

Summary of FANS of Washington Park Member Meeting May 3, 2017

1. **Attendees:** Tim McHugh, Dave Mathews, Sonia John, Janet Lammens, Lee Hopkins
2. **Approval of April's minutes:** Done
3. **Treasurer's Report:** None
4. **Project Reports:**
 - a. **Photo Contest: (Karen Larson's project)** Six sponsors have been secured – Enstrom Candies, Larson Developers, Frame deArt, TKH Realty, Great Place Realtors, and Ireland's Finest Painting. Lee has developed a 2017 Photo Contest website for entries and made an announcement on NextDoor. The Profile newspaper will also be advised that photo admissions are now be accepted.
 - b. **Bike Maintenance Station: (Lee Hopkin's project)** The City has chosen a green maintenance station to be erected near the water fountain by the perennial garden near Downing Street. They will also be erecting a “street sign” to be posted nearby showing that donations to FANS is responsible for the station. Furthermore, they have requested that the station include a pressure gauge, which the Board agreed to. Lee will get an estimated erection date and place an order for the unit with the manufacturer once he receives an invoice. It should be delivered within 30 days once payment is received and it will be stored in the Maintenance Dept until erected. No date has been set for this but it is expected to be done this year.
 - c. **Tree Mulching: (Janet Lammens' project)** June 3rd has been selected for Mulch Madness and release forms for volunteers to sign have been provided by P&R Volunteer Coordinator. Announcements have been made on NextDoor and the FANS website but just six people have signed up. Lee will post a reminder of the event and send out another email blast to FANS members closer to June 3rd.
 - d. **Shrub replacement in Mt. Vernon Garden: (Janet Lammens' project)** Shrubs have been purchased and planted. Janet has requested a letter from Demien Wetzel for documentation.
 - e. **Garden Kiosks: (Janet Lammens' project)** Just two bids were accepted from the six contractors contacted. The work will be awarded to Tony Shaman, a handyman that Janet has worked with extensively. He was the lowest bidder at \$600 per kiosk for labor. A planning meeting will be scheduled with him, Janet and Demien Wetzel. Janet will make arrangements for the 2017 planting plan to be posted when the structures are completed. Demien also suggested that there be a notice that FANS donated the kiosks inside them and that FANS use the kiosks for notices to the public. Janet will work on getting this notice installed in the kiosks once completed.
 - f. **City Garden Tour: (Lee Hopkins' project)** 35 people have signed up for the annual City Park Greenhouse Tour on May 10th.
 - g. **City Ditch celebration on 8/12, 10 a.m. (David Mathews' project)** Dave reported that a brochure is being designed to hand out during the event and a barbershop quartet may be contracted to entertain. The planning committee decided against a rubber ducky race. Sara McCathy (author of Washing Park book) is working on securing a speaker. The budget has been set at \$600 and Denver Water and Paul Kashmann have offered donations.

5. **Geese:** Tim got an email from Steve Spirn, representative of Citizens for a Better Park, quoting a Health Commissioner in Dane County, WI (Madison WI) from an article dated June 25, 2011 in which Madison got federal permission to kill up to 350 geese in city parks. Thomas Schlenker, director of the Madison-Dane County Health Dept issued a statement saying "the same kind of pathogenic microbes identified in goose dropping that heavily contaminate Madison beaches cause 78 waterfowl disease outbreaks, 4,412 illnesses, 116 hospitalizations and 5 deaths bi-annually in the US".

6. **Great Candy Cane Run:** Representatives from Denver's Office of Special Events and Lonnie Somers, CEO of The Fetal Hope Foundation, will speak at the May 9 WPENA meeting to discuss the current status of special events in Denver, specifically The Great Candy Run. Tim also advised the board that he learned of a walk (Walk for Israel)... "rolling closure" rather than "running closure". Since it will not be held within the park, he was advised by the Office of Special Events that it does not fall under the jurisdiction of that office. (Walks/runs within the City are coordinated by the Denver Police Department.

7. **June 14th Member Meeting Speaker:** FANS of Washington Park member meeting speaker will be Joe Roller, M.D. He will speak on "What Is That Bird, What's it Doing, and Why". Joe holds numerous recognitions in the field of Ornithology.

8. **July 4th Event:** The meeting will be held at "The Cop Shop" on Broadway, not the police station on University. Tim will be attending.

9. **New Business**

- a. **a. INC Neighborhood Conference:** Notice of this event was given to FANS as it is a RNO. No representatives from FANS of Washington Park are interested. This topic will be discussed at the WPENA meeting on May 9."

b. Homeless in the Park: None of the Board members present could substantiate claims made on NextDoor that there are homeless people living in the park.

c. Wash Park Boathouse Event: Tim got notice that a fundraiser at \$60/each is being held at the Boathouse on May 19th at 6pm by the Cherry Creek Rotary Club. The money is used by the Cherry Creek Rotary Club to fund charitable organizations.

d. Fishing Derby: None of the Board members present are aware of any efforts for 2017. Tim will call Scot Gilmore for information.

e. Potential offer of commemorative tree for Wash Park: Sonia has been contacted by a group offering a tree propagated from a tree in Boston where George Washington signed a memorandum creating the Continental Army. Interest in the project was divided among the Board so she will get more information.

f. Serbian Pine Plantings: Dave reported that there is a rumor circulating that FANS planted Serbian Pine trees in the park. Kathryn Smith will be drafting a correction for the Profile newspaper showing FANS has not done this.

