

District 5 Registered Neighborhood Organization & Homeowners Association Leadership Lunch

Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5

Tuesday, April 5, Noon-1:30pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: CW Amanda Sawyer (Council District 5), Julian Wolff (Denver Animal Protection), Officer Grimsley (DPD3), Officer Murray (DPD2), Officer Madlock (DPD2) Meredith Levy (PRAB), Jimmy Luthye (Denver Water), Adriana Lara (DFD), Kathy Head (LUN), Jane Lorimer, Judy Baxter (Historic Montclair) Paul Aceto (Virginia Vale), John Sadwith (Crestmoor Park-2) Wende Reoch (Hilltop), Aaron McCauley (TAVA Waters), Cari Ervin (Windsor Gardens), Felicia Rodriguez (City Council District 5), Kamal Hassan (City Council District 5)

*Others may have joined during the meeting.

Welcome & Introductions, CW Sawyer

CW Sawyer welcomed everyone, led introductions, and then introduced Guest Speaker: Julian Wolff, Community Engagement Manager Public Health Administrator, DPHE – Denver Animal Protection

Guest Speakers, Julian Wolff

Contact information: julian.wolff@denvergov.org

- Will come out and meet w/RNO and residents and bring an officer. Please contact him directly if you would like to set up a time.
- Denver Animal Shelter part of DDPHE (Denver Dept. of Public Health & Environment).
 - Partners with Dumb Friends League and other orgs
- Residents can adopt animals, vaccines, microchipping, license animals at the location.
- Animal average stay at shelter-11 days.
 - Exhaust all opportunities for evaluations of animals before sending to euthanasia
- Licensing is tied to vaccines.
 - Denver sees rabies in skunks & racoons.
 - Call the office or 311 if you see a skunk or raccoon in the daytime. This could be rabies or another disease.
- Breed restrictions-legislation overturned by the voters.
 - There is now a legal pathway to own a pit bull in Denver.
 - Owners must register for an evaluation.
 - Walk ins welcome 1-3p 7 days/week.
 - \$25 license for all dogs (& \$30 breed restriction for pit bulls)
- Summer is coming:
 - Don't let pets drink warm standing waters (blue algae will kill dogs)
 - Do not leave animals in hot car (be mindful of temperatures).
- Safe Have Program

- People often don't leave domestic violence situations because they want to protect animals.
- Shelter has dedicated space where they will hold an animal while folks get out of an unsafe situation.

Jane L: I have a fox that stays in my backyard for safety. What do we do?

A: There is a difference between domestic and wild animals. We don't remove wild animals from their habitat unless it's a safety concern for public health. Animal patrol will come out and remove and release them away from the home. Make sure domestic animals are vaccinated and notify neighbors of wild animals. It's important to communicate with your neighbors. You can purchase things online to make the space uninhabitable to scare them away. Also you can contact a reputable wildlife agency, but generally unless it's for health and safety, Denver won't remove wild animals. Find out more at www.denveranimalshelter.org

FR questions about licensing:

A: If a resident has a pressing need, come in and do it over the counter. Once a resident submits the information online, then you will have to wait until the service provider contracted with the City processes the payment and sends the paperwork. The address to register animals in person is 1241 W. Bayaud Ave.

John Sadwith: Do you deal with cats too? Concern about cats off leash and killing other animals & wildlife.

A: Yes, Denver Animal Shelter will house lost cats but not feral/community cats. Residents can trap feral cats and bring them in, and they will neuter/spay them, chip them, and vaccinate. They will then be released back into the neighborhood where they were found. Contact Metro Cat as another resource. When cats are loose and on your property, it's considered trespassing, so you can trap animals and bring them into the shelter. Highly recommend talking to your neighbors first.

Community Partner Information Sharing

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

- Commanders Advisory Board (CAB) Meeting is tonight, April 5 at 6:00pm. Commander will have up-to-date crime stats.
- Neighborhood Watch is April 7 in person. Email D3NeighborhoodWatch@denvergov.org to RSVP.
- Looking forward to warmer months, community engagement events.

Q: John Sadwith - Catalytic converter thefts. What is going on with that.

A: Borquez – there isn't legislation to prevent shops from taking in stolen pieces. Will send article from Denver Gazette. Catalytic legislation is at the state level.

Q: Wende R – Update on CAB meetings

A: If you aren't on the list for CAB information, please send an email to the District 3 police and they will add you. The Council office also forwards that information when we receive it.

Q: Jane L – Street racing. What do we do?

A: Street racing there is a statewide taskforce, call 911 and/or can reportstreetracing.com

Q: Jane L – Abandoned vehicle, what do we do?

A: Contact 311 and the Council office. The Sheriff's take care of removing these vehicles. Due to low staffing, they are behind which is why it is taking so long.

DPD District 2: Officer Murray Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org 720-913-1094

- No updates

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

- Grilling Safety-make sure they are clean and don't put close to your house.
- Outreach Request Information and Form: Denver Fire is dedicated to working together to achieve the highest levels of preparedness, prevention and community involvement with a dedication to purpose. We are honored to participate I community events and similar public gatherings to meet our neighbors and talk about fire prevention and education. Please make all request at least THREE WEEKS in advance to help us balance community requests with emergency responses, trainings, fire inspections, and other firefighter responsibilities. Please understand that if your event date is sooner than three weeks from today, we are usually unable to participate in your event. DFD's Operation Division will schedule the request.
[Community Outreach Link](#)
- Marshall Fire - urban interface risk is low, but still be conscious about field fires. DFD is putting together a presentation for homeowners and will be happy to present at an upcoming RNO-LL meeting with the Office of Emergency Management.

Denver Water: Jimmy Luthye, jimmy.luthye@denverwater.org

- New online dashboard for customers. denverwater.org
- Water supply outlook: summer watering rules (May, June, July) Reservoir storage is at normal this time of year. 89% Colorado river, S. Platt 73% of normal which is low. Snow pack peaks in late April, early May. Right now things look good, but they may be more heightened level of restrictions going into summer. Not looking at drought restrictions but that may be a possibility. Don't turn on your sprinklers yet. Use water as wisely as possible.
- Construction Updates
 - Hilltop
 - Washington/Virginia Vale
 - South Hilltop: E Dakota to E Alameda. Glencoe and Grape Streets from Dakota to Bayaud almost complete.

Q: Judy Baxter – Heard that Denver Water sent water filters that are not filtering lead. Is this true? What do we do?

A: There were a few in the last batch that don't filter lead. It was a mix up with the supplier. A second one was sent to all residents just to be safe, but if you're unsure, look at the box and picture to double check.

Denver Parks & Recreation, Meredith Levy, meredithprab@gmail.com

- Met with Parks Planner to give feedback for CIP projects for D5. Meet with for budget recommendations but until the budget is approved, we don't know what improvements will come.
- 2023 timeline for Crestmoor Park design – in consultation with the community. Completion by 2024.
- Priorities:
 - Improvements to Lindsley Park (park, playground, sidewalks, water). The Council office is planning a community meeting so that we can have a more comprehensive strategy moving forward. Stay tuned for more information.
- Shifts in districts will adjust projects with redistricting.
- Bond projects for basketball court upgrades to Dennison and Ben Bezoff Parks. Verbena Park redesign has been fully designed with community input (RFP for project out now). Construction expected to begin later 2022 or early 2023.
- Parks Clean-up May 15. Please share with community to get more involved. <https://bit.ly/SpringParksCleanUp22>
- Solar Car ports at Lowry tennis courts. City will be installing. Open House May 14 1-3p.
- Lowry will also be getting pickleball courts.
- May community articles are an update on Parks – keep an eye out for it.

CW Sawyer Updates

- Citywide
 - **Redistricting Community Meetings:** This process has been approved, but doesn't go into effect until July 2023. Residents will be voting on new council person in April 2023 but represented by their current CM until July 2023. Find more at denvergov.org/redistricting.
 - **Gun Buyback Program Dates:** First event went amazing collected 189 firearms. Shared several stories about why people turned in their weapons. This is harm reduction in action. Upcoming events, please share from our social media.
 - May 21st - Denver - Platt Park Church
 - June 11th - Aurora – Heritage Christian Center (National Gun Buyback Day event with the Denver Broncos)
 - July 16th - Denver, Park Hill Golf Course
 - August 20th - Aurora, Living Water Christian Center
 - September 17th - Denver, New Life Christian Church

- October 15th - Aurora, Colorado Community Church
- District 5
 - **D5 Traffic Studies:**
 - 6th Ave. New Traffic Study - Colorado Boulevard to Quebec Street
 - Survey closed April 1 and data collection happening in May
 - S. Dayton St. New Traffic Study - Alameda Avenue to Mississippi Avenue
 - Survey: bit.ly/DaytonStreetSurvey, closes April 15th
 - **Paving Plan (will be in April Newsletter)**
 - 2022 Paving Plan
 - Five Year Paving
 - 6th Ave from Colorado Blvd to Clermont - side walks coming in 2022 so that an RRFB light can be installed at 6th and Claremont
 - 6th to Crestmoor Park on Monaco
 - **Parks Cleanup Day May 15th**
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 - **Schlessman library update**
 - The Schlessman upgrades are in the design phase, and the City is struggling to fit the project into the original scope given the significant inflation.
 - Libraries are not going to have an expansion on hours due to staffing challenges.

The next RNO-HOA Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 7th, noon - 1:15 pm**. Scheduled Guest Speaker is Harriet Crittendon-La Mer, Executive Director of the Highline Canal Conservancy.

Adjourned at 1:20pm