

**Winston Downs Community Association  
Board Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2019 – BMH BJ Synagogue**

**Present**

Board: Tim Rooney, Terry Telfer, Joanna Milewski, Jane Lorimer, Jerry Shustrin, Gail Wheeler (Quorum)

**Special guests:** Melissa Horn, Senior Council Aide District 5

**Residents:** Chandelle Kealiher, Gary & Jan Friedland, Anne Callison, Carlyn Parker, John Wolz

Call to order at 7:05P

Introductions followed by invitation for questions from attendees

Chandelle – Concerns about rats in grease traps from restaurants on Leetsdale and from 7-11 store trash. Advised to report environmental health per M. Horn. Phone: 720.865.5401 [phicomments@denvergov.org](mailto:phicomments@denvergov.org) [*Chandelle was given this info*]

**Safety Committee – Jerry S., Chair**

- Six offenses 8-21 to 9-15 which included two assaults on periphery = unknown who was assaulted; theft from vehicle, bicycle theft and burglary at BMH.
- Question: Why do we not hold scooters to traffic laws? Scooters must uphold traffic laws, but they do not have to carry same liability insurance.
- Uptick in crime in other neighborhoods is concerning.
- Overall crime down District 3 over 4% in past three years and our sector has low crime rates; however, throughout Denver, this is not the case and is attributed to population increase. The city cannot keep up with growth even with police additions.
- Discussion about adding a new police district is governed by bond and costs \$43Million per district.
  
- Side note: 2007 bond (Better Denver Bond) exceeded cost savings to point of being able to get more done with that money. Elevate Denver is the name of the 2017 Bond.
  
- Ring and other camera security systems can be voluntarily signed up with DPD who can pull up video to solve crimes. There is a Ring Neighbors app option which is only used for crimes, unknown visitors versus things like lost pets.
- See [this link](#) for more information
  
- Chandelle: During day along East Monaco and E Exposition and Leetsdale Steps: kids loitering, smoking pot and often sitting or standing on resident lawns. Contact George Washington HS Vice Principal Kevin McGuire 720.423.8669

**LED Sign at Denver Green School**

Brief discussion about LED flashing sign at Green School. The sign was erected according to code and is not in violation. Questions to be answered. WDCA will ask school for answers.

**From Denver Green School (Frank Coyne) following Board meeting regarding the electronic signage recently installed:**

1. How did this sign come about- why this sign, why now?

*The sign was something that the Parent community has been wanting and fundraising for for quite some time. They really felt like we had to improve our communication to parents and this was a great way to do so.*

2. How was/is this funded?

*Funded with PTA fundraising Dollars over the last few years.*

3. Are there hours of operation? Since the messaging is constantly changing some feel it is distracting to drivers and may be problem for nearby neighbors.

*We have checked with immediate neighbors to let them know. And we got feedback to make sure it's off at night. So we have the hours from 7am - 7pm. And we can adjust to earlier, once we turn the clocks back.*

4. Can the lumens be dimmed?

*Not really. But hopefully turning it off early will help.*

5. Was there any meeting or notification with nearby neighbors prior to erecting the sign? If not, why not?

*Not really, but we did talk to the neighbors across the street.*

6. Is the school open to a possible negotiation if the sign operational hours become problematic?

*We are always open to discussions and want to be good neighbors. Thanks for understanding and supporting your neighborhood school.*

#### **Membership/Treasury- Treasurer, Joanna M**

- 2 new members for total of 155 – Money from membership: \$2325.00 dues and 1040.00 added donation with dues YTD
- Treasury: Checking 1956.63; Savings \$8006.99

#### **Communications-Terry T, Chair**

- Jason Brown and Ginger Conly are two volunteers working with Terry and Tim to transition website from old Go Daddy platform to Word Press which is an easier software to manage. It may mean moving to a new host site as well. Startlogic.com was mentioned as a option.
- All involved are very familiar with process. New plugins available to integrate with Mail Chimp and manage member messaging.
- Goal is to have this moved by year end.

#### **Zoning Committee-Tim, President for Zoning Chair, Harvey Cohen**

- The zoning committee sent a recommendation regarding establishing a Conservation Overlay District (COD)for Winston Downs. The recommendation was to not proceed with the effort.
- Tim thanked everyone who got us to this point.
- It was noted that only 36 of the 67 people who attended four topic specific meetings replied to the survey asking go/no go.
- Comments were made that Historic Denver advised to concentrate on the issues we can work on and to prioritize the elements to be “kept” for a COD and there may be a time preserving what we have will be desirable.

A motion was made by Jane, seconded by Terry (with wording help from John Wolz)

1. We will not apply for COD at this time because we don't have votes.
2. Zoning committee will devise a strategy to improve neighborhood education, awareness and understanding to a point where a significant number of households participate in a subsequent sampling to determine go/no-go.

Vote: Favor: 3, No: 1, Abstain: 1. Motion carried.

Melissa indicated that City Council will help support future meeting locations and outreach and join in partnership to help educate residents.

### **Parking on E. Exposition**

- A resident who lives on E. Exposition asked if the one hour parking signs between 6500 and 6700 could be revised to include resident parking. Chandelle explained signage came in 1970's to prevent GWHS students and teachers from parking along E. Exposition.
- Re changing the 1 hour to parking permits, per Melissa, the city will not look at parking permits in neighborhoods and to pursue further could come down to remove the signs or keep them.

### **Residential Care Home 716 S Poplar St**

- WDCA sent an [Eblast](#) to neighborhood this week regarding the updates on this city-owned property being sold to Cottonwood Community Assn. Use of the property will not change. City invited comments to the Zoning Permit with Informational Notice (ZPIN)- City invited comments; it is not a change of use; no council vote is required for this transaction.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Joanna to approve minutes of the August 20 Board meeting. Vote carried with 5 in favor, 0 opposition, 1 abstention.

Adjourned 8:37pm

Minutes submitted by Jane Lorimer, Secretary