

District 5 Registered Neighborhood Organization & Homeowners Association Leadership Lunch

Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5

Tuesday, June 8, 2021, noon-1:00pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Paul Aceto, Virginia Vale Community Assn.; Andrea Actico, Candlewyk Apartments; Sarah Andress, DPD District 2; Mandy Barker, DPD District 3; Judy Baxter, Historic Montclair Neighborhood Assn.; Sandi Berenbaum, Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn.; Pete Casillas, Crestmore Park Neighborhood Assn.; Officer Matt Grimsley, DPD District 3, Jenn Gross, City Council District 5; Kathy Head, Lowry United Neighborhoods; Cat Holmes, Lowry United Neighbors; Adriana Lara, Denver Fire; Patricia Mulligan, Mayfair Neighbors; Carrie O'Shea, Historic Montclair Neighborhood Assn; Captain Greg Pixley, Denver Fire; Wende Reoch, Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn; John Sadwith, Crestmoor Park (2nd Filing) Homes Association; CW Amanda Sawyer, City Council District 5; Dain Schiele, Lowry United Neighbors; Jeannine Shaw, Denver Water; Monica Slusser, TAVA Waters Apartments; Sara Visser, City Council District 5; Debbie Weed, Pelican Point Homeowners Assn.

*Others may have joined partway through the meeting.

Welcome & Introductions, CW Sawyer

CW Sawyer had to leave the meeting at 12:50 to present at the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting at 1:00. After that, Sara Visser and Jenn Gross took over as hosts and to wrap up the meeting.

- CW Sawyer introduced Guest Speakers: District 5 DPD Outreach Case Coordinators (OCC):
 - Sarah Andress, in DPD District 2, sarah.andress@denvergov.org
 - Mandy Barker in DPD District 3, mandy.barker@denvergov.org

CW Sawyer Updates

- District 5:
 - ✓ VA Hospital Site: you may have seen [the article in Denver Business Journal](#) (*you'll need an account to read the article*) about the US Government Services Administration (GSA) splitting up the 12-acre property, keeping some of it and selling some of it. The government is checking for environmental issues at the site. Then the land will be up for sale. That is the only information we know now, but this sale is coming.
 - Under the City's large development review ordinance, anything over five acres goes through the LDR process, which includes community input.
 - This parcel is part of the Federal Asset Sales and Transfer Act (FASTA), which refers to the federal government's high-value assets. For clarity, McKinney-Vento does not apply to FASTA properties. It is unclear if GSA will sell to buyers as a portfolio of

multiple properties or sell this parcel as individual property. The City is advocating for it to be sold as an individual property.

- Here are websites with additional information about this issue:
 - <https://www.gsa.gov/policy-regulations/policy/real-property-policy/asset-management/federal-assets-sale-transfer-act-fasta>
 - List of the properties that were included on the "High Value Asset" list under FASTA: <https://disposal.gsa.gov/s/fasta-properties>.
 - Additional links to FASTA information: <https://disposal.gsa.gov/s/fasta> and <https://www.pbrb.gov/>.
- ✓ 8th Ave. Town Hall is April 7, 6:30pm. Here is the link to register: bit.ly/8thAveTraffic_April7
- ✓ D5 Spring Town Hall is April 29. Here is the link to register: bit.ly/D5SpringTownHall
- ✓ Denver Parks & Rec (DPR): Meredith Levy had a conflict today and couldn't attend. Updates for D5 parks will be emailed with the Meeting Minutes. Contact Meredith at meredithprab@gmail.com.
 - D5 Parks Clean Up Day is May 16
 - Please share our social posts, or graphics are available from our office
 - Use this link to see a list of parks and volunteer: bit.ly/D5SpringParksCleanUp
 - 10 parks, 24 volunteers as of today. A few parks have only one or zero volunteers signed up
 - Verbena Park Update: the redesign is going on now. With the first meeting completed, the second meeting will be in May.
 - *Prior to the meeting, Meredith requested this link about the Rec Centers Re-Opening Plan be shared:* <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Centers-Pools/Recreation-Center-Reopening>
- Citywide:
 - ✓ Lots happening! The D5 monthly electronic newsletter includes much of the City's ongoing projects and efforts. If you want to sign up to receive the newsletter, email Sara at sara.visser@denvergov.org or use this link: [Sign up for our newsletter](#)
- Questions:
 - ✓ John asked for help in getting information out about the Crestmoor Park cleanup on Sunday, April 11. *(See attachment on the email in which these Minutes were distributed.)*
 - ✓ Wende discussed her concern about a petition being circulated supporting allowing off-leash dogs in evening hours.
 - CW Sawyer said this issue would go through DPR and not City Council, so it is best to touch base with Meredith Levy with your feedback: meredithprab@gmail.com.
 - CW Sawyer's office recently "flyered" East Colfax regarding keeping dogs on-leash. *(That flier and another about cleaning up after dogs are attachments on the email in which these Minutes were distributed.)*

- ✓ Judy gave a “shout out” to DPR for helping with the Montclair Egg Hunt and encouraged everyone that events “can be done.” CW Sawyer said that if your organization is hosting an event (Mayfair Concert in the Park, Cranmer Park Movie nights) please share the information with our office if you’d like it promoted in the monthly newsletter.
- ✓ Hilltop is planning 4th of July picnic and fireworks. Glendale fireworks are on for July 2. Cranmer Park-Hilltop is meeting this week or next to finalize the event in Cranmer Park. There are concerns about size of the event. Wende said she’ll let us know asap.
- ✓ Wende mentioned that the summer movie nights will be moved to early fall and there will be only one this year. More information to come.

Special Guests:

Sarah Andress, MSW, LCSW is the OCC in DPD District, sarah.andress@denvergov.org

Mandy Barker is the OCC in DPD District 3, mandy.barker@denvergov.org

- With the support of the Mayor and City Council, the Co-Responder Program, which pays for a mental health care professional in every DPD District, was expanded in the fall.
- Mandy said there are seven OCCs – one for each District and the Gang Unit. They started work in June.
- Different from the STAR program, the goal is to help people in the community get the resources they need. The folks they work with have usually had past contact with police and are high-resource-utilizers.
- Mandy and Sarah get referrals from officers, detectives, community resource officers about people needing long-term care and management, where more than a response to a call to 911 is needed.
- Helping people get signed up for services is important. The system is hard to navigate, especially if a person doesn’t have computer or phone. OCCs literally go out with a clipboard and help them complete the paperwork. DHS is then able to expedite the process and can list the OCC as a contact if the person doesn’t have phone. If they don’t have a mailbox, they can get one at Haven of Home or Metro Caring.
- DPD District 2
 - Website: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Police-Department/District-Stations/District-Two>
 - Sarah Andress: sarah.andress@denvergov.org
- DPD District 3:
 - Website: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Departments/Police-Department/District-Stations/District-Three>
 - Mandy Barker: mandy.barker@denvergov.org
- Questions:
 - ✓ Warning signs might be neighbors fighting because of behavior that might indicate mental health services are needed.

- ✓ Mandy said to feel free to give out her and Sarah's contact information (*contact info above*). D5 will begin receiving the OCC newsletter and will fwd. it to the RNO-HOA Leadership Luncheon contact list.

Community Partner Information Sharing

DPD District 2 – Heidi Lewis Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org 720-913-1094 – had a work-related conflict and did not attend

DFD

Adriana Lara, adriana.lara@denvergov.org (720) 913-3482

Captain Greg Pixley, greg.pixley@denvergov.org

- Adriana said DF is not fully back to outreach activities, however, use this form to request events, like virtual firehouse tours and safety talks for schools and community events using the fire safety trailer and DF recruitment: [Denver Fire Department Community Outreach Form](#)
- Greg gave tips for outdoor grilling safety:
 - ✓ Reduce burns and fires related to grills and natural grills by assuring grills are clean, used outside and moved away from the home - not next to the house because heat accumulates in the wood behind the grill.
 - ✓ Always stay close to the grill to watch it.
 - ✓ Make sure to open the grill lid when starting it, especially with propane grills
 - ✓ Link to National Fire Protection Administration guidelines to increase safety: <https://nfpa.org/education>

DPD District 3

Officer Matt Grimsley, matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org (720) 913-1218

- Reminder about April CAB meeting (*information and link were sent immediately after the meeting*)
- Catalytic converter theft is on the rise – park your car close to the house or in garage, if possible. This is a tricky crime to solve and prevention is best.

Denver Water

Jeannine Shaw, jeannine.shaw@denverwater.org

- Thanked everyone for being at this meeting and for their patience regarding “all the attention” D5 is getting in infrastructure upgrades from Denver Water.
- Three upgrades are going on right now: all these are active and DW knows they are disruptive and appreciates everyone's the patience.
 - ✓ East Colfax: lead service line replacements
 - ✓ Montclair: main water line and lead service line replacements
 - ✓ Near Crestmoor Park: main water line and lead service line replacements
- Thank you to D5 constituents who have called re: trucks idling. “You are our eyes and ears.” DW identified that these trucks are from the paving contractor. DW has spoken with them and reinforced the no-idling rule.

- DW reminds folks who are hesitant about crews' identity that while most are DW employees, crews doing lead replacement is Global Underground and their logo is on the DW website – [click here and scroll down to see the logos of DW partners](#). They have ID, but if you feel something is odd, call DW Customer Care at 303.893.2444.
- Questions:
 - ✓ For Jeannine: Thank you for addressing the idling issue. There are also trucks speeding in the neighborhood – not just from DW. Help with that is appreciated.
 - ✓ Flooding: this is not DW's area. Best to contact the City. Mayfair Neighbors has worked with several City officials regarding stormwater, flooding, and the City's plan to mitigate it, which is in-process. To discuss more with MNI President, Patricia Mulligan, reach out to the D5 office and we'll connect you.
 - ✓ Question about Galileo Baptist Church. No additional information currently.
 - ✓ Paul asked the group if anyone is doing Annual Meetings in person?
 - Many held theirs virtually and are hoping to hold in-person later in the year.
 - At the December Leadership Luncheon, Alex Foster from CPD provided a tool to help with larger virtual meetings. Contact the D5 office for more info.

The next RNO Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for Tuesday, June 1, noon-1:00pm. Representatives with Denver Human Services are scheduled to attend.

Adjourned at 1:30pm