



## University Park Community Council

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### **University Park Community Council March 8th, 2016 (Date change), 2100 S. Monroe, 7pm Meeting Minutes**

#### ***Secretary (Megan Bettinger)***

Approval & Vote of the Meeting minutes from past meetings, including January and February 2016 were reviewed and approved with changes. Megan to resend to David Schutt for posting on the UPCC website.

The Band in the Park event is tentatively scheduled for August 7, to concur with Denver Days.

#### ***Updates from the President (Traci Samaras)***

The UPCC Facebook page is active. Traci will manage the information on the site.

There is an interested neighbor for the Purple Pages. Traci will be meeting with Julia Girouard to discuss the opportunity.

Project Helping 2/27/16 – Painting at University Park went well. The UPCC donated \$50.00 toward the event.

We need a VP candidate for the next year.

Traci received an inquiry from a neighbor concerning light pollution in the neighborhood. The UPCC is looking into the Dark Skies building code and other solutions. Is this a topic to bring to the INC?

The neighborhood Yard Sale date is June 3 & 4<sup>th</sup> – David Easton is sponsoring the whole event. There will be an online sign-up-details coming soon.

Avery Holder – Publication focusing on our neighborhood had been distributed.

**VOTE - SHORT-TERM RENTALS** –The Board discussed the proposed text amendment which would allow short-term rentals as accessory to a primary residential use, with limitations, where residential uses are currently allowed. The amendment is a companion piece to a proposal from Denver's Department of Excise and Licenses that would establish a licensing and enforcement framework for short-term rentals (rentals of residential property for a period of fewer than 30 days).

The Board voted to withhold a position until more information is obtained. Specifically we are concerned that the STR's will not be properly enforced, that long term renters will sublet to STR's, that permit fees are not sufficient to support the enforcement of STR's, that the property owners are not required to live at the premises, and that there is no limit to stays.

***Vice President (Debbie Harrington)***

Debbie is proposing that we ask June's block captains to inventory our sidewalks. They ostensibly walk nearly all of our sidewalks when they distribute the newsletter. She would also like to see if they might check stop sign visibility as well. Can this be accomplished with help from Walk Denver?

***Treasurer (Ryan & June)***

Ryan is calculating the updates on the January insert/donation income. There was a donation of \$125.00.

***Open Space and Parks (Diana Helper)***

INC news includes the official statement that the INC is presenting to the city concerning STR's. The board feels that the language is not specific enough and would like to INC to amend its statement. There was a motion approved to have Diana present changes to the statement at the next INC meeting.

There is concern of the a proposed Department of Public Works project to control flooding in the NE Cole neighborhood by diverting storm water to City Park Golf Course or displacing 55 households.

***UPWords - (Liz Netzel)***

Next issue due 3/16- please send Liz updates

***Email – OPEN POSITION***

***Membership (John Rogala) - Absent***

***Purple Pages– OPEN POSITION***

***Safety (Steve Hick) - Absent***

***Traffic & Transportation (Vaughan Kendall & Jeanne Tubb)-No Report***

***Historic Preservation (Rosemary Stoffel)***

Rosemary discussed the STR situation in Denver and the UPCC's official position concerning the approval STR's in Denver.

***Zoning (Pat Cashen)***

***WebMaster (David Schutt) - Absent***

***INC Delegate – OPEN POSITION***

***Advisory (Bill Win)***

Bill will act as announcer at the May General Meeting

***DU Liaison (Drew Hunter)***

Introduction of Drew Hunter who is our new DU liaison.

There will be some changes to Asbury, west of University Boulevard as it passes though the DU campus.

***Area Coordinator (Phyllis Ward)***

There are a few open block captain positions open. Please contact Phyllis.

Janet Bardwell will co-host a Thank You event for the block captains. This is scheduled for May 7 at UPark Elementary before the general meeting.