

JPUN Board of Directors Meeting

9 AM – 12 PM, January 5, 2008

Barbara and Bill Baker's house

Board Members Present:

Barbara Baker, Co-President

Kari-elin Mock, Vice-President

Joan Bondy, Secretary

Susan Bain-Schmidt, Treasurer

Joe Boven, Communications Chair

Esther Meeham, Member-at-Large

Bill Baker, Environmental Chair

Brad Evans, Land Use Co-Chair

Katherine Meldrum, Safety Chair

Daren Schmidt, Neighborhood Liaison

Fidel Romero, Spanish Outreach Co-Chair

Jeremy Cottrell, Member-at-Large

Board Members not Present:

Tim De Pumpo, Co-President

David Zucker, Land Use Co-Chair

Ed Kieta, Special Projects Chair

Gorge Romero, Spanish Outreach Co-Chair

Community Members Present: Kym Foster

Meeting called to order.

Roll call; quorum.

Communications Activity: Each attendee shared a photo and/or story with the group—from childhood stories to recent activities and occupations. Optimism for 2008 and enthusiasm to develop positive goals for the neighborhood was included.

Reports:

Treasurer: Budget planning. Susan handed out the recent check register information, showing things are balanced. Last year, the average balance was lower than previous years, around \$900. A draft budget was also handed out by Barbara, anticipating possible grants, developers' fees, miscellaneous revenue, fund raising events, donations, auction income. Upcoming expenses or contributions are to be communicated to Susan once known. Contributions in kind should also be accounted for. Per Barbara, Zocalo Development has agreed to pay a developer fee for RiverClay, about \$6000, in August. It's possible that JPUN can reapply for another grant such as the \$2K one we had a few years ago for Jefferson Park Day. Our newsletters will be larger but not cost any more this year. Research on Directors and Officers Insurance for the board: CNA was too high priced. Van Gilder quoted us around \$900 per year, which was a realistic price. This will provide a lot of coverage. The BOD previously voted to proceed, so Susan will proceed to get it in place.

Communications (Joe): Joe aims to develop a more community oriented publication to draw in more residents, including Spanish speakers, and encourage people to get involved. A series is planned on resources such as city grants programs. It was suggested that committee chairs write up small, 40-50 word pieces to contribute to the newsletter and engage and inform readers. Another goal is to communicate how to improve local

safety and security. Advertising income is encouraged. 2000 is the magic number of copies to generate income. Joe said he will produce a press kit with ad pricing and dimension info to be taken to local businesses. Susan said that advertising contracts are not advisable since JPUN is nonprofit, but pledges are fine. Susan and Joe will work together on this. The new multi unit developments will all add to circulation numbers. Spanish translation of some articles is necessary too, said Fidel. Robert Martinez, our police officer(s), could also contribute. Future possibilities include calendars of activities in area, including information on free admission events, like outdoor concerts within walking distance.

The JPUN Website is open to anyone who wants to help. Susan mentioned she has a friend who has a good web platform.

Environment (Bill): Katherine and Esther will assist. He asks for eyes and ears on the street and to let him know about trash, graffiti, weeds, snowy sidewalks, and so on. Since often only tenants get the newsletter, sending a newsletter or a letter to the property owners to remind them of their neighborhood responsibility was discussed. Brad could provide a mailing list of absentee landlords. Regarding neighborhood inspections, Barbara said that when you send in a report to the city, the inspector comes out the same week. There is a 10 day period allowed to fix the situation. Trees area available by request and Bill has the forms. Kym suggested an award for best residential yard of the month.

Land Use (Brad): It was previously proposed that Land Use become a Standing instead of Ad-hoc Committee for more consistent involvement. (See New Business, Bylaws Amendments.) Brad agreed to write an occasional article, and continue to pursue development news and act as city and community liaison.

Neighborhood Liaison (Daren): Agreed to collect developer fees and prepare a letter and package with fee schedule, based on the number of doors in the project. Fees apply to new construction only. Other duties include getting new people involved and knocking on doors. Will prepare synopsis of who JPUN is for new residents and businesses.

Safety (Katherine): She will attend the monthly police commander meetings and represent JPUN concerns. She aims to keep communication open among all parties.

Social: Committee chairmanship is open. Susan and Kari each agreed to encourage friends to volunteer by the January 8 meeting.

Spanish Outreach (Fidel): Fidel shared his enthusiasm for the role. He explained that the first need he sees is to inform Spanish-speaking residents of JPUN's existence and activities.

Special Projects (Barbara for Ed): The date for Jefferson Park Day is set with the City for May 17. Flower bed plans have been received. Volunteers doing planting in the park will need to complete paperwork provided by the City in advance.

As in previous years, volunteers will be needed both for the neighborhood cleanup and the picnic tasks such as setting up tents, tables and chairs, coordination of food and drink, entertainment, and volunteer services. Donations in the past have included soda, tents, chairs, services, food, a generator.

It was agreed that a subcommittee for Jefferson Park Day may be needed and that efforts to generate interest should begin at the next general membership meeting. Strategies for splitting up the work were discussed.

The Spanos development is currently working on a traffic study. There was a meeting in December with Spanos and the City where representatives Ed Kieta and Rafael Espinoza were able to express JPUN concerns.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Errors & Omissions Insurance (see Treasurer's Report, above).

NEW BUSINESS

2. Meeting handout included an Agenda for the next membership meeting, Jan. 8. Ed will do a short summary of the master plan for Federal Blvd. and W. 25th and Eliot, done by students at the College of Architecture and Planning at CU Denver. Some edits were proposed and a revised agenda will be available Tuesday night.
3. Two proposed revisions to the bylaws: 1) Proposed increasing the size of the board of directors from the current number of 13 (5 officers and 8 board members) to 30 board members (5 officers and 25 board members). Meetings are always open to public, and hopefully a more proactive group is created. Members can be an officer or committee chair person or a member at-large. 2) Land Use committee chairpersons can have committed volunteers voted to the committee by a majority of the members to serve Jan. 1-Dec. 31, who have to attend at least 50% of the regular scheduled committee meetings. Wording of the proposed amendments was worked on for clarity. Motion by Susan, 2nd by Brad, ayes all unanimous. Ready for voting by membership meeting Tuesday night.
4. Proposed JPUN 2008 calendar discussed. Schedule of general membership meetings discussed. Brad said HUNI does a more social/happy hour general membership meeting with great attendance and success. They charge a small fee at the door. Their Board meetings are quarterly. Kari expressed that a regular monthly schedule is easier to remember than bi-monthly or quarterly. Barbara said we have yet to make that leap. Brad said he'd get information on how they made the transition, as well as invite the HUNI president to attend the next JPUN BOD meeting. Brad will invite JPUN to the HUNI meeting so we can see how they do it. The next HUNI happy hour is the 29th of January at Lola, 5:30-7. Thursday, Jan. 17 is the first LUC meeting.
The group was in favor of combining the general membership meeting and National Night Out on August 5 this year. A potluck in the park was proposed, starting at 6pm. The group agreed to support the Halloween event and safe trick-o-treat houses. The mid-November holiday event was discussed. The group decided to return to a format that had been successful in the past (2006). All ayes to approve proposed 2008 calendar.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next Meeting: 9 AM Saturday, March 1, 2008 at Bakers', 2833 W.25th St.