

**Jefferson Park United Neighbors  
General Membership Meeting**

6:30 PM, February 5, 2008

Riverside Baptist Church rear chapel  
W. 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. and Bryant Street

Meeting called to order by Vice President Kari-elin Mock.

**District One Police Report**

4 members from the police force attended. Officer Martinez passed out a detailed handout of neighborhood crime statistics. Feedback from the community is always welcome, he said. 25<sup>th</sup> & Eliot area is still a magnet for suspicious activity and characters. Citizen harassment and intimidation is not intended, but rather a consistent police presence. Community Resource Officer Carlos Montoya spoke to promote more Neighborhood Watch participation as there are only 4 areas in Jefferson Park currently involved. The last block was certified in 2006 and we could benefit from having more. He provided brochures to help promote this program. He said e-mailing is a valuable tool nowadays, making participation easier, and he wants to certify more of our blocks for Neighborhood Watch. There is a checklist of requirements describing the program. For instance, a majority percentage of the block needs to sign up and one resident is designated the captain. This information can be put on the JPUN website. Susan asked about percentage of participation required for residents in apartment buildings vs. houses. At the end of the report, the officers were presented with a large poster reading "Thank You, District 1!" on which the members signed in bright colors.

**Treasurer's Report & 2008 Budget**

Susan Bain-Schmidt said acknowledgment letters needed. Her phone is in our newsletter (303-619-3991). End of year 2007, our treasury balance was under \$1000. This year we're planning a lot of great activities and would like residents to consider committing their time, resources, and financial help to the neighborhood. Susan has ideas for participation! She's finalizing the budget for the coming year—the events we're committed to. Mid-February is deadline for projected expenses to be incorporated into the 2008 Budget, so provide any known expenses to Susan.

**Committee Reports**

Safety Committee, Katherine Meldrum: Katherine reported regarding the recent commander's meeting. With recent crime down, police can fine-tune their crime investigating and achieve even more arrests, for instance, people on outstanding warrants, and observe ongoing situations. Lindsey of Zocalo mentioned that they have had some crime incidents.

Environmental Committee, Bill Baker: Katherine and Esther are helping Bill. Trees are free and available, and Bill has applications. The Tree People extended their deadline to March 1. More information is available on their website. Lindsey said there's a green urban conference planned April 18 at the PPA; she will e-mail Bill with details.

Communications Committee, Tim DePumpo (for Joe Boven): Tim mentioned that Joe is eager to get newsletter content: suggestions, articles. Businesses or non-profits can advertise. A community calendar would be useful for neighborhood activities, like the conference just mentioned. The PPA has a lot of activities which could be included. Fred Lai is the new website guy, soon to be a neighbor. His contact information will be in the newsletter. Volunteers for delivering newsletters are still needed.

Land Use Committee, Rafael Espinoza (for Brad Evans): Rafael said he got the Spanos traffic study information. In a nutshell, River Drive is going to get hammered with about 90 cars leaving in the morning after RiverClay and the nearest Spanos building are completed. All other streets nearby will see their traffic doubled in peak hours. No real street changes except possibly the loss of a few parking spaces on W. 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave. Current street and alleys, they said, can handle the increased flow. Katherine mentioned, however, that the police can get involved in this traffic issue eventually.

Social Committee: There will be new and exciting happy hours coming up at neighborhood locations, such as the Adams Mystery Theatre. Lindsey Shorthouse had suggested using the newsletter to solicit retail spaces to host and planning all of the dates ahead for the year ahead.

Jefferson Park Day, May 19: Kari asked for volunteers, as an ad hoc committee will likely be needed. This year, Jeff. Park Day includes planting our flower beds, too. Attendees asked to encourage their neighbors. Denver Recycles will be invited to attend and/or join Jefferson Park Day. Ideas for involving Zocalo and future River Clay residents was discussed. Lindsey invited Susan or other willing JPUN representative to attend the next Zocalo HOA meeting on Feb.18 to talk about JPUN, the needs for funds, and Jeff. Park Day.

Yard of the Month Award: 1<sup>st</sup> mentioned at the January BOD meeting, volunteer judges needed to start in May or so. Greg expressed interest. Rafael asked about doing a worst yard of the month award, too, to encourage property upkeep.

### **Bylaws**

Of the recent 2 proposed changes, one was voted on last meeting. Tonight we voted on rules for standing committees. Rafael passed out ballots with the complete proposed wording and the changes highlighted in bold. 2 proposed changes were up for vote. The first creates the standing committee and is the clarification on what's expected and required for participation for members. When ballots were counted, this passed, 9 yes, 2 no. The 2<sup>nd</sup> item regarding electronic voting for members of a standing committee also passed, 10 yes, 1 no.

### **New Business**

(none)

Meeting adjourned.