police Dist. 2, Q & A
- New Denver Zoning Plan
- Vote-SCPNA Parking Resolutions
- Vote-SCPNA Boundaries
- New, Old Business Topics

SCPNA NEWSLETTER - JULY 2009

Thanks in abundance to Propaganda Labs and their Bluebird Beat.com for converting our articles into a beautiful Newsletter, and a big thank you once again to Saint Paul Health Center for helping with the printing costs! Please come to the July Meeting!

Dear South City Park Residents,

These past 8 months have been a great welcome to Denver for me. The opportunity to work on the board of South City Park has allowed me to integrate into the community and start making Denver my home. Unfortunately, a new lease and a couple friends moving out here from Ohio, has caused me to move out of the neighborhood.

I wanted to write this to express my gratitude to the neighborhood for welcoming me to the city and allowing me to take on a role to continuously make SCP one of the best places to live in the city. South City Park is truly a unique neighborhood "hidden" between great landmarks from Colfax Bluebird District to City Park.

Through zoning, parking, and neighborhood issues, I know this board, along with the resident's proactive spirit will continue to grow, develop, and welcome new members.

Again, thank you for everything and I will surely be back to visit.

Sincerely,
Nicholas Mancini
Co-Vice President of SCPNA

SUMMARY OF THE MARCH 18, 2009 GENERAL MEETING

About 40 attended at the Montview Manor Penthouse from 7-9:15 PM. DPD Technician Amy Esten responded in detail to questions about graffiti. The main point is to act quickly or it will promote more to occur. Related questions were answered pertaining to gangs, drug activity, parking incidents and crimes in progress, with the main points being to report the incidents and to be prepared to be a complainant if needed.

Parking resolutions were presented for discussion. They were developed for presentation at the meeting by SCPNA Officers, in consideration of recommendations by the SCPNA Parking & Traffic Committee, of ongoing conversations in the neighborhood, of email exchanges, of discussions held at the scpna.org web site, and of input from city-wide informational meetings about the Denver Strategic Parking Plan (SPP). Five-minute statements were given by two attendees--Bonita Lahey about the original recommendations of the SCPNA Parking and Traffic Committee, and Rob Hunsley about the Denver Strategic Parking Plan. Two-minute statements were then given by several attendees about the proposed resolutions. After all the timed statements and some further discussion, five resolutions were approved:

Traffic resolutions as proposed by the disbanded SCPNA Parking & Traffic Committee were discussed. Four revised Resolutions were passed after lengthy discussion:

Resolution 2: SCPNA will seek ways to reduce parking pressures from Colfax Businesses, East High School, and City Park events.

Resolution 3: SCPNA will request improved parking ordinance enforcement and police supervision in problem areas, at problem times.

Resolution 4: SCPNA will encourage full use of available off-street parking by both single- and multiple-family residences, enforcing existing agreements as necessary.

Resolution 5: SCPNA will support individual block efforts to cope with extreme parking pressures.

(Summary - Cont.)

Resolution 6: SCPNA supports the philosophy that residents have "number one" but not exclusive priority for nearby curb-side parking.

By voting, it was decided that two items would be tabled for this meeting:

Resolution 1. (Concerning a request to be considered as a pilot neighborhood for the Denver Strategic Parking Plan) (Recognizing that if we do make the request that only South City Park blocks should be included and not blocks in Congress Park)

SCPNA Bylaws Amendment. (Considering the broadening of SCPNA boundaries)

-- Submitted by Jim Slotta (See complete Meeting Minutes at web site scpna.org)

PIPER PIES

An interview with Clive Coogan, the owner of a new business in the neighborhood, written by Way Shen.

If you've waited by the Bluebird for the #15 lately, you may have wondered what was happening at 3335 E. Colfax. Intriguing drawings adorn the shop window on the right, while – are those mini-pie plates? – hang in the left-side window.

Well, wonder no more: Clive Coogan's vision for the empty space behind those windows is a savoury pie shop, both for take-out and eat-in. (Including the outdoor area, there will be seating for 15.) Clive hopes that the interior will hearken back to the historical roots of the space. And to that end, he has done considerable research so that his pie shop will replicate the feel of those little shops of a by-gone era on Colfax.

Clive has named his eatery the "Pie Piper." (Now the postcard on the right-side door of his shop becomes understandable). The name has roots in Clive's heritage, as his mother is a Scot and he was born in Glasgow. In addition, the concept of these pies comes from the British Isles (visitors and natives alike partake of those famous "meat pies" that can be eaten on the run). The recipes for the Pie Piper pies come from his mother and grandmother; and Clive grew up on this "comfort food." (His home was also a magnet for friends eager to eat his mother's delicious pies). The original family recipes are being given modern "Coloradan" twists through innovating, testing and tweaking by Clive and a childhood friend, Annette Gallardo, who is a chef and owner of the South Bay School of Cooking in Manhattan Beach, CA.

Clive has lived variously in the U.S. and Canada (his family moved to Los Angeles when he was a boy). He eventually settled in Denver (where a brother has been living) and bought a home in the West City Park area. To set up his business, he chose the South City Park neighborhood because he "really likes the area ..." and thinks it could be a great "walking neighborhood, with lots of potential for mom-and-pop-type little shops." He discovered in his research that his particular space used to be a bakery in the early 1900's, when this area of Colfax was a mercantile area. He hopes the Pie Piper will fill a need for our neighborhood, with its growing population. He'd like his "mom-and-son" shop (his mother will be doing the cooking) to be a place where families can come and have some edibles without breaking the bank. The

Pie Piper has the makings of a very hip eatery as well, with its pies, art and attention to design details and historical ambience.

The fillings for the pies – for eaters of many persuasions – will be created off-site (in a rented commercial kitchen). The pies will then be assembled and baked on-site. The fillings can also stand alone as small servings of stews or soups.

As well as creating art, much of Clive's time has been involved in the food business. He has helped to start restaurants, run restaurants (a successful Italian one in LA) and catered. (As a hazard of living in LA, he was also involved at various points in the movie production business). So he is no stranger to the difficulties of starting an eatery. The proof is in the pudding – or pie, in this case: Since renting the storefront in March, 2008, Clive has been slogging through all the structural renovations required to bring an early 20th century space in line with 21st century building codes. In addition, there are the interior and exterior design considerations to work on.

But – the end is in sight: Clive is in the final approval stage with the city. He hopes to open sometime in August. As neighborhood residents, my partner Chris and I will cheer him on and wish him (and our neighborhood) the best of success. Oh, we had a look at the menu-in-progress and are eagerly looking forward to "mushy peas" with that Pie Piper twist!



the PIEPIPER

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MISCELLANEOUS TIDBITS

New Block Captain 1500 Block Harrison - Stacey Crease (meanfish2@earthlink.net, 1634 Harrison) succeeds JP Lawless. Thanks to both Stacey and JP for representing their block!

SCPNA Gives - Some SCPNA members chose to make the following charitable donations in addition to their membership dues: City Park Jazz \$160; Mile High Loop \$120; E High Angel Pride \$75; City Park Fountain \$100; CHUN \$15; Teller Elementary \$30; Dictionary Drive \$10; and Montview Manor \$25.

SCPNA Annual Garden Tour - Our annual neighborhood garden tour will be held in early August this summer. If you are interested in either hosting or helping with the organization of this fun social event, please call Mardi Mathers 720.207.1980 or OliveAnn Slotta 303.388.3388

-- Tidbits collected/submitted by Grant Grigorian

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