

Minutes from Eastside Neighborhood Organization Meeting

9/6/2017

NEW BUSINESS

- Governor Snyder met with the community and police to improve relations between all parties; many ideas and resolutions were discussed.
- There have been many issues with parking in the city, particularly blocking fire hydrants with vehicles in the street.
- The **Board of Water and Light** will have its Chili Cook-Off Sept. 29th from 5:30-9 P.M.
- The eastside will be the first neighborhood introduced to the Smart Meter program and there is no charge to opt
- Solar panels may be purchased for \$399 and purchasers will receive credit in return after 8 years.
- **JODY WASHINGTON:** A special committee and council meeting will be held to discuss and vote on the marijuana ordinance. Many light and heavy industrial areas will be impacted in Ward 1.
- Marijuana is not profitable in Colorado; each township or municipality only collects 1/4th of 3% or an average of \$7,500. This should be considered in our own city's model. Lansing has already had to withdraw from the general fund to regulate and support over 80 dispensaries which may be reduced to 25 dispensaries.
- Marijuana is best grown in rural areas.
- On September 12th, Peter Spadafore will be speaking at Sir Pizza in Old Town
- On September 25th, a public hearing and vote will be held to rename a portion of Grand River as Cezar Chavez Blvd.
- There will be a First Contact Meeting from 10 A.M. until Noon on October 7th to brainstorm ideas to present to the new mayor elect.

POTTER PARK

- Volunteers and docents are both needed.
- There are no minimal hours to commit to and great scheduling flexibility.
- Two upcoming events needing greatest number of volunteers are Boo at the Zoo and Winter Wonderland of Lights.
- Currently there are 180 total volunteers with fewer than that active.
- Tasks include: gardening, grounds work, clerical work, ticket-taking, and food service.
- The zoo will accommodate individuals or groups with different levels of ability or disability.

- Docents' jobs are more labor-intensive and involve handling animals.
- Food and water are provided on the job, as well as feedback surveys.
- The volunteer link may be found at the top of the Zoo's website's menu.

POST OFFICE

- Kimberly Dontje is available to field complaints. She is on a special project through October 1st.
 - Retirements impact postal routes and response to complaints.
 - Please use a clip and a plastic bag or leave a note to indicate you have outgoing mail on park and loop routes.
 - New employees are more apt to confuse North and South addresses on Eastside avenues.
 - While anonymity of complainants is not guaranteed, you must at least report your block range in order to file a complaint.
 - Dog bites are problematic and carriers are allowed to exercise caution and refuse to deliver mail.
 - Unions protect postal workers from being forced to deliver mail near plants or stinging insects they may be allergic to.
 - Route adjustments follow the volume of mail but mail **must** be delivered unless a mailbox is completely obstructed.
 - The next ENO Newspaper will be published by Oct. 15th.
 - A presentation will be given by a school bonds representative in November.
- **Motion to close approved and meeting adjourned 8:26 P.M.**