



SOUTH CITY PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION (SCPNA)

Meeting Minutes

Date | time 1/17/2018 7:00 PM

In Attendance

~15 attendees

Special guests:

Ryan Billings, Senior City Planner, Dept of Public Works

Miles Graham, Senior Associate, GBSM

Agenda

- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)
- Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)
- Committee Updates & Announcements
- 2018 Budget
- Next Meeting

Bus Rapid Transit

Representatives from the City attended the meeting to discuss the Bus Rapid Transit project. They are asking for community input. They met with the Bluebird BID on 01/16/18. The project started in 2012. It will take several more years to complete.

In January 2016, a preliminary recommendation was made with a side running BRT. The consensus was it wasn't bold enough. They looked for other alternatives and researched several large cities using a center running model. The question was how to move more people during rush hour because there is no room to move additional vehicles. The model is projecting out 15-20 years. Along Colfax, 66,000 people are moved today (40,000 in vehicles, 26,000 in buses). In the future, the goal is 75,000 (25,000 in vehicles and 50,000 in buses).

Other cities who have implemented or are in the planning stages of a center running bus project: Eugene, OR, Chicago, Las Vegas, Seattle and San Francisco.

A platform will be built in the center station. Two lanes will be dedicated to buses, 24/7. Most of the parking on Colfax will remain except around the stations. Vehicular traffic will not be a priority.

This project is running in conjunction with Vision Zero – the City’s goal to have 0 traffic fatalities by 2030. Today, 14% of crashes for both cars and pedestrians happen on Colfax.

There will be signaled, safe crossings for pedestrians every ~700’ (2.5-3 blocks) or less. Trees and lighting will be added along with wider sidewalks. The frequency of the bus will be every ~5 minutes. The buses will have more than one door to load passengers. The stations will try to bring the curb to 11” to make it easier for those with disabilities to board.

The center running bus on Colfax will run from Broadway to Yosemite. Aurora chose not to participate in the project. The new bus will stop more frequently in South City Park. Josephine and Colorado will continue to be stops but additional stops might be Fillmore, Steele and Garfield.

Meeting attendees brought up the concerns about 16th Ave and how to make sure that doesn’t become a thoroughfare for those who want to avoid traffic on Colfax and 17th. There are plans to make our section of 16th a Bike Boulevard. The City needs to add traffic calming features.

If you would like to get involved in giving feedback to the BRT project, contact Trent Thompson (southcitypark@gmail.com). Meetings are held approximately every 2-3 months.

Neighborhood Planning Initiative (NPI)

A site visit will be held on Saturday, February 3 from 1:00-5:00pm. Anyone from the neighborhood who wishes to participate is invited. Contact Trent Thompson (southcitypark@gmail.com) to get on the list of interested parties.

For more information about the project, see the City’s website:

http://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/planning-and-design/Neighborhood_Planning_Initiative.html.

Committee Updates & Announcements

- **Sprouts:** Emily Clark has been working with Sprouts management to take care of few items outside the store. She’s been waiting for them to trim the tree on the Garfield side of the property (this has now been completed). The street lights are out on the Monroe side of the property and it’s very dark at night on that side of the parking lot. She’s also asking them to re-paint the crosswalks within the parking lot. If anyone has additional concerns about Sprouts, email Emily at scpnavp@gmail.com
- **Climate Action:** Oliveann gave an update. In the most recent issue of Capitol Hill’s Life newspaper, SCPNA was mentioned. The sponsor for the committee is Battery Giant (603 Grant St). They are willing to recycle any batteries. A collection will be taken at future meetings.
- **Conservation Overlay District:** Mardi gave an update and handed out a survey to see how much interest there is in the neighborhood for a COD.

2018 Budget

- This is a new year, so new 2018 SCPNA membership is due. \$10 per person. The website is up and running at www.scpna.org. Or a check can be mailed to SCPNA, PO Box 18375, Denver, CO 80218.
- Brian Friel, Treasurer, handed out budget information for 2017 and proposed 2018 numbers. The budget was unanimously approved.

Next Meeting

03/21/2017 at 7:00 pm at TBD.

Board & Committee Contact Information

Email addresses are being generalized so they transfer from officer/chair to officer/chair in future years.

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