

## **District 5 Registered Neighborhood Organization & Homeowners Association Leadership Lunch**

**Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5**

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Sandi Berenbaum Cranmer Park-Hilltop Community Assn.; Jenn Gross, City Council District 5; Kathy Head, LUN; Emily Lapel, Denver City Council Legislative Aide; Adriana Lara, Denver Fire; Meredith Levy, D5 Parks & Rec Advisory Board; Patricia Mulligan, Mayfair Neighbors; Captain Greg Pixley, Denver Fire; Lesley Renner, Bellevue-Hale Neighborhood Association; Wende Reoch, Cranmer Park-Hilltop; Felicia Rodriguez, City Council District 5; CW Amanda Sawyer, City Council District 5; Jeannine Shaw, Denver Water; Monica Slusser, TAVA Waters; Sara Visser, City Council District 5

### **Welcome & Introductions, CW Sawyer**

CW Sawyer welcomed everyone, led introductions.

### **Guest Speaker: Emily Lapel, Denver City Council Legislative Policy Analyst,**

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- [Click here for Emily's Power Point Presentation](#) or see attachment sent with Minutes email
- For more information, email Emily or go to [denvergov.org/Redistricting](https://denvergov.org/Redistricting)
- Redistricting impacts everybody; every 10 years, City Council is legally required to redraw boundaries
- City Charter outlines the rules to follow: 11 Districts should be compact and have: roughly equal population count, no squiggly lines (gerrymandering), with contiguous territories.
- Districts must also be comprised of full election precincts - drawn by Clerk and Recorder every 10 years
- July - Sept: CC passed resolution and Census data was published in August
- October - December: State of CO must finish redistricting, and then Clerk and Recorder can complete the reprecincting process - [click here to see a timeline](#); CC will be trained on new redistricting software that allows the public to draw maps
  - January – March: bulk of redistricting mapping work will be done; in February, CC will host public meetings facilitated by 3rd party; in March, final map approved by CC
  - Council members must live in a District for one year prior to running for election in that District; April is potentially next election - CM Flynn has proposed to move municipal elections from May to April
- Community can be involved: engagement plan is in three phases; currently in Phase 1 and moving to Phase 2
  - Phase 1: visit [representable.org](https://representable.org) – a platform developed at Princeton University that allows people to draw “communities of interest” which inform initial maps on how a community defines itself

- ✓ Currently 70 maps are drawn; we need more to have good maps for Phase 3; D5 has contributed several and more are needed
  - Phase 2: Census data uploaded into software; public dashboard for public and CC to see how districts have changed since 2000/2010 to see high level changes over last 20 years
  - Phase 3 – residents draw maps using mapping software and submit for CC consideration; messaging is coming to push to your communities; maps will be vetted and tweaked via public meetings
- How to get involved? Now: use Meeting in a Box exercises, perhaps as a group at an RNO-HOA meeting; submit a map on representable.org
  - Meeting in a Box – exercises are attached to Minutes email and are also available through this link - these are the same files sent to all D5 private and public middle and high schools for student participation: [bit.ly/Redistricting2022EducationMaterials](https://bit.ly/Redistricting2022EducationMaterials)
- December - March – training CC and public to use maptitude; RNOs/HOAs encouraged to use maptitude and meet with key community stakeholders to submit a map; elections maps finalized, CC draws the new maps, public vetting of maps, final approval
  - Representable.org maps focus on your community – for use now
  - Maptitude maps focus on all Denver communities – for use after December
- Get involved: attend public meetings to advocate as a community for a map that best fits your RNO/HOA needs; virtual and in person meetings will be publicized, find an ally on Council who aligns with your community values – CW Sawyer and/or At-Large members CW Kneich and Ortega

**Q:** When will resident, HOA and RNO input will happen?

**A:** Community meetings will be in February, and all will be remote, dates are not yet set.

**Q:** For CW Sawyer – what are your priorities and interests in terms of redistricting:

**A:** To create a more seamless, cohesive District in terms of need, a challenge in D5 is that there are 2,000 homes in E Colfax, as well as those in Lowry, Hilltop, Crestmoor, etc. The residents of East Colfax feel that they are not well represented because their neighborhood is split between two Districts at Colfax, and also, they don't fit into same demographic as most of the rest of D5. So, I'll be taking that feedback to Council. E Colfax is where we spend time, money and resources and they don't feel represented by votes because when a majority of constituents feel one way, that's how I am going to vote.

**Q:** Do we use Meeting in a Box then Representable.org then the mapping tool?

**A:** Yes. After November, use mapping tool – maptitude. It is a little more advanced and not yet open, getting it set up and will be open for use in January

**Q:** Is Denver's process separate from all the other processes?

**A:** Yes. State redistricting methodology is completely different from City. The State process minimally affects the City's. The delay of census data has been a challenge and that's why we have a condensed timeline.

## CW Sawyer Updates

- Citywide
  - Budget Season wraps up this week: Council reviews proposed budgets and attends hearings from City agencies; then Council submits amendments and additions
    - ✓ CW Sawyer made one amendment to the Parks & Recreation budget regarding returning to their budget monies for the Denver Municipal Band's mobile stage, as well as adding \$10K – CM Kashmann and CW CdeBaca support this change, will likely be approved
    - ✓ the Budget will be voted on with ARPA funding during the first week in November
  - November Election for School Board and initiatives
  - On Monday, Council made two proclamations unanimously against Initiated Ordinances 303 & 304; funded by dark money to make the City liable to anyone who sues about a campsite.
    - ✓ [Click here to read more.](#)
    - ✓ [Click here to see the Council Minutes and watch the meeting video.](#)
- District 5
  - Parks Clean Up on October 10 at 8:30am: [Click here to sign up!](#)
  - 8th Ave Traffic Study: two meetings to review recommendations and proposals
    - ✓ Tuesday, October 19, 6:00pm [Click here to register](#)
    - ✓ Tuesday, November 16, 6:00pm [Click here to register](#)
  - East Colfax Community Safety Meeting Tuesday, October 7, 7:00pm [Click here to register](#)
  - Gun Buy-Back Program in the work in partnership with Colorado Springs-based Raw Tools and the City of Aurora
  - Grant program for small business CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) study: how to help small business with funding to follow security recommendations
  - 50 S. Colorado Blvd.: building will be demolished and 20 townhomes to be built on that site
  - 6th Ave & Dayton St. Traffic Studies in the works
  - Lowry 2050 Visioning Meeting: working with CSU on Civic Capacity as initial plan ends; focus on future land use incorporating business and community perspectives, public meetings will be held
  - Upcoming Events for Newsletter: send information about your Annual Meeting, updates about board member elections and new board member contact info.
  - D5 Resident Survey will be open until 12/31/21: [bit.ly/D5residentsurvey2021](https://bit.ly/D5residentsurvey2021)

From CPH: Halloween Picnic on 10/31 at 11:00am will be combined with the ribbon cutting for the playground upgrades at Robinson Park. [Click here for more info.](#)

## Community Partner Information Sharing

DPD District 3: Officer Matt Grimsley, [matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org](mailto:matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org) (720) 913-1218

- D3 CAB: in person on 10/5, 6:00pm – Commander Kyle will have crime stats
- Halloween: trick or treat at District 3 station on Friday, October 29
- Crime prevention reminder: be sure to lock cars and remove valuables, and close garage doors

**Denver Parks & Recreation, Meredith Levy, [meredithprab@gmail.com](mailto:meredithprab@gmail.com)**

- Sign up for Park Clean-Up Day and invite 10 of your friends! [Click here to sign up!](#)
- Montclair Rec is open, and pools opened last week, not open on Sundays, due to staffing shortages, Please encourage anyone interested to apply for part-time lifeguarding positions at all pools
- Robinson Park: playground scheduled to reopen 10/31
- Crestmoor: new paths continuing to be installed, please do not put handprints in concrete, the City will have to pay to re-pour; Phase 2 will begin soon; picnic area north of cul de sac is done and more benches coming in
- Verbena: still in design phase and community engagement opportunities are coming
- RISE vote on 11/2: includes specific D5 projects - Crestmoor playground, Dennison basketball court and sidewalks at Crestmoor; Parks is section 2D; please vote yes!
- Monthly DPR Advisory Board meeting is 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, next is October 13. [Click here for more info.](#)
- Community engagement opportunities: Outdoor Adventure and Alternative Sports Master Plan to increase opportunities for land, water and snow activities in the City and mountains. [Click here to take the survey](#) and pass along to your communities.

**Denver Water: Jeannine Shaw, [jeannine.shaw@denverwater.org](mailto:jeannine.shaw@denverwater.org)**

- Reminder to winterize irrigation systems soon to avoid costly repairs in the spring.
  - Tip to include in newsletters if desired: <https://www.denverwater.org/residential/efficiency-tip/winter-coming-are-you-ready>
- DW is also experiencing a staffing shortage, especially in Contact Center; until staff are hired, wait times are significantly longer than desired service levels. To make a payment or for general questions use [online options](#)
- Construction project updates: (work map available [here](#))
  - Montclair neighborhood. About 13-month project timeframe. Lead service lines were replaced as part of this project. Project completed except for the last block on Kearney from 9th -10th where paving patch is done but mill and overlay still needs completion. Waiting on ETA (weather, contractor and material availability dependent).
  - Hilltop neighborhood near Crestmoor Park. Lead service lines were replaced as part of this project. Still doing final restoration work (paving, concrete work- sidewalk, curb and gutter repairs, landscaping). Waiting on ETA (weather, contractor and material availability dependent).
  - There will be another section of work that will happen in 2022 in Hilltop. Timeline TBD.
  - There have been difficulties in the supply chain for getting asphalt and other materials.

- [Lead Reduction Program](#) work continues. Please continue to use [filters](#) provided by Denver Water if you are enrolled in the program. Not sure if you're enrolled? Check your address on the online inventory map [here](#).

**Captain Greg Pixley**, [greg.pixley@denvergov.org](mailto:greg.pixley@denvergov.org) DFD: **Adriana Lara**, [adriana.lara@denvergov.org](mailto:adriana.lara@denvergov.org) (720) 913-3482

- DF recommends changing smoke/CO2 detector batteries when we change our clocks for Daylight Savings on November 7
- Encourage people replace old smoke/CO2 detectors with new technology - 8–10-year models so you don't have to change batteries every 6 months; if anyone needs one, reach out to Greg or Adriana to get one at no cost
- Make sure furnace is ready to go - when first turned on, there is an accumulation of particulates - dust, hair, dander, which smells like smoke; hire an HVAC professional to make sure furnace is working correctly; replace filter - more efficient and reduces chance of fire
- If using space heaters, keep it three feet away from everything
- Call 911 at the first sign of a fire; the sooner the better to possibly save a life and put out a fire
- DF has partnered with Red Cross and is looking at locations for them to further promote fire prevention; Red Cross can install the detectors, DFD cannot legally install
- For tips on how to help elderly folks with fire prevention tips, visit information on the [DFD webpage](#) or search online for organizations in line with what DFD promotes. [National Fire Administration](#).

The next RNO-HOA Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, December 7, noon-1:00pm**.

Adjourned at 1:07pm