SOUTH CITY PARK
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

January 19, 2022
7:00pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Ellen Roth at 7:04pm

In attendance: Ellen Roth (President), Mardi Mathers (Vice President), Kathy Price (Treasurer), Lindsey Martin (Secretary), Rodney Sanchez, Adam LeVasseur, Anne Ercolani, Brian Friel, Chad Rounds, Danielle Lucas-Adam, David Lancaster, Eleni Sarris, Jacqueline Altreuter, James Mulligan, Jeff Harbaugh, Jennifer Rosen, Jim Slotta, Matt Fariss, Michael Nicks, Hana Ruiz, Robert Greer, Sarah Barton, Wendy Rouder, James Mulligan, Jacob Hurley, Robert Britt, Martha & Trent, Tony Vaida, Woody Faircloth

7:05 – 7:14 Denver Police Department Report – Hana Ruiz

- New Partner- Rodney Sanchez- Community Resource Officer
- Crime Stats – Decrease on all crimes during the winter months
- Neighborhood Police Officer to be assigned to every neighborhood – pending officer assignment to City Park
- Contact Info: Hana.ruiz@denvergov.org / rodney.sanchez@denvergov.org work phone: 720-913-1056 & work cell: 720-641-0929

Questions from the community:

Q: What is the standard procedure for call backs following emergency call to dispatch.
A: Call backs should be received. Officer Sanchez provided his contact info (noted above).

Q: How long are cars able to park on the street following a car accident?
A: Cars that are causing a hazard should be relocated / removed immediately. If the vehicle isn't operable, there is a 72-hour window to get it removed. Officer Sanchez will follow up.

7:14 – 7:17 Budget Update – Kathy Price

- ➔ Intro to new Treasurer, Kathy Price
- ➔ Budget coming in March for review & approval

7:17 – 7:27 16th Ave Storm Interceptor & 17th Ave Closure Update – Matt Farris

- ➔ All new infrastructure is in up to tunneling process
- ➔ Week of 1/18 the team will start digging a pit for tunnel equipment under 17th Ave. Work will continue to Albion Street. Timeframe is 15 days including Saturdays.
- ➔ Once to Albion Street, sanitation work will take place. Then the team will jump back to 17th Ave to connect to the sanitary system.
- ➔ Inlets at 17th Ave & Colorado Blvd will be installed following work noted above.
- ➔ Bike Path work commencing in 1-2 weeks. Bike path will enter from Colorado & 17th Ave into the park.
- ➔ Colorado Blvd Closure- Saturday, January 22nd for relocation of fiber optic line- elevate it 5ft
- ➔ Contact information: info@16thavestorm.com

Questions from the community:
Q: When will 17th Street reopen?
A: Late March

7:28 – 7:49 Garfield St Neighborhood Bikeway - Jacob Hurley & John La Sala

- ➔ Underground electrical work, utility work is in motion
- ➔ Concrete work scheduled for February
- ➔ Timeline – Scheduled thru late March
- ➔ Street Parking will remain on Garfield
- ➔ No left turn onto 17th Ave from Garfield St.

Questions from the community:

Q: What is a full closure of 17th Ave. vs what is existing?
A: No changes, existing closure to remain.

Q: Will there be a physically protective bike lane?
A: No, it will be share the road (neighborhood bike way).

Q: How far west of Colorado will be repaved?
A: Jackson St. to Colorado Blvd in current scope of work. North Josephine intersection to Colorado Blvd. scheduled for 2022 by Street Maintenance, TBD on exact timing. Street Maintenance details can be found HERE

Q: Is there a concern about limiting the left turn from Garfield?
A: It will be safer for pedestrians and bicyclists

Q: What does the intersection and connection into the park bike lane look like?
A: Bike path & pedestrian walkway.

Q: Where will the median be located?
A: Median will only be at the Garfield intersection.

Q: Will there be a curb cut on the North side of 17th to enter the park from Garfield?
A: Yes.

Q: Will there be any above ground structures at Garfield St?
A: Manhole on the west side of Colorado Blvd.

Q: Will there be a light at 17th & Garfield? Will it be timed, or will it require someone to indicate they are present and need to cross?
A: There will be a traffic light, bike signal (actual bike icon) & pedestrian signal. The traffic signal will have push buttons for pedestrians. Cyclists & motor vehicles will be detected when they are located where the detection is active. Paint will identify the location where a cyclist needs to stand.

7:49 – 7:57 Nature Play Area in City Park - Jacqueline Altreuter

- ➔ Denver Museum of Nature & Science and Denver Parks & Recreation have partnered to bring a Natural Play Experience to City Park! Thanks to the City Park master plan that was completed in 2018.
- ➔ Nearby Nature Initiative seeks to amplify the museum's activity to the nearby nature that already exists at City Park. Community feedback over the last couple of years has shown demand for a water way and natural play experiences.
- ➔ Based on this feedback a biofiltration wet land will be installed that will naturally clean the water that will be recirculated thru the historic water way. The historic water way is also in the process of being repaired as part of this project. The work will take place near the new bike lane and continue to the small pond.
- ➔ The project is in 50% detailed design. 100% detail design to be presented soon for late 2022/ early 2023 install.

Q: Are there any updates on plant selection?
A: City Park Horticulture, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Parks & Recreation and Colorado Plant Society have been working together in selecting plants that are representative to the park and the ecosystem.

7:58 –8:10 Intro to the new Executive Committee for 2022

- ➔ Thank you to Woody, Brian & Stacey!
- ➔ Returning President, Ellen Roth
- ➔ New Vice President & Head of Zoning Committee, Mardi Mathers/ mardi48@gmail.com
- ➔ New Treasurer, Kathy Price
- ➔ New Secretary, Lindsey Martin

8:10 – 8:23 Committee Updates

- ➔ Membership & Communications Committee
  - Looking for block captains & volunteers looking to get involved in event planning.
  - Contact southcitypark@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities

- ➔ Zoning Committee Update
  - Contact Mardi to get involved or if you have concerns about any new developments
- ➔ Climate Action Updates
  - Leaf collection was a success and will be composted!
  - Recruiting new members! Contact scpnaclimateaction@gmail.com if you're interested!
  - Earth Day event coming in April.
- ➔ Contact southcitypark@gmail.com for volunteer opportunities
- ➔ Emergency Alert System
  - New 911 alert system – sign up to receive alerts (text, calls or email) HERE
- ➔ Free Covid Tests available HERE

Meeting adjourned at 8:23pm