

WeCAN Board Meeting
Minutes
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The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm by Nadia Patrick

In attendance – Alan Burch, Diana Dietvorst, Jim Dietvorst, Cindy Gallard, Suellen Mack, Josh Patrick, Nadia Patrick, Leah Rounds, and Ben Stetler. Guest Truman Bradly.

New Business

Cameron Burtron from EFG would like to present at the May meeting on design developments at the St. Anthony site. SLCG typically give him the last 15 minutes of their meetings. If he has nothing new to present, give Cameron the last 15 minutes.

Southwest Alternative Care is a medical marijuana shop on Colfax and Perry. Previously said they would not apply for a recreational license, now they are applying for one. Truman (one of the owners) would like to present to the board before their May 20th hearing. SW Alt Care has been there three years, has one of the original medical license, is contributing \$300 to each clean-up day without asking for advertising. Issue tabled to later in the meeting to allow time for Truman to arrive.

Budget

Currently have about \$18k in the budget. Need to set a contingency amount to hold in reserve, \$10K. Have roughly \$2k in expenses each year. Budget has been well managed. Metal recycling brought in roughly \$2k last year (price of metal has dropped not making this program worth continuing at present).

Motion was made to set a contingency amount of \$10k in the budget. Seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Expenses include \$1,300 for newsletters, \$1k for insurance (an errors and omissions policy, not liability), and various expenses for events, printing, etc.

New Business continued

The next planning meeting for the Alamo Drafthouse summer movie event is coming up. All money raised at this event will go to Girls, Inc. again. Alamo is funding the majority of the event.

Budget continued

Had about \$7k of contributions last year – much of it for the library fundraiser and garage sale. (As an aside, the garage sale and WeCAN Cares Fund needs to develop an evaluation process to choose a project). Annual donations generally have included

Confluence Ministries, Colfax Elementary, and the Community Garden. Need to set a maximum amount of money going out each year.

New Business continued

Truman Bradly, one of the owners of Southwest Alternative Care, presented on his business applying for a recreational license.

Has been thinking of getting a recreation license for a while. Been watching the market with recreation, have talked it over with his partners, and decided to go for the license. People have been moving away from medical and sales have been going down. SW Alt Care is committed to the community, and runs safely and responsibly. Took over a medical shop that was already there, and has been there 3 years. Have been a good business. Not aware of any problems the business has caused. Aware that West Colfax is a contentious place for marijuana licenses. SW's location is that last place along WC that can get a recreation license. A small business, run the right way. If people in the community want to see things run differently, SW is open to working with the community and changing things.

Discussion/Q&A

Q - The people that shop there currently, do they walk or drive? Both. Zip codes 80204 and the one just south are the majority of the customers. If went rec, would likely also pull customers from Lakewood. The grow facility is in Boulder, and have a sister store on south Santa Fe.

Q - If you go retail, would you expand? Current store space is about 500 sq. ft. Looked into buying the Rose Lady flower shop, but didn't work out. Would like to expand if SW goes rec.

From a business viewpoint, Truman and SW has reached out to WeCAN, come to community meetings, and has an openness to a good neighbor policy.

Asking for support from WeCAN for this license, or at least not to oppose it. Needs to be presented and voted on at a general membership meeting.

Truman can reach out to other businesses for ideas on drafting a good neighbor policy. But would rather hear it from our community, on what we would like to see in such a policy.

Q – Had any inspections? Have had many inspections and never had a citation. Received two minor health code violations. SW has a good record.

The Jewish community have been good neighbors, and this location isn't as close to Jewish facilities as the other rec license applicant was on Wolff. Truman would welcome discussions with the Jewish community. The high school girls crossed at Wolff several

times a day, and the SW location is closer to the Yeshiva. Cindy can get Truman in touch with the Yeshiva to have a discussion.

SW will only serve 21+

All voted in favor to bring this issue to the general membership meeting on May 12th. Truman will be given ten minutes to present, then a vote will be take.

Future Meetings Plan

May – Truman from SW, Announcements, potluck, Cameron given last 20 minutes, possibly Matt from DUG

June – Tony on a DMV program

Budget continued

Motion to donate \$1,000 to Confluence Ministries in 2015, seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Motion to donate \$500 to Colfax Elementary in 2015, seconded, all voted in favor, motion carried.

Need to be prepared to support Cheltenham in the same way. Other past donations have included the community garden, WeCAN Cares Fund, and money put towards events (neighborhood festival, clean-up day).

Everyone will review the budget Cindy sent out and budget discussions can continue next month.

Old Business

Garage Sale Discussion: Is a time intensive project, does raise a lot of money, an opportunity to meet a lot of neighbors, the purpose is to service those right in the neighborhood, it is WeCAN's outreach program. Need to come up with criteria of where to give the money. Need to solicit proposals to find someone in need of a project.

Donation button on WeCAN's website, Alan will work on putting it back up.

Adjourn at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,

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