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December 2011

WeCAN General Membership Meeting

1400 Quitman St., Confluence Ministries Building

December 13, 2011 6:00pm

- 6:00 pm Call to order, announcements
- WeCAN Do Great Things award, new member drawing
- Denver Police Officer
- Election of 2012 WeCAN Board of Directors and Officers
- Presentation by EFG Brownfield Partners, the developer in final negotiations with St. Anthony's Hospital to redevelop the 19 acre site
- Holiday dessert exchange and nonperishable food drive for a local food bank

The December general membership meeting

of *WeCAN* will be of great interest to all members. Make your plans to attend now! A desert exchange and non-perishable food drive for the local food bank will be undertaken at the start of the meeting.

WeCAN will be electing the 2012 Board of Directors and Officers at the Dec. 13 general membership meeting. There are still two seats open on the ballot for individuals who would like to contribute 3-5 hours a month to neighborhood improvements. Call of email Barbara Baker, thanksb@comcast.net, 303-257-9808 for more info.

The proposed ballot for 2012 is:

2012 WeCAN Board of Directors

Co-President- Chad Reischl

Co-President—Benjamin Stetler

Vice-President – Alan Burch

Secretary - Leah Rounds

Treasurer - Suellen Mack

President-Emeritus – Barbara Baker

Community Garden Chair _____

Environmental Committee Chair

Land Use Committee Chair – Jonathan Austin

Liaison – Laurie King

Crime Prevention Chair – Carolyn Bellicci

Newsletter Distribution Chair - Bill Baker

Communications Chair - Mike Garner

At-Large Member – Cindy Gallard, serving on Land Use Committee

At-Large Member – Shane Wright

St. Anthony's Central Redevelopment: The EFG

Brownfield Partners recent press release states: Centura Health, the state's largest health care provider, announced today that it has entered into exclusive negotiations with Denver-based EFG Brownfield Partners, for the purchase and sale of the former St. Anthony Central Hospital Campus. In the coming weeks, EFG Brownfield Partners will begin engaging directly with the community regarding the development of the plan for the 18.85-acre campus. St. Anthony Hospital will honor its commitment to the community by providing ongoing health care services including urgent care, primary care, imaging, specialty clinics and Health Passport, the community health education program that was started by St. Anthony Hospitals in 2001.

WeCAN Land Use Committee will meet December 14, 2011 at 1400 Osceola St. at 6:00pm. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend.

OntheFax Artist Co-op, the community's fledgling artists/crafters group, is gearing up for their 2nd annual Holiday Arts & Crafts Fair to be held at Confluence Ministries, 1400Quitman, on December 11, 11:00am – 3:00pm. We are currently looking for crafters and artists interested in selling their wares. Booth/table space is \$20 plus a donation of one of your products that will be part of a silent auction or a door prize. We'll also have live music and pictures taken with Santa. If you are interested in being a vendor, please contact Noni Strawn or Patricia Romero at onthefax@yahoo.com. Put this date on your calendar for local holiday shopping (many items under \$10) and photos with the Santa.

The Face of Redevelopment in the West Colfax Neighborhood is changing rapidly:

 Denver Public Works has completed its street work on West Colfax, and the West Colfax BID has completed the median splashguards. The BID will be planting the medians in the spring. Meanwhile, look for the BID's sculptures to go up on the medians in December.

- West End Flats at West Colfax and Yates has the second story of their 101 unit building framed and still on schedule for opening late March 2012.
- The Urban Land Conservancy has completed initial cleanup of their site at Colfax and Irving for the new West Denver Library and Del Norte's mixed-use project. ULC will begin infrastructure construction in January.
- Girls, Inc. has graced West Colfax with a colorful mural.
- RTD and city road work at the Knox Street bridge is completed and the street is open once again.

Crime Prevention Corner with Carolyn Bellicci

At the November 2011 General Meeting we had a wonderful guest speaker, BJ Iacino, from the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless (CCH) who was kind enough to provide to those in attendance an informative picture of the face of homelessness. Unlike other presenters from CCH who have provided information about the coming West End Flats, and the residents who will reside there, BJ offered a broader look at the homeless population and how CCH has become so instrumental in providing support to this otherwise isolated portion of society. If you have further questions regarding what was presented or about what CCH does, please visit their website at http://www.coloradocoalition.org/ or you may contact BJ at biacino@coloradocoalition.org or 303-285-5223.

Also, I am seeking interested residents to participate on the new Neighborhood Watch Committee in an effort to grow this crime prevention tool in the West Colfax neighborhood. If you are interested in participating, please email me at carolynbillecci@wecandenver.org or call me at 720-480-4949. In addition, I am seeking volunteers to help staff the West Colfax COP Shop beginning Spring 2012. To become a volunteer you must first submit an application with the Denver Police Department. Please visit the Denver Police Departments volunteer website http://208.42.235.74/VIPHomePage/tabid/428742/Defa ult.aspx, which can provide additional information, including a link to the application required to become a volunteer.

The DIY Network's hit show "RESCUE

RENOVATION" is now searching for do-it-yourself Denver area homeowners who have gotten in over their heads and have stalled in their home renovation project. Selected applicants should have started a remodel of one area of their home (demolition stage preferred), but are now stuck for one reason or another and don't know what to do next.

Licensed contractor and **host, Kayleen McCabe**, and her team of experts will come to the rescue and save these project-challenged homeowners! Applicants must have an appropriate budget already set aside for the renovation. If

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interested, please e-mail rescue@highnoontv.com for an application, or apply on-line at: http://www.highnoonentertainment.com/casting_apply_

new.php?application_id=2A.

Denver Broncos home games in December are on the 11th and 18th. Remember parking restrictions are in effect the Sports Authority Field at Mile High area and ticketing and towing will be enforced.

Support WeCAN Fundraiser Recycling:

All scrap metal or items that can be resold on Craigslist are welcome. All donations are tax deductable, receipts on request.

Contact Bill Baker: 303.946.8230 or bigbuddy2@comcast.net.

Newsletter Distribution Volunteer needed for *WeCAN* newsletter...walk for an hour once a month distributing newsletters door-to-door, get some exercise and help your neighborhood...call Bill Baker, 303-946-8230 or email bigbuddy2@comcast.net.

Support *WeCAN*: monetary donations can now be made online at www.wecandenver.org. A tax receipt may be printed after making a donation. This organization remains viable through the time, efforts and donations of the *WeCAN* neighborhood. Volunteer and donate, become a voice in this dynamic organization!

Confluence Ministries will host a

conversational Spanish class in January. Participation is open to the community. For more information call 303.377.3050.