

2010 Minutes

Highlights include: Lowry Vista, East Side Mobility, Denver Green School, Buckley Annex, Graffiti and Crime, New George Washington High School Principal, and Zoning Issues

Jan 12, 2010

Present:

Jim, Dave, Jane, Jolyn, Carlyn, Paul, Raeann, Joyce

Guests:

Anne Callison, Ed Lampert

Minutes from the December 8 2009 meeting APPROVED

Financial

Balance in treasury Paid website = jane= \$33

4066.61

168 members

Committee Reports

Open house at Fallis was successful

Paul, Raeann, Jim and Jane attended. Raeann was part of welcome desk

Concerns about shifting original proposal we approved

INC nomination – ratified

City codes postponed until April

East side – phone conference to orient last month. Quebec congestion. Reduce. Bus routes, bike lanes from Stapleton to Downtown – maybe add lanes to improve. Bike lane down 32nd to downtown.

Underlying goal to make people exercise. Consultant working from the City – not all HOA. Raeann called Becker about RTD and he's working on it.

Steps cleaned up by Becker family.

Lowry Vista

Jim made contact w/smartgrowth – see issues. Article up to 595,000.....describes magnitude. Four years in development and planning and referred to City Planning for rezoning as variance from original Reuse. Aurora filed complaint

Strategy

Resolution for Marcia w cc to Heather/mayor

Meeting w/Marcia

Email blast to members w/links

Spk at CC meeting 1/25

Directory access – change it to secure

February 10, 2010

Present

Officers: Jim Mauck, Dave Halterman, Jane Lorimer

Directors: Carlyn Parker, Paul Hoskins, Joyce Freeman

Absent: Raeann Lampert – excused for surgery; Jolynn White

Minutes of Jan 12, 2010

Approved without exception

Treasury

Balance \$4031.78 – all bills paid except RNO renewal. Lew Gaiter is to handle. There was a brief discussion about changing the RNO name to Winston Downs/Lee Downs HOA versus George Washington HOA. A name change should be presented as part of the agenda for annual meeting and receive member votes.

Lowry Vista Recap & Future Development

So many people came to testify that City Council kept the overflow in the jury room. Long discussion on process and outcome. City Council (including our Councilwoman Marcia Johnson) voted 12-1 in favor of this development. Discovery: Applies to 57 acres vs. originally stated 80+ acres. The good news is economy doesn't support development currently. Side note: When this property is developed, LRA goes away. LRA has had a hand in all development and is a quasi-governmental agency to convey the usage study and establish design guidelines. LRA "accomplished" conveyance of Lowry Vista to IRG for \$10.

Our Board stand is to demand transparency for valid data on traffic, EPA and to base our advocacy on what these findings produce.

Zoning

Nothing new re zoning code. Next review/adoption date is in April. All opinions from our group are up to date with Zoning Commission.

Dave is going to a Buckley Annex meeting this week. Monte Force was definitive document with exhaustive feasibility study of options. Dave will forward a copy to the Board. The document indicated the most optimistic resolution was to tear the Finance Center down and develop the area with multiuse. Marcia Johnson indicated to Jim Mauck she prefers keeping the building and draw in government jobs. Dave will investigate how traffic is planned for this potential development.

What about non auto modalities. Projecting 1% increase in traffic but in truth we have 15% in some years.

Marcia Johnson

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson requested to meet with our Board. It was put to vote and passed with one opposition for her to be invited to next Board meeting.

East Side Mobility Plan

Paul Hoskins will attend an upcoming meeting and report on outcome at next Board meeting. ESMP is in place to present alternatives and solutions for transportation and mobility. Board discussed option of putting a traffic light at Quebec & East Exposition. Pros: permits exit at that intersection for neighborhood residents; Cons: invites more cut-through traffic from non-residents; has potential to back up traffic along E. Exposition which creates more pollution and traffic issues for the residents.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting – Jim has problem with the date April 13. Board voted to change the date to the following Tuesday April 20. Carlyn Parker will check with GWHS to see if that date is open. If not, we have other options available out of the neighborhood or possibly at BMH.

We have one opening on the Board per bylaws. Need candidates to run for this position and will announce that in future newsletter and meeting announcement. Board is asked to solicit candidates as well.

Jane reminded the Board that our intended bylaw and most likely HOA name changes require 30 days written notice to members which means we must have the meeting announcement, bylaw advisements and request for candidates for the Board in members' hands by March 20.

DPS Listening Session

Happy Haynes sent a notice about DPS scheduled Listening Sessions. One of these is in University area. Board discussed merits of attending this and decided to request DPS to host one of these closer to our neighborhood. For example: Combine it with Whitman, Lowry, Carlson etc. The sessions are seeking public input to improve the school systems.

Other

Jane reported that the Brock's were very pleased to receive the Neighborhood Star award at the recent INC dinner.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 828PM

Next meeting:

Tuesday, March 9, 2010 – BMH 7PM

Expected guest: Councilwoman Marcia Johnson

Action Items

RNO registration

GWHS date change for annual meeting

Prepare agenda for annual meeting for March meeting

Invite Police, Green School, Fire, GWHS to have a table at the meeting

March 9 2010

Present

Officers: Jim Mauck, Dave Halterman, JoLynn White, Jane Lorimer

Directors: Carlyn Parker, Paul Hoskins, Joyce Freeman, Raeann Lampert

Committee Chairs: Ed Lampert/Safety, Lew Gaiter/Education,

Guests: Councilwoman Marcia Johnson, Steve Decker (considering a Board seat), Peggy LaTourette

Minutes of February 9, 2010

Approved without exception

Treasurer Report

Current balance is \$3965.92. Future expenses will include April newsletter printing/delivery and refreshments for the Annual Meeting

Councilwoman Johnson

Jim, Paul and Ed had attended the City Council meeting regarding a vote on Lowry Vista reuse. Jim gave an overview of the vote and asked Marcia to make some comments. GWHOA and six other neighborhoods took a stand against this reuse plan. Our Councilperson led the vote process as in favor of the reuse plan. She indicated her primary reasons for favoring the vote were “not political.”

Her explanation: Denver could not take the land because it was contaminated and the City legally could not accept the liability. The land was never capped even well enough to walk on. She explained the City conveyed the land for \$10 to a developer who specialized in reuse development of contaminated land. IRG, the developer, has to submit plans to EPA re how they will deal with contaminated land.

She further explained there is a value of infill. The City responsibly should infill with density to reduce pollution because people would take public transportation and walk. And, the City believes density mitigates urban sprawl. The LRA planning document talks about principals and open space. 797 acres of open space is still there. This reuse also provides for access for trails – It’s all about matching the map and following 10 key principals that Denver follows for reuse. She also indicated the Highline Canal will extend to this new area. Wetlands within Lowry Vista comprises 100 acres and this development will let us access it.

The Board and East Side Mobility Plan would like to request traffic studies because this added density at Lowry will increase Alameda/Quebec traffic. There are now 3000 new residential units planned for Lowry Vista and Buckley Annex, plus mixed use retail.

Denver Green School

The DGS reports problems in getting ample enrollment. The Denver Language School already has a waiting list and DGS is not filling its slots. The Board agreed there needed to be better signage at the Green School to announce that it is enrolling. Other discussion included inviting “wait list” applicants from the Language school to apply at DGS.

The Board also approved expenditure (up to \$250) for a DGS banner. Lew Gaiter will follow up.

Safety

A reported burglary in the neighborhood and a recent burglary not yet on the District 3 report. Ed Lampert reported high theft of catalytic converters especially on Toyota Four Runners- for the metal value.

Annual Meeting

Jane is to prepare a newsletter announcing the annual meeting and the proposed by law changes, and to get this distributed by March 20 to meet 30 day notice requirements. Carlyn and Raeann will notify GWHIS to cancel the April 13 or 20 date and arrange with Fallis for entry and setup for April 20. They will also bring refreshments.

Preliminary Agenda

1. Welcome & Board introductions
2. What we've accomplished in past year – 10 minutes
3. Councilwoman Johnson – 5 minutes
4. Denver Green School – 10 minutes
5. District 3 Police – 5 minutes – promote neighborhood watch?
6. Board seat election

This next meeting is the Board meeting for April 2010 as well.

Meeting adjourned at 915PM

April 20, 2010

Minutes Annual Meeting of Members & Residents

Present

Officers: Jim Mauck, President, Dave Halterman, VP, JoLynn White, Treasurer, Jane Lorimer, Secretary

Directors: Joyce Freeman, Paul Hoskins, Raeann Lampert, Carlyn Parker

Committee: Ed Lampert, Safety, Debbie Rosenthal, Education

Members, Residents, Speakers: 54 by count

Welcome and introduction of Board and Committee Chairs

No minutes were available from last year's meeting.

What We Accomplished – Three Key Areas

1. 1)Planning & Development – How various Denver area projects impact our neighborhood; taking stands against high density projects and pushing for traffic studies at Alameda and Quebec
2. Continued participation/input about Denver's new zoning code – now scheduled for City Council vote in June. Our neighborhood is impacted if large lots chose to divide
3. Buckley Annex development at Lowry (the Finance Center building and area surrounding it)
4. East Side Mobility Plan – GWHOA representation on this group whose primary purpose is to mitigate traffic on Quebec
5. Lowry Vista – GWHOA voted against the reuse plan that was approved by City Council

6. 2)Safety & Crime –
7. Keeping the neighborhood informed on the website about crime prevention
8. Staying in touch with Denver Police at District 3 – advising our concerns
9. 3)Fallis Elementary Reuse
10. Strong neighborhood involvement and leadership to push to reopen Fallis
11. Presentations and surveys to support rationale
12. Keeping neighbors in the loop now that the Denver Green School has moved in

Update about the GWHOA website

Membership drive

INC – A brief look at our involvement in Inter Neighborhood Cooperative and invitation to become a delegate from GWHOA.

Councilwoman Marcia Johnson

Explanation of why Denver City Council voted in favor of Lowry Vista redevelopment. Conveyed land to reduce Denver's liability connected to capped contaminated grounds; protect the Wetlands and permit access to that "treasure" within Lowry; reuse include large parking lots for the retail so it is not "as dense" as we might think.

Westerly Creek is a green amenity within Stapleton that has received a bit push from District 5 involvement.

Buckley Annex – Councilwoman Johnson favors having a business move into the existing Finance Center structure versus tearing it down. She is promoting adding back higher-end jobs that were lost when the Finance Center closed. She mentioned that NASA has looked at the building as a potential location for their private industry segment of business.

Denver Police – District 3

Three presentations:

1. 1)Officer Phillip Mitchell is the officer assigned at George Washington High School.
2. He invited GWHOA residents to contact him if we see students roaming the neighborhood or obviously doing things they should not be doing. Cell: 720.641.2635; Office: 720.423.8630
3. He also advised that GWHS is searching for a new principal with hire date goal of mid-May. He is on the advisory board for the interview process – a remarkable feat for a police officer connected to the school.
4. 2)District 3 Commander Chris Cronkey discussed crime prevention ideas such as keeping garages and windows closed when away from home; calling 911 or non-emergency number if suspicious people are seen in the neighborhood or if there are troublesome neighbors. He also commended Ed Lampert, Safety Committee Chair for attending the monthly information meetings.
5. 3)Tony Burkhardt is the Neighborhood Resource Officer for District 3. He suggested this neighborhood enroll in Neighborhood Watch in clusters to offset the seeming rise in burglaries in the area. His phones:

Denver Green School

Frank Coyne presented information about the formation of the Denver Green School as well as their intended education path. They have 9 teachers on staff now and are staggering enrollment on a phased basis – beginning with Early Childhood Education (ECE), Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 6th grades for 2010. He reported the classes are 60% enrolled at this time. He also reported this school is funding through DPS and will operate with a “service” teaching focus (teaching via doing); a community garden and limited class sizes.

Voting Items

A motion was made and seconded to change the current bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE II BOARD OF DIRECTORS [Time on board, re-election]

These changes are recommended to eliminate the cap on number of terms a representative can serve.

Section 2. Number, Election, Tenure and Qualifications.

The number of directors of the Association shall be not less than seven (7) or more than nine (9). At each annual membership meeting, the members shall elect directors to hold office until their terms expire. Each director shall hold office for the term for which he/she is elected, or until his/her successor shall be elected. Directors must be members in good standing of the Association. *[Members in good standing means dues are paid for that year.]*

2a Beginning in 2005, five (5) new Directors shall be elected for a term of three (3) years. Thereafter, elections shall be conducted annually to fill those directorships whose terms are then expiring.

2a. The Term of office for all Directors shall be two (2) years.

2b. Only one member of a household may represent a single household as a Board member of the Association.

2c. If duly elected, a Board Member may serve a second consecutive term of office, and after a hiatus of one year the household is again eligible for election.

2c. If duly elected, a Board member may run and serve for consecutive terms of office without term limits.

Section 8 Secretary Duties

This change is recommended to eliminate a reference to a seal of the Association because there is no longer a seal of the Association.

3. Shall be with the President, custodian of the records of the Association and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal is affixed to all documents, the execution of which, on behalf of the Association under its seal, is duly authorized.

The motion carried and changes passed without exception.

Open Board Seat

The President announced that the bylaws permitted up to 9 Board members and that GWHOA currently had only 8 seats filled. Lew Gaiter was presented as the one candidate interested. The floor was open for other nominations. There being none, a motion was made to unanimously accept Lew Gaiter’s bid for the seat. The motion carried and was passed without exception.

Other

Some residents requested that we have more frequent meetings that were somewhat more focused – for example, having one topic such as Crime Prevention, Zoning issues or internal focus on issues in the neighborhood such as cut-through traffic, speeding, cleanliness and yard maintenance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM

May 11 2010**Present**

Officers: Jim Mauck, Dave Halterman,

Directors: Carlyn Parker, Paul Hoskins, Joyce Freeman, Raeann Lampert

Other: Ed Lampert/Safety Committee Chair

Absent: JoLynn White, Jane Lorimer

Minutes of April 20, 2010 Annual Meeting

Approved without exception

Treasurer Report

Transmitted electronically to the Board prior to the meeting. Approved unanimously.

Review of Annual Meeting/Membership Status

Annual meeting was well-conducted and informative; Marcia Johnson commented that it was one of the better Annual Meeting she has attended with any RNO; Membership is at about 90 and needs to be greater.

Election of Officers

GWHOA Officers for 2010-11 were elected as follows:

President – David Halterman

Vice President – Lew Gaiter

Secretary – Jane Lorimer

Treasurer – Jolynn White

Focus for the coming year

Various priorities were discussed, including:

Membership goals (200); coordination of DGS Summer open house and GWHOA ice cream social; improve communication with neighborhood (newsletter); stay involved with development plans (Lowry Vista, East-Side Mobility, Buckley Annex, etc.); Stay involved with DGS development and any planned expansion; continue to build a relationship with GWHS and new principal.

Meeting Schedule

Meeting schedule will continue to be 2nd Tuesday of every month, at BMH until further notice. We'll have discussion next month about whether there is any benefit (for us or DGS) in having regular or occasional meetings at DGS. Raeann feels strongly that we continue at BMH and make a donation toward maintenance (general agreement on the donation)

Status of Committees

1. School/Education Committee – continuing with Lew as our Board representative
2. East-Side Mobility – Paul continues to attend as our rep
3. Safety – Ed continues
4. Ice Cream Social – Carlyn will take the lead to organize as needed
5. Membership – Jim will head this
6. Buckley Annex – inactive. Dave has been our appointee for over a year, and the work of this committee is mostly 'finished' , some unanswered questions about disposition of DFAS building, Marcia has tabled all for the time being until a developer is identified.
7. INC – Jane and Dave will rotate as our representatives to this group

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at about 8:45 p.m.

JUNE 8, 2010

PRESENT:

Officers: Dave Halterman, President, Lew Gaiter, VP, Jane Lorimer, Secretary; Jolynn White, Treasurer
Board: Carlyn Parker, Paul Hoskins, Jim Mauck

MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2010 BOD

Approved without exception.

MEETING TIME GOING FORWARD

We voted to remain the same -- second Tuesday of the month at 7PM. We agreed to skip July meeting.

BUDGET - Jolynn

\$4152.30 in budget now. Discussed our future 2010 expenses and income from memberships.

A motion was made and seconded to issue a donation to BMH for \$150 as thank you for the meeting place during the year.

Jane to seek sponsors for Ice Cream Social. Dues to stay the same.

MEMBERSHIP

Jane to check with website provider on how we can get a sign up form on the Web. Jane needs to update the website to reflect current minutes, etc.

Jim to decide our campaign

All email blasts go via GWHOAnews email site (Jane holds the email account)

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Date set: Saturday August 15. Jane to send checklist to Carlyn. Jane to check KS for donations of ice cream, water, etc.

SCHOOL UPDATE

Dave reported the curriculum and text books are selected.

Dave will invite the school liaison from GWHS to speak at our next BOD meeting in an effort to form a community bond with the HS in our HOA boundary.

BUCKLEY ANNEX – Dave

Indicated this group called a meeting Jun 7 to discuss reuse the DFAS building vs. tearing it down. This has been spearheaded by Marcia Johnson. Imperial Headwear is potential building occupant; however, manufacturing is not a desirable use for this space because it adds traffic and sets a precedent for land use within Lowry that we do not want. Dave reported: Traffic engineer protocol – office use for a building generates 2.8 trips during peak hours x 6000 SF. This building will be 4000SF. How many total car tips will be generated from reuse of this land? Dave projected 2500 and if you add 800 from manufacturing facility—we have 30% increase over and above. Buckley Annex is considering issuing a grant to form a redevelopment committee to design a master plan. Dave feels this is warranted.

EAST SIDE MOBILITY - Paul

Public meeting 5/20. Narrowed down some of the options, but the ESMP leadership has been quite vague about what's in store. One of the favored options is to make Quebec a one way South and Syracuse one way North in certain parts of the City and to create bicycle lanes.

Paul reported attendance at the public meeting was low --about 30 people who mostly serve city.

BOD asked what happened to the survey we took a month back. Paul to check on this.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 815PM.

NEXT MEETING AUGUST 3, 2010 AT BMH AT 7pm. Note: This meeting is first Tuesday in August.

August 3, 2010

Present:

Officers: Dave Halterman, President, Jolynn White, Treasurer, Jane Lorimer, Secretary

Board: Raeann Lampert, Carlyn Parker, Paul Hoskins, Jim Mauck, Joyce Freeman

Guest: Ed Lampert, Safety/Crime Committee

Minutes

The minutes from the June 8, 2010 were approved with one exception to change the date set for the Ice Cream Social to Sunday, August 15 (from Saturday, August 15). * This date was changed to Sunday, August 8 by email vote after this meeting.

Treasurer

\$ 3930.15 in the treasury and 113 members of record. Current balance includes pre-payment of one large expense for tent and chair rentals.

Graffiti & Crime Concerns

Margot Gilbert-Frank requested the HOA place a flyer on every door about recent increases in burglaries and graffiti in this neighborhood. Dave Halterman suggested she write something for us to place on the website and advised she can hand out flyers at the Ice Cream Social. The website addition was made prior to this board meeting. Graffiti leads to trash and crime so we all agreed to call 311 to report graffiti or suspicious behavior as we saw it. We also asked Ed Lampert to invite Dist. 3 Police representative to speak at the Ice Cream Social.

Jim Mauck reported someone ran or knocked down a couple of backyard fences along S. Quebec and several of us had already reported graffiti on the fences. Anne Callison reported to two Board members: garage window shot out and bullet found in driveway at her home on Pontiac. The police informed the Callison's it was "probably a stray bullet from S. Quebec."

Graffiti that said "MS13" has increased. It is an extremely vicious Mexican gang and we need to be more diligent in watching and reporting if we see that tagged anywhere. Burglaries are up because of economy per Ed Lampert's report.

Ice Cream Social

Dave H. reviewed the task list with the Board to make sure all is still on track. Jane is to create a resource list for 2011 that includes the task list and who to call for various resources. Jim volunteered to create and to put up signs in the neighborhood. Jane sent reminder via email to neighbors this week. Councilwoman Marcia Johnson was unavailable to attend.

NASA

City Council informed Dave H. NASA has continued interest in occupying the Finance Building at Lowry (Buckley Annex). He reported there was a "breach" or departure from the study done specifically for this redevelopment plan. That plan recommended that Buckley Annex building be torn down and the area be re-developed to multi-use. City Council seems to be going back to revise recommendation. All reuse options ranged from \$12 to \$35 million. Demolition \$3 to 5 million. Logic seems backwards. Dave will monitor.

East Side Mobility

The ESMP Task Force is recommending making S. Quebec one way southbound from 11th to 23rd and making Syracuse the counterpart going North bound. Jim suggested that we get someone to look at how traffic impacts our neighborhood in terms of sound, pollution, accidents, increased vandalism. – Paul agreed to investigate how/who we could get this done without heavy expenses.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00PM
THE NEXT MEETING IS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2010 AT BMH SYNAGOGUE

October 12, 2010

Present:

Officers: Dave Halterman, President, Jolynn White, Treasurer, Jane Lorimer, Secretary

Board: Paul Hoskins; Raeann Lampert; Jim Mauck; Carlyn Parker

Absent: Lew Gaiter

Guest: Ed Lampert, Safety/Crime Committee, Sam Fisherowitz

Guest:

Sam Fisherowitz wanted to inform the BOD that he had received only 10 days notice of the City hearing about a fence variance request on his street. He wanted to know how the GWJOA advised the neighbors. He was informed this was done by email. He stated did not receive and has never received anything from us. JoLynn

found that Sam was not a current member of record. We have since added his name to our email notification list and invited his membership to GWHOA.

Minutes – Jane Lorimer

The minutes from the August 3, 2010 meeting were approved without exception. There was no meeting in September because a quorum was unavailable to attend.

Treasurer – JoLynn White

GWHOA bank account reflects \$3668.74 and there are about \$400 in planned expenses before year end. Members of record: 127 as compared to 169 in 2009. Discussion led to a desire to increase membership.

A motion was made and approved for the following plan and related expenses to encourage membership:

	Item
Due date	
Responsible	
	Send a letter w/application mail back to the 40+ who did not renew. BOD to approve the letter prior to distribution.
Nov 1	
Jane	
	Create a newsletter for target distribution date before Thanksgiving.
	1. BOD to send written content articles via email to Jane
	2. Draft to BOD
Oct 30	
Nov 9	
	BOD, plus Committees
Jane	
	Printing/distribution management
Nov 12	
Jane, (Jim - if not ready by Nov 12)	
	Jim is to give Jane the 2010 membership applications for tabulation and to teach Jim how to do this going forward
Oct 25	
Jim/Jane	

Vacant BOD Seat – Dave Halterman

Joyce Freeman resigned from the GWHOA BOD. The BOD discussed potential replacements and will follow up with targeted individuals. Assigned to: Carlyn, Dave and Raeann. Jim indicated that one new member has expressed interest in serving on the BOD. She is a teacher. Jane informed the BOD that there were three interested parties who attended the 2010 annual meeting and planned to submit their names during the nomination process at the

meeting; however, the one open seat was nominated as a request for “unanimous” approval from the attendees and the other people stepped back. We agreed to open the floor for all interested parties going forward.

DGS Update – Dave Halterman

Dave cited the traffic calming efforts initiated by DGS along Virginia and a potential to carry this concept further into the whole of the neighborhood by creating a coop project with the GWHOA and the school. A motion was made and approved to have Dave approach DGS and establish a project to address traffic calming within our neighborhood—make it a school project. DGS will lead/define how it would unfold.

Jane reminded BOD that GWHS has a new principal and it would be timely to invite this person to our next or the December meeting so we can also have a partnership with GWHS in terms of traffic calming, litter, students in crosswalks and school related things that would help GWHS. Jane was asked to invite the principal to our next meeting. Her name is Mrs. Loan Maas (pronounced Lawn Moss)

Crime/Safety – Ed Lampert

Crime is up overall 4% and burglaries in houses are up 1% over last year. District 3 has added a layer of Resource Officers called a SCAT Team that are physically responding to assigned neighborhood issues. Our representative is Officer Mike Schwartz. His direct number is 720.913.1300. Jane will add this information to the Website by October 24.

Annual Meeting

BOD discussed the myriad of open Board seats that will happen by April’s annual meeting. We also discussed creating an agenda by end of this year so we can host the meeting and advise neighbors about openings on the BOD. There are no term limits in place so any who are on the BOD can run for another term.

East Side Mobility Plan – Paul Hoskins

Paul reported he missed the last meeting and has yet to hear any outcome or changes since an initial meeting several months ago. This group presented their plans for creating one-way streets with bicycle lanes and nothing more has been discussed.

Dave reported the corridor study for Leetsdale that was done more than 2 years ago indicated streets that were a “good core” for bicycles. The Leetsdale study is “just out there” for now.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 812PM

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, November 9, 2010 BMH Synagogue 7PM

Guest speaker is Mrs. Loan Maas, new principal of GWHS

November 9, 2010

Present:

Officers: Dave Halterman, President, Jolynn White, Treasurer, Jane Lorimer, Secretary

Board: Paul Hoskins; Jim Mauck; Lew Gaiter, Jr.

Absent: Carlyn Parker, Raeann Lampert

Guest: Ed Lampert, Safety/Crime Committee (he also represented Raeann Lampert at this meeting)

Financial Report – Jolynn White

\$3524.90 in treasury as compared to \$4360.10 this same time last year. No new member activity since last BOD meeting.

Minutes from October 12, 2010 – Jane Lorimer

Minutes were approved without exception.

Newsletter – approved expense related to printing & delivering. Need email vote to changes dues collection as calendar year versus April to April.

Guest Speaker:

All other items for discussion were tabled in favor of continuing discussions with Mrs. Maas.

Mrs. Loan Maas (pronounced: Lawn Mass), Principal, George Washington High School

Mrs. Maas spoke about her journey to the US from Vietnam. Her father was a soldier during Korean War and Vietnam War. Her mother is Vietnamese. The family lived in California, then Trinidad. She worked very hard to attain college, then her masters. She is a former teacher and most recently was Assistant Principal at Cherry Creek High School.

She informed us that of the 75,000 +/- students enrolled in DPS system, only 9% will complete a typical four-year college degree program. Graduation rates for the nation are about 69%. She did not know what the graduation rate was for GWHS. Attendance rate for GWHS is 89%.

Her theme for the students: Preparing for life after GWHS. She is the primary contact for us and there is no longer a community liaison position at GWHS. It was funded by a now expired grant.

Her Changes and Intentions for GWHS

Security issues:

1. Zero tolerance for fights at the school and within the school radius;
2. Enforcement of dress code for both girls and boys (no gang colors, hats, “hoochie-mama” outfits on girls); increased patrol;
3. Ear to the ground to deflect potential outbreaks of violence.

Partnering:

She has established the Community Business Alliance / CBA comprised of nearby Leetsdale businesses and Amcap Leasing (King Soopers strip mall). Her immediate goal is to get their help to fund \$30,000 to hire a grant writer who can generate funds for school programs.

School Program Improvements:

1. Continue the IB program
2. Beef up the AP (Advanced Placement) program. UCD professors come to teach various courses. She wants to create programs to make GWHS a magnet school for business and law course work.

3. She is hosting Latino Parent Night to generate more parental involvement with the school and respective students

Other Areas of Discussion

1. Lew Gaiter is the Education Chair for GWHOA and offered to become the HOA GWHS liaison
2. We advised her that trash and litter has somewhat improved this year, and we don't want it to get worse. We asked that Loan talk to the CBA about making trash containers visible, available at their businesses to keep trash in the neighborhoods reduced.
3. We asked if she was interested in traffic calming – she was unaware of the Leetsdale Corridor study. Lew will take this information to her.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 825PM. Next meeting would be December 14 if we choose to have it then.

December 7, 2010

Present:

Officers: Dave Halterman, President, Lew Gaiter, Jr., VP; Jolynn White, Treasurer, Jane Lorimer, Secretary

Board: Paul Hoskins; Jim Mauck; Carlyn Parker, Raeann Lampert

Guest: Ed Lampert, Safety/Crime Committee (he also represented Raeann Lampert at this meeting)

Vacancy on the HOA Board

Joyce Freeman resigned from the HOA Board earlier in the year. The Board has been seeking a replacement. Carlos Ferreira (S. Oneida Wy. Homeowner) expressed a desire to be on the Board and take on the duties for the newsletters and website management. The Board voted unanimously to accept Carlos to fill the vacated position on the Board. The term is through April's annual meeting in 2012.

Minutes from November 9, 2010

Minutes were approved without exception.

INC Membership/INC

A motion was made and seconded to renew membership for Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation for 2012. No opposing votes. INC purpose was explained to Carlos.

Jane reported the annual INC dinner is January 26, 2011 and that Jim Mauck and Dave Halterman would be invited (with one guest) as the "free" guests and any others who wanted to attend would need to pay \$35 per couple. Jane is part of the dinner planning committee for INC. Carlos was invited to explore this group and attend future meetings to determine if he would like to become the INC delegate in the future. Next meeting is January 8, 2011.

RNO Renewal

Our registered neighborhood organization status was renewed via email per Dave Halterman. Renewal deadline is January 31, 2011 and can be done via email to Julius A. Zsako, Community Planning & Development Julius.Zsako@denvergov.org.

Financial Report –Budget Review

As of December 5, the ending balance in treasury is \$3579.03 as compared to \$4006.44 this same time last year.

Recent or upcoming payments:

1. \$154.26 to Jane Lorimer for newsletter (\$80 delivery, \$74.26 printing) -
2. \$35.00 to Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation for 2011 annual dues –application to Jolynn at meeting
3. \$110 for PO Box, \$96 NORD website administration/host

We are up to 132 members. 13 members have paid twice this year, and we will carry their balance forward toward their 2011 dues. We've collected \$150 so far from the November newsletter.

Zoning – 650 S. Monaco New Fence/Wall

The issue is the fence is over height codes established by the City. The homeowner has a second appeal hearing for January 11, 2011. This Board remained neutral during the first variance hearing.

Discussion: The owner took on a significantly distressed property and he did an attractive and workmanlike remodel. He may have misjudged the negative impact (on value) from Monaco, and got into this before the market tanked. Without a substantial wall, he may never be able to sell the house, or its value would be further reduced.

A motion was made and seconded to support the variance to code in light of the circumstances, the location along a busy exterior neighborhood street, and the quality of the structure. There were no opposing votes. Dave Halterman will send our rationale to the Board of Adjustment for Zoning Appeals on our behalf.

Crime/Safety – Ed Lampert

Ed passed out October Precinct crime recaps. There was one incident in our immediate neighborhood – theft from a vehicle at 6925 E. Exposition Avenue.

Incident December 5, 2010

The property at 6905 E. Virginia Ave was surrounded by Denver Police cars – up to 8 were reported on site by various neighbors. Initial reports from the officers present indicated “a disturbance” and one person was known to have been injured seriously enough to be taken by ambulance from the home. An officer on the scene advised, they were “cleaning up following the disturbance” and would be leaving within the hour. Clothing in bags was observed on the street later in the day.

The owner of record has been in a care center (Alzheimer’s) for the past six months. She is a retired school teacher. Her daughter is believed to be living there with her disabled son. The yard / exterior of the home have been neglected (watering, etc) for over a year.

School Updates

Debbie Rosenthal asked that we send an email blast to GWHOA list related to events at DGS. This will go out December 8. The school has 211 students against the plan of 250 students by this time. The “shortfall” has been in the 6th grade per Lew Gaiter.

Dave posed a couple of questions about the school’s original plans. Jane will search for the original plan.

1. Is there a quota for such things as free lunch kids, diversity, neighborhood slots, etc? Does that impact whether or not the school is at full capacity?
2. There was talk about changing the school boundaries. Did that happen? – Lew reported that DPS Board made those decisions and best source for that answer is our rep, Jeannie Kaplan.

Future Newsletter

The next newsletter is planned to coincide with the Annual Meeting in April (April 11) 2011. Carlos will submit a mockup to discuss at next BOD meeting and will have final ready for approval by March 1 for distribution the following week. Carlos suggested we sell ads to offset costs for doing a nicer-looking newsletter, adding personal touches like favorite recipes, neighbor memories about changes to the area and other features.

Quebec St Access

Jim Mauck opened a discussion about having a trip traffic light that would permit exit/entrance from S. Quebec St. Discussion included pros of easier entry/exit and cons of increased cut-through traffic and traffic halts/backups on S. Quebec behind GWHOA homeowners. Board suggest Jim explore getting the City into doing a traffic study regarding a trip-light at either E. Virginia or E. Exposition and report back to us.

Items for Next Meeting

1. INC updates (dictionary drive, annual dinner)
2. Neighborhood data update based on membership application information related to tenure, school aged children, etc.
3. Newsletters
4. Candidate for City Council (one per month) – limit 15 minutes

Next Meeting

The next HOA Board meeting is January 11, 2011 at BMH at 7PM

Meeting was adjourned at 810PM