



CCEA Community Meeting Minutes Thursday, January 19, 2012 6:00 PM

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Young American Center
Brooks Waldman, CCEA President, Presiding

Brooks Waldman welcomed attendees and members present introduced themselves.

Greenhouse Project

Zeppelin Development has sold the Greenhouse project to Alliance Residential Co. The "Development Agreement" remains in place. Andy Clay from Alliance, gave a presentation and confirmed that the plans & designs will remain the same and the new name of the project is *Broadstone Gardens at Cherry Creek*. The handout will be posted on our website.

The HUD application was dropped and all the final permits are now complete for construction. The homes on S. Jackson between Alameda and Cedar, with exception of the two house near the corner, will be demolished in the next 14-20 days. Phase 2 & 3 will be constructed together. They are rental luxury units with potential to convert to condominiums.

There will be a ground breaking ceremony on Feb. 2 and the CCEA board members have been invited. A reception will be held at Greenhouse after the groundbreaking ceremony.

Cherry Creek Area Plan Update

Trish Beck Palamara outlined a brief history of the plan (see April 14th, 2011 community meeting minutes posted on our website for more details). The "Leadership Committee" is continuing to work on the draft plan which will then go to the Cherry Creek Steering Committee for approval. The time frame is March/April and hopefully June to the public forums. Trish will be working to present the approved draft to City Council by Oct/Nov.

This plan will be very important to decision makers at the city level as well as to the neighborhood and potential developers. It is intended to provide a vision for the next twenty years.

Street Paving and Storm Drainage Update

Communications from Councilwoman Jeanne Robb's office indicate that CCE streets are on schedule for re-paving this coming summer with the exception of those streets that will have new stormwater lines. It's still a little early to know the exact time frame but the commitment is real. A decision about the location of stormwater lines should be coming within the next couple of weeks.

The website will be updated when we have exact dates.

Registered Sex Offender (RSO) Legislation Update

Nancy Longworth-Haywood brought this to the attention of the community during the October community meeting (see Oct 13th, 2011 community meeting minutes posted on our website for more details). Nancy read an email from Councilwoman Jeanne Robb, indicating the following: **"the result of the CCJJ (Colorado Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice) study group this past summer was to propose the state require all jurisdictions to register "homeless" sex offenders, but not to require law enforcement to do the usual check on their locations (thus to avoid any unfunded mandate or cost to the local law enforcement agencies).** However, the proposal met with disapproval from the victims' lobby because there would not be follow-up checks. If all jurisdictions needed to do their share, then Denver would not bear the brunt of the problem AND Denver is already willing to do the follow-up. Further, Lois Court might have been able to amend the

legislation along the lines of a suggestion she made at our meeting to say that homeless sex offenders could not register near schools and outdoor playgrounds – though state legislative processes are so different from Denver’s, given they have two houses and a Governor’s veto to deal with that I would defer to her.”

Background: While a number of jurisdictions do not allow registering sex offenders to unsheltered, general locations (like 200 S. Madison), only six jurisdictions have restrictions about locational registering of sex offenders who are reside in housing.

The sex offender who was registered to 200 S. Madison earlier this year moved to 850 Lincoln, Christ’s Body Ministries, where he had transitional housing of six months. He has relocated to Morrison, Colorado. It’s good to know where he is but the knowledge does not preclude his return.

2012 Membership Drive & Events

Our annual meet & greet at Choppers this past summer was not as successful as other years but we are still planning on scheduling another this August.

The Denver Band Concert in Pulaski Park was such a success that we will be scheduling another event this coming summer.

We are also considering a block party on Madison, in front of Choppers. We already know that Choppers is on board with this idea. Please send an email to cherrycreekeastassociation@juno.com if anyone is interested in helping the board organize this.

Neighborhood News

All elementary and middle schools in Colorado are rated on academic performance and growth criteria. Bromwell Elementary has an overall grade of A and is ranked 47 of 1467 (top 3%). Steck Elementary has an overall grade of A+ and is ranked 1 (as in the top school) in the state! Cherry Creek East children are able to attend Steck.

A response to Barbara Metzger's Citizen Petition was received by Barbara in late November/early December. The City did not reference the Alameda Parkway issue and will not remove the two widening projects related to Alameda. Barbara sent a letter to the City on 1/16 responding for herself and the petitioners that the City's answer was insufficient. Her letter suggests scheduling a meeting with representatives from relevant stakeholders and City departments to solve the problem. Barbara will be forwarding the City response and hers to all those who signed the petition . If you signed the petition please e-mail her your contact information: bhm242@comcast.net. Her letter expresses her gratitude to all of those supporting these important issues.

Nancy Austin commented that we as a neighborhood should be aware of what happens in our alleys. While they were away there was a fire in a trash bin in the alley by her home (11 Garfield). She would like to thank whoever it was that called the fire department so quickly because it could have been much worse. She also suggested that the lights in the alley should be replaced if burnt out.

Another neighbor commented on how some commercial and residential properties do not shovel their sidewalks within the required time frame. 311 may be called and they will post a warning to the property owner, but that is all that is normally done. Our neighbor suggested that we talk with Councilwoman Robb to enforce this by issuing fines like they do in Boulder.

The Cherry Creek Theatre is embarking on their second season with their first production in March. The play is “Proof” which was a movie. Please see our website for all three productions this year.

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm