

## Baker Historic Neighborhood Association, General Meeting

Location: 333 W. Ellsworth Ave., Community Room

April 9, 2019

6:30: Call to Order

6:33: Introductions

6:35: Police Update, Sergeant Cash Increase for theft in motor vehicle, from 3<sup>rd</sup> to Alameda; opportunity crime; increased patrol; only real uptick, rest has remained fairly quiet; on April 11 from 6-8 p.m. on 457 S. Broadway, TACO about it with a talk, Blue Bonnet

6:41: Treasurer report, Kathleen Morris, \$11,645.20 in bank, \$246 incoming

### **Old Business**

6:42 Roger Day, ADU presentation 3 of 3; Recap of presentations from previous two meetings; Baker is No. 37 in list of landmark, with 19 added since; application of overlay may assist in solving conflicts between zoning and landmark; want particular elements if governance of neighborhood will be given over to another organization, such as landmark standards over ADU conformity in neighborhood; to attempt changes, need iteration of rules when BHNA voted to accept Landmark status, and a comparison of their current iteration and the impact on the neighborhood.

Forms, surfaces, and materials for ADUs more restrictive now.

Propose written request for changes in 18 years since Landmark; I motion BHNA do formal CORA request from Landmark for changes in rules enacted in 18 years since Baker has become a historic district; seconded John Petit

Mark Tabor says upcoming design may be best opportunity to attempt to revise plan; Ozi says problems are new creation and newly understood, so need to get further information; Roger states wants clarification of what the rules are and how they have changed

Ozi states have opportunity to change guidelines

Vote: 2-8-14

Luchia offers to send CORA request for Roger

7:04 Baker Transportation Plan updates: Gabby states May 8, time TBD, evening, community meeting; will prioritize projects; email with final times on distribution list, Morgan Whitman project PM, or [neighborhoodmobility@denvergov.org](mailto:neighborhoodmobility@denvergov.org)

May 8 will also include proposed parking changes

Denver Moves Broadway, Steve Harley and Marieka Buhlman were reps; Gabby wants to know events this summer so they can present; holding office hours

Connect Alameda, connecting Alameda, Athmar, and Valverde with Alameda lightrail station; lighting, rail station, improvements for underpass; overpass, from RTD to Bayaud, take bike facilities to the north,

go through RTD property (struggle for easements); coming in at \$68 million, high for .25 mile, but conceptual engineering design, so can split off projects as funding becomes available and build so one project at a time without impacting overall project; presents overpass and underpass diagrams, includes request for preference as to barriers: cars (barrier) bikes, people or cars, bikes (barrier) people; problem is underpass is crumbling, and danger for security and safety, so need it to finish before can start, but need vision so can incorporate it and pay for it in securing the walls

## **New Business**

6:41 Seats open on Board for next election, secretary and at-large seats open, but anyone in neighborhood can run for any position

7:29: Candidates, Penfield Tate and Lisa Calderon present

Penfield Tate: Wants to address discontent, and feels not ethical or transparent leadership, including overdevelopment; not anti-growth, but responsibility in growth and planning, and priority for affordable housing; people can't downsize, and homeless can't afford a place to live in Denver or surrounding areas; solution proposed with multiple layers, including services and temporary and permanent housing; roads a cluttered mess: flex lanes, focus on movement, and need new leadership; has experience from state legislator and Mayor Pena's office with multi-billion dollar proposal

Lisa Calderon: College professor at Regis; wants community input for government; talks about past experience with food shortage and homelessness, serving community with background in law and policy; need core infrastructure for communities;

Questions: Preparation for next recession, Lisa says that is a concern, so need to prepare for that, strengthen small businesses, and Denver more resilient because small business economy allowed commerce to continue without one or two businesses failing and leading to large failures of communities (village concepts); Penfield: do not have right investments to prepare for slowdown, including in small business, wants focus on small, minority, and women owned businesses with city investment; population changes leading to business changes in neighborhoods, so invest in core infrastructure

What are infrastructure priorities: Lisa: who is being left out, those without much political voice and poorest (sidewalks, bike lanes); get real about the climate crisis, green new deal toward economy of zero carbon emissions, especially with equity piece; Tate: infrastructure starts with affordable housing, create more in different neighborhoods so stop pricing people out of the city (fifth most fled city, losing millennials because people will never be able to buy a home, and losing Hispanic population); mobility, need Denver centric solutions, and RTD is regional focused, not city, neighborhood shuttles and circulars, and between neighborhoods, helpful for errands; fix roads and sidewalks, especially for 40% of city without sidewalks

Environmental justice: Tate: Need focus on projects and socioeconomic status of where projects are, and responsive to remediation for neighborhoods; Calderon: Globeville and Swansea most polluted, but never supported, and fighting now for settlement and improvements for those polluted areas and to prevent them in the future

7:55 p.m. Hayes: running for council-at-large, Baker resident; promotion of the arts in the city; important to assist those with handicaps, especially those who are hearing impaired; government accountability; homeless situation

7:58: UMS, Ean Tafoya: understand festivals are failing, so see potential for increased in attendance, and anticipating how to reduce harm that may come from that; bicycle parking, want to increase plans for cigarettes, recognition of sexual predation; contact [ean@ums.com](mailto:ean@ums.com). Will not run as late on Sunday night. Main stage in same place this year.

8:05 Little River Collective, Mark Bergens, owner of Little Pub; Renegade Facility at 1<sup>st</sup> and Santa Fe, for sale, some brewers attempting to buy Renegade, but due to death of one, Little Pub attempting to assist; wants to change licensing to brewpub for legality, hearing April 26; would take center and put food in and tap room, Renegade as well with part-time brewing, open likely 5-11, not necessarily seven days per week; Steve Harley recommends Good Neighborhood Agreement for site given residential impacts of traffic and protection necessary for changing of hands; Harley motioned for seeking GNA, and Loretta seconded: 18-0-3

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Landmark:** Second review for ADU at 144 W. Bayaud; photo competition for Historic Denver

Silos out of posting phase without attempt to designate, so still awaiting demolition permit,

Landmark seeking new members

8:25 Approve March minutes, acclimation minus one abstention

**Zoning:** Deviation distilling going for tavern and standard cabaret license, but floorplan shows distillery still in operation; timeline is until end of May for hearing; consider GNA with Deviation; Steve Harley motions for GNA discussion, Tim Lopez seconds, 16-0-0.

Conservation overlay for ADUs, just zoning, for all of area, not just landmark designated area

Denver Moves Broadway: survey available on internet

5:30 p.m. 4/11 Off-leash dog park meeting at dog shelter

**INC:** Loretta, Zoning and Planning did go over renters' rights, INC hosting forum; emerging trends, tiny houses, small SROs (single-room occupancy); group living and housing, unrelated adults, one more meeting in May, then public meeting April 27, 9:30 a.m. is next meeting

8:45 Roger motions to adjourn, Tim seconds, passed by acclimation