

Jefferson Park United Neighborhood
Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 2, 2009

Meeting called to order by Tom Blyth at 6:30. An announcement was made stating that anyone is invited to attend, but voting is limited to residents of and business owners in the neighborhood.

Tom made announcements about free tickets to the Denver Outlaws game, information on the JPUN web site, the application for a transfer of ownership for a liquor license at Grand Pacific (1703 Federal), Santiago's Mexican Restaurant has moved to 25th and Federal, there are upcoming public meetings for the new zoning code and anyone who wants to be on our mailing list can sign up at the JPUN web site.

Brent reported that we are about \$500 below budget on Jefferson Park Day and we should be at about \$1700 ahead for the year.

Joan Bondy introduced David Marquardt and Gordon Robertson, from the City of Denver, Parks and Recreation solicited ideas for improvements to Jefferson Park.

\$50,000 was donated by Spano Group and Denver would like to match those funds. David pointed out that some paths and picnic tables are in need of repair and/or replacement. The cost to replace walkways is about \$70,000 meeting ADA requirements and using concrete. A question about dog poop generated a response that Denver is looking at ways to enforce and encourage cleaning up after dogs.

A question was asked about the flagstone that was taken up to replace sidewalks being used in the park for edging or around the pavilion. Another idea was that the addition of benches around the park would be appreciated. David and Gordon stated that funding and staffing for projects may not be available this year.

The process for the plan completion is that David and Gordon will go back and develop a plan that incorporates the ideas talked about for neighborhood approval. Priorities are walkways, tables, benches and sandstone incorporation. Denver will return with costs and a proposal in August.

Joe presented a slide show of the Jefferson Park Day event. Tom announced the sponsors of the event and thanked everyone for making it a fun, successful day.

Katie Sullivan, Groundworks Denver, recapped the 23rd Ave. Bridge project that was completed the end of May. She congratulated Jerry Olson for all his hard work in getting the project going, getting permits, recruiting volunteers and getting the project done.

David Solomon introduced Paul Campbell from the Spano group for an update on their project, Element 47. The submittal to the city of the project will be made in about 3 weeks. Paul showed several slides of planned building structures explaining material will be stone, stucco and brick.

A question was asked about phasing for the project and Paul said there is only one phase for the project and it will be one start with one completion date.

Rafael reported that the Land Use committee voted unanimously to recommend the rezoning proposal of the project presented by the Brinkerhoffs to the General Membership and questioned why the letter of approval had some negative comments. William Brinkerhoff was present and expressed his concerns with the comments in the letter. There was discussion about the fact that some people who voted at the May meeting were not residents of Jefferson Park, which is what generated the negative comments in the letter. A motion was made to send another letter to Councilman Garcia and the Brinkerhoffs with a positive tone stating that JPUN agrees with the rezoning request made by the Brinkerhoffs for their project. The vote was unanimous that another letter will be sent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 by Tom.