

**CPN Members Meeting
January 9th, 2008 @ National Jewish (Heitler Hall)**

Board Attendees: Brent Hladky (President), Tom Conis (Vice President), Wendy Moraskie (At Large), Jonah Bradley (Business Liaison), Petra Schroeder (Secretary), Joe Ely (Crime)

Board Absences: Maggie Price (Newsletter), Mel Patrick (Membership)

1) Brent opened the meeting by quickly:

- welcoming those in attendance, thanking them for their membership, reminding them that CPN is an all volunteer organization and that CPN dues are tax deductible,
- introducing the Board of Directors,
- explaining that this meeting is now divided from the All Neighbors Meeting (January 16th) to ensure that our membership has the opportunity to both directly hear from CPN and let CPN directly know what their particular concerns are
- mentioning that CPN:
 - is recognized by the City as a Registered Neighborhood Organization (RNO) which means that the City informs CPN of what is going on in Congress Park (e.g. zoning issues, liquor licenses) and City-wide initiatives (recycling, planning meetings, zoning code changes, etc.)
 - represents Congress Park when needed, and when doing so, takes a position based upon Neighborhood Assemblies, not unilateral board decisions
 - primary focus' have typically been crime, zoning, neighborhood preservation
- outlining CPN's 2007 primary activities as:
 - crime: arrival of gang activity in Congress Park and our efforts to remove it, continue with quarterly crime information (newsletter), expanded to monthly statistics
 - zoning: negotiated Neighborhood Agreements with Sengers on the Fax and Encore Restaurant, R3 -> R2 block rezoning (thanking volunteer neighbor John Van Sciver for his leadership and direction of these efforts), and Hospital District redevelopment involvement
 - historic preservation which was once again had a very successful series of six lectures/workshops by volunteer neighbor Carolyn Van Sciver
 - website was a new initiative for 2007 – its total revision and utilization to quickly and effectively inform the neighborhood (often in conjunction with “Neighborhood Broadcasts”)
- advising folks that communication with to/from CPN can/is via
 - our Newsletter which is published on a quarterly basis
 - regular email broadcasts for timely events/happenings
 - Board Members can be contacted through email addresses listed both in Newsletter and on our website
- providing the Treasurer's Report that showed CPN in a healthy financial position
- requesting help with:
 - newsletter coordination/distribution
 - volunteer Coordinator
 - any other area that you may have an interest in helping with
- potential new 2008 activities include:
 - Snow removal for elderly/disabled
 - District 10 Recreation Center involvement
 - Alley cleanup

- 2) District 3 Police and the City Attorney's Office then provided an extensive description of recent crime activities within Congress Park:
 - the recent persons actively going door to door in Congress Park requesting funds for dubious purposes – one was caught earlier in the week; and
 - their success in finally being able to shut down the gang related premises at 1275 Colorado Boulevard;
- 3) Kathleen Hynes managed a discussion amongst CPN Members. Points raised were:
 - a strong desire for CPN to play an active role in the City's plans to finally bring a Recreation Center to District 10;
 - to continue helping Congress Park residents rezone their properties from R3 to R2;
 - one of our or our residents volunteered to coordinate a Congress Park wide alley cleanup project this spring
 - it was felt that the recent combination of our revised website together with our email broadcasts was quite successful in keeping the neighborhood informed about timely issues
- 4) Organization Business. Due to the absence of a quorum, neither Board elections nor bylaw ratification could be effect. It was requested that any members expressing a desire to assist CPN in a Board capacity or otherwise should contact any member of the Board at their convenience
- 5) Members were thanked again for their attendance and interest in CPN and reminded that that All Neighbor Meeting would be held next week at 6:00pm at Teller Elementary