

**District 5 Registered Neighborhood Organization Leadership Lunch  
Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5  
October 6, 2020, noon-1:00pm**

**Virtual Meeting  
Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Amanda Sawyer, City Council District 5; Barb DeSaro, Lowry United Neighbors; Bill Skewes, Lowry Community Master Association; Captain Greg Pixley, Denver Fire Department; Cari Irvin, Windsor Gardens; Jenn Gross, City Council District 5; Jerry McHugh, Crestmoor One; JoyAnn Ruscha, City Council District 5; Kathy Head, Lowry United Neighbors; Leah Older, Park Forest; Leslie Reingold, Mayfair Neighbors; Mary Carr, Lowry Community Master Assn.; Meredith Levy, Denver Parks and Rec Advisory Board for District 5; Nicole Malo, Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn.; Officer Heidi Lewis, Denver Police Department District 2; Officer Matt Grimsley, Denver Police Department District 3; Officer Michael Borquez, Denver Police Department District 3; Patricia Mulligan, Mayfair Neighbors; Pete Casillas, Crestmoor Park; Rebecca Zazueta, Windsor Gardens; Sandi Berenbaum, Cranmer Park-Hilltop Civic Assn.; Sara Visser, City Council District 5; Thomas Edward, (RNO affiliation unknown); Wende Reoch, Cranmer Park – Hilltop Civic Assn.

\*Others may have joined partway through the meeting.

**Welcome & Introductions – Councilwoman Sawyer**

- Thank you for all you do for the community
- Goals – partnership, information sharing, communication, learning, best practices, etc.
- Introductions

**Councilwoman Sawyer Update**

- Citywide:
  - ✓ Group living conversations 11/10 and 11/17, decisions coming up in 2021
  - ✓ Community policing conversation happening in 2 ways, led by Citizens oversight board (we are waiting for recommendations) and then with respect to city structure and moving oversight of certain things to other depts (ex: moving STAR program to DDPHE oversight)
- District 5:
  - ✓ Open rezonings (3 open + east area plan)
  - ✓ ADU rezoning in east Colfax
  - ✓ Elections on Nov 3
  - ✓ East Colfax lighting/safety project

**DPD Updates**

- **DPD District 2 Officer Lewis** [Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org](mailto:Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org) 720-913-1094
  - ✓ Update on light project for east Colfax neighborhood
  - ✓ Faith in Blue event
  - ✓ Halloween Trick or Trunk event

- **DPD District 3 Officer Borquez** [Mike.Borquez@denvergov.org](mailto:Mike.Borquez@denvergov.org) 720-913-1183, and **Officer Grimsley** [matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org](mailto:matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org) 720-913-1218
  - ✓ Community advisory meeting
  - ✓ Halloween
  - ✓ Great helpful community conversation last week re events at Crestmoor and Boulevard One. Watch at Facebook
  - ✓ Monthly Neighborhood Watch training 10/15
  - ✓ Crime prevention @ South High 10/31
  
- **DFD Updates, Captain Pixley**, [Greg.Pixley@denvergov.org](mailto:Greg.Pixley@denvergov.org), 303-503-7490
  - ✓ Fire prevention week is this week, no in-person events due to COVID
  - ✓ October is fire prevention month
  - ✓ New EMT program can now respond in FD vehicles to evaluate a med situation that is less severe, so keep your eyes out for pickup trucks with FD logo
  - ✓ Pepsi center testing just closed, but mobile testing (including coming to people's homes) is still an option
  - ✓ EIT (early intervention team) with DDPHE – to help provide some of the resources needed for people experiencing homelessness
  - ✓ 59 firefighters from Denver are fighting wildfires

**Parks & Rec Advisory Board** Meredith Levy, [meredithlevy@gmail.com](mailto:meredithlevy@gmail.com)

- Parks clean-up day 10/11 at 8:30, volunteer at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d49a8aa29aaffc70-district>
- [meredithprab@gmail.com](mailto:meredithprab@gmail.com), posts a lot on nextdoor
- Roller rink being built in Lowry at Jackie Robinson field – grand opening happening sometime in October
  - ✓ Kids will get hockey sticks and balls at drive-through grand opening, stay tuned
  - ✓ More to come when COVID is over
  - ✓ Robinson Park fundraising update
    - <http://theparkpeople.org/RobinsonParkPlayground>
    - Breaking ground in early 2021
    - New basketball court, sidewalk on 2<sup>nd</sup>, lots of community input
    - This playground will have accessible features
    - If we can raise \$50k we can get a few extra upgrades (we are at \$30k right now)
  - ✓ Montclair Park improvements happening
    - Tennis court redone
    - Horseshoes added
  - ✓ Crestmoor Park path
    - Recorded meeting from May 28
    - Path will be started next fall
  - ✓ Verbena Park Playground redesign will be included in the 2021 budget

- ✓ PRAB monthly meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday 5:30-7:30 online, sign up in advance and comment publicly
  - <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/planning/community-relations-outreach/advisory-board-prab.html>
- ✓ Fall 2020 DPR activity guide is out
  - <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/activities-programs.html>
  - Crestmoor watercolor class in evenings on Thursdays
  - MyDenver Activities at Montclair Rec Center – attendance has been low, they are offering great stuff to get kids out of the house and give parents a break; sports, tie-dye, etc
- ✓ Please help spread the word on DPR parks surveys!
- ✓ Please report broken park items to 311 so that we can get things fixed
- ✓ You can also call the park rangers 303-331-4050
  - Appropriate things to call them about include kids hanging out on the roof of the bathrooms!

#### **Questions & Open Conversation**

- Zoom bombing concerns for neighborhood annual meetings when link is posted publicly
- next RNO Luncheon scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of December 12-1 pm

#### **Adjourn**