

**Jefferson Park United Neighbors
General Membership Meeting**

6:30 PM, January 8, 2008

Riverside Baptist Church rear chapel
24th Avenue & Bryant Street

Meeting called to order by Co-President Barbara Baker.

Announcements

- Jan. 17 is the next LUC meeting.
- The Highland United Neighbors (HUNI) happy hour is the last Tuesday of the month, announced Brad. JPUN members are invited to see how successful their happy hours are: it's 5:30-7pm, January 29th at Lola (restaurant/bar located at 1575 Boulder St.).

District One Police Report

Police Officer Robert Martinez distributed a crime statistics report handout. They are still patrolling 25th and Eliot, the park area, noting liquor store parking violations and open alcohol container issues. The handout did not include a comparison to stats from a year ago. This was requested and will be emailed. 3 recent break-ins at Zocalo were discussed. Since Zocalo alone could meet the requirements, it was suggested that the HOA consider forming a neighborhood watch group. Officer Martinez was thanked for his efforts.

Committee Reports

Safety Committee, Katherine Meldrum: Crime is down 27% in Jeff Park, better than Denver in general. Communication among neighbors and with the police is key.

Land Use Committee, Brad Evans: Rezoning in the works for 4.5 acres owned by Allied Realty out of Texas, at 27th & Alcott. OD-9 application is going to planning board in February. Developer fees to JPUN: In August, JPUN will receive a developer fee from David Zucker of Zocalo Development of about \$7,000. Tim DePumpo, Co-President, noted that JPUN is in need of more funds. The Frontview Crescent lot with a recent history of changing hands has another new owner. Brad asked that people email him information on any new developments in Jeff. Park and he will follow up. More information will be available at the next LUC committee meeting, January 17.

Special Projects Committee, Ed Kieta: Federal Blvd. and masterplan of W. 25th Ave. down to Decatur by CU masters degree students. Main St. Zoning increases allowable uses and density with the goal of creating an area in which to live, work, and recreate within walking distance. W. 25th is wide because it was originally a retail center and had a streetcar. The students presented this masterplan to city leaders and they were impressed with it. Ed will get a CD or a link on our website to so members can see it.

Communications Committee, Joe Boven: He is the creator of our now 4-page newsletter distributed last weekend. Photos of Jeff Park, stories, committee reports, Spanish translation, submissions are welcome. A community calendar will be added, so information for that is requested.

Environmental Committee, Bill Baker: Tree applications from the Denver Digs Trees program are available for anyone who wants free trees. Once the application is filled out and mailed in, a city inspector comes to see the planting site and if approved, trees are delivered. Help may be available for people planting trees. Different types of trees are available. For more information, contact The Park People at 303-722-6262; or email: info@theparkpeople.org; or web site: www.theparkpeople.org. Tim said last year he got 13 trees, and 12 are still doing well! The 13th got hit by a car.

Social Committee: The Social chair is vacant. Anyone interested? Adams Mystery Theatre is a possibility for a future happy hour. Tim volunteered Sarah's previous experience as a past social chair. She has useful information on local restaurant contact people.

Treasurer's Report & 2008 Budget

Treasurer was not present. The latest info is to be posted to the website.

Miscellaneous:

- Web site: More volunteer help with the website postings was requested.
- Recruitment solicited also for newsletter distribution between W. 28th and W. 29th, Bryant to Federal. A person is needed for the next newsletter distribution in early February, in fact. This route has 100 newsletters delivered to doors or gates. Tim noted that he has a route of about 200 and it goes quickly.
- Scrabble, anyone? See Tim or Barbara to get a tournament going.

BOD Meeting Report

Meeting highlights reported on by Barbara: Proposed changes to the JPUN bylaws were prepared for a vote. The 2008 calendar was reviewed. Goals for 2008 were discussed. Vice President, Kari-elin Mock, noted hope for a lot of positive involvement and encouraged getting the word out to neighbors to join; an expanded board will enable JPUN to move ahead.

Submitted for consideration was the proposed 2008 calendar with events and dates (included in the agenda handout). There are many volunteer opportunities: planting the flower bed; other park projects; the planning of Jefferson Park Day. Also, Aug. 5 National Night Out was mentioned, which falls on a membership meeting night, so that will be held in the park and may include with a potluck with members, guests, and police.

New Business

1. Volunteers are needed for the Jefferson Park Day steering committee.
2. Proposed Amendments to JPUN Bylaws:
 - Two sheets of paper with current and proposed wording (color coded) were provided so members could vote by marking with an x their approval or disapproval of proposed changes to bylaws.

- Summary of the first amendment: to increase from the current number of 13 board members to 30 board members (including 5 officers, members at large and committee chairs). Membership voted 21 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain.
 - Summary of the second amendment: Amendments to Article IV regarding the creation and requirements of a Standing Committee. Questions arose about the clarity of attendance requirements. Discussion ensued. Kari motioned that the wording of the change in bylaws concerning committee attendance needs clarification and the vote should be postponed until the language is clarified. Joe seconded. The vote: ayes 20, opposed 2. There was a motion by Rafael, to go ahead and vote anyway on the standing committee question. There are still issues on attendance and voting in committees. Brad seconded. Barbara commented about the attendance questions. The board of directors currently requires 50% attendance to stay on as a member and vote. Committee members who vote need to be informed by attending in their capacity. Membership voted 2 yes vs. 16 no, that we will view new language, and not vote now on the committee question. Help was offered to revise the language for the Amendment.
3. Other Announcements: There's a 2004 BMW wagon for sale at \$22,500 by Jeremy and Erin Ansell. If interested, Barbara has more information.

Meeting adjourned.