



Hi, Neighbors!

John Hayden, CPN President

February 2016

Curtis Park Neighbors Meeting Thursday, February 4th

Hope Communities, 2543 California St.

6:30 p.m. Police Update & Snacks

7:00-8:30 p.m. Main Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Welton BID/GID - Tracy Winchester, Five Points Business District
3. 715 Club Liquor License - Sudy Kudva
4. Denver Digs Trees - Leah Jean Shafer
5. Business Introduction: Integrated Health
6. Gilpin Winter Auction - Laura Coulter
7. Mobility Traffic Survey
8. Open Topics

Mestizo-Curtis Park Improvements Meeting

Thursday, February 11th, 6-7:30 p.m.

Blair-Caldwell Library, 2401 Welton

Stout/Champa Bike Lane Mtg.

Mon. February 1st, 6 p.m.

2543 California Street

5th Annual Ice Festival

Sun. January 31st, 2-4 p.m.

Stout Street Children's Park

Next CPN General Meeting

Thursday, Mar. 3rd, 2016

CPN Board Meeting

Monday, Feb. 15, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

2543 California St, Open to all

2016 has gotten off to a fast start here in Curtis Park with significant changes coming to our neighborhood. The board of Curtis Park Neighbors is working to keep everyone informed and get input on all that is happening. Keep an eye out for announcements and meetings to stay informed and consider signing up for the google announce groups listed on the back page of the newsletter for the most up to date announcements about things impacting our community.

At our January meeting we had a presentation on a new proposed development at 32nd and Stout called D-Line Apartments. The proposed development would include 56 micro-units and would not have any off street parking. This has caused great concern for the neighbors in the area who already are challenged with

parking because of people parking on their blocks to access light rail and because there are over 50 homes without off street parking in the blocks around the development already.

Following the January CPN general meeting a group of neighbors has organized around this issue. Thanks to **Mick Barnhardt** and **John Etherton** for leading that effort! They are first investigating whether the developer has the right to build what he has planned. If indeed he does then they will be working with the developer on a whole set of ideas to mitigate the impact of so many units without parking. The neighbors and the developer had a productive meeting on January 21st to brainstorm ideas and Curtis Park Neighbors will continue to work with the neighbors and developer in hopes that the former tire

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Curtis Park Mobility Study & Bike Lane Upgrades

The city has asked Curtis Park Neighbors to conduct a survey of area residents to find out what are their biggest mobility / transportation related concerns. In the coming year Public Works will be using this survey information along with the *Northeast Downtown Neighborhoods Plan*, to implement improvements the neighborhood says are most important.

Please take the survey by Feb. 28th at surveymonkey.com/r/curtisparkmobility

At our March meeting we will hear about plans to start a **Five Points Parking Study** and to **improve the bike lanes on Champa and Stout**.

For those who want to have greater input on the bike lane changes on Champa and Stout there will be a meeting on **February 1st at Hope Communities, 2534 California Street, at 6 p.m.** for stakeholders to view detailed drawings of the proposed changes. There will also be a **walking and biking tour** for those who want to look at the streets together and talk about the proposed changes on Saturday February 27th at 1 p.m. We will leave from the Stout Street Childrens Park and first walk and then those with bikes can bike around the neighborhood to look at the areas where the changes are proposed and how those changes look on streets where they have already happened.

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shop site can become a development that we are proud to call part of Curtis Park.

Our historic Curtis Park neighborhood sits in the middle of some of the fastest growing and changing areas in Denver. This brings great challenges and at our February and March meetings we will be focusing on measures that we can take to help keep our community the livable, beautiful place we love.

Welton/Washington/Court/Park Rezoning Discussion

Some of our neighbors who live in the little triangle-like area between Welton, Park Ave. West, Court and Washington are talking about the pros and cons of rezoning.

The current zoning, for the most part, is G-MU-3, or General Urban Multi-Unit 3-story, is characterized by multi-unit residential uses in a variety of building forms. The new zoning, if the neighbors agree to move forward, could be U-RH-2.5 and U-RH-3A, or Urban Rowhouse 2.5 and 3 story, the same as or similar to the rest of

Neighborhood Happenings

Free Home Painting

Between the months of March and September, Brothers Redevelopment works with sponsors, corporations, and volunteers to paint the homes of more than 7,000 income-qualified senior and disabled homeowners at no cost to them.

To qualify, individuals must be 60 years and older and/or have a disability, must own and occupy their own home, and must plan to live in it at least one more year. The home can't be taller than 1½ stories, in need of paint, and homeowners must be income-qualified.

Nominate a neighbor, friend, family member or yourself by downloading the application at brothersredevelopment.org or calling (720) 339-5864.

February Meeting

In February we will have a presentation from **Five Points Business District** on the potential creation of a **Business Improvement District** and a **General Improvement District along Welton**. BIDs and GIDs have the power to raise money from property owners in the districts to make improvements and do maintenance. The fast-growing Welton Corridor is in need of a way to manage the growth coming and this is one proposed option. The fees

Curtis Park, with new urban house, duplex, tandem house, and rowhouse allowed. You can read more about the zone districts and their characteristics at www.DenverGov.org/zoning

Neighbors who initiated this conversation are motivated by a desire to keep the area feeling “neighborhood-y” and think that two main aspects of the U-RH zoning height limitations at 2 stories (generally speaking) and a requirement that every residence have a front door which faces the street would help ensure that.

Gilpin's Second Annual Ski Trip

Thanks to The Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project, the 5th graders from Gilpin Montessori enjoyed a day in Breckenridge. His program provides outdoor enrichment activities focusing on math and physics while teaching commitment and perseverance. We were so pleased that Chris Anthony himself was there to teach children, motivate and coach them. The Chris Anthony Youth Initiative Project sponsored a full day of fun where kids were provided with ski lessons, ski rentals, lunch, a charter bus and an experience they'll remember for the rest of their life.

Check out this year's video at www.vimeo.com/150822198

Gilpin Silent Auction

Friends of Gilpin would like to invite you to their fourth annual Silent Auction benefiting Gilpin Montessori Public School. Gilpin has been serving Five Points for over 100 years and is a vibrant community.

would not apply to property owners in Curtis Park.

Also at the February meeting we will hear from the new owners of the **715 Club** about the redevelopment of that historic business and from **Denver Digs Trees** about the opportunity to get low cost trees for your tree lawn. We will also hear from **Integrated Health** and about the upcoming **Gilpin Winter Auction**.

— *John Hayden*

If you live in the area described and want to learn more about the differences between the zoning codes, and how the process of rezoning works, please email FanOffFivePoints@gmail.com or join the Facebook page “**Park to Washington, Glenarm to Court?**” You are also invited to attend a conversation about the process on **Wednesday February 10th, 6-7:30 p.m. in the rear area of Coffee at the Point**. (Please check the Facebook page to double-check the date, time, and location of this meeting.) A member of Denver's Community Planning and Development staff will be there to answer questions.

As the fundraising board made up of parents and faculty, we provide financial support for Gilpin students in a variety of ways, from funding field trips and educational opportunities, supplying additional classroom materials, helping the student council, supporting the community garden, and providing funds for additional teacher Montessori training among other things.

The auction will be held on **February 6th from 5 - 9 p.m. at Pon Pon Bar and the adjoining art gallery, located at 2528 Walnut Street**. With free food, drink tickets when you register to bid and over 100 items from local artists and businesses, it is guaranteed to be a fantastic way to support your neighborhood school this year. If you are unable to attend, please consider donating a gift or artwork to the auction to help raise funds! All donations are tax deductible. To donate, please contact Treasurer Zarah Levy at: (323) 578-0176 or FriendsOfGilpinTreasury@gmail.com.

Neighborhood News, Events and Information

38th/Blake Area Plan Amendment

The first meeting will focus on a review of current neighborhood plans that intersect within ½-mile of new commuter rail station area, and begin exploration of a community vision that could provide more consistent building height guidance.

Visit the project website for periodic updates and additional project information: www.denvergov.org/38blake

- Date: **Tuesday, February 2nd**
- Time: **5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**
- Location: **EXDO Event Center (1399 35th St.)**

RedLine Young Artists Winter Classes

RedLine Young Artists is an early literacy art program for families with young children. Classes offer children ages 2-6 and a caregiver the opportunity to explore the process of contemporary art making together. Projects integrate early childhood social and emotional development activities, literacy, and age appropriate art explorations.

- Sat. February 13th, 20th and 27th
- Spanish session 9:30-10:30 am
- English session 11:00-12:00 pm
- Classes are offered in English and Spanish and are open to speakers of all levels.

Classes meet for three Saturdays in a row. Children must be accompanied by a caregiver. Children younger than 24 months may attend with a sibling at no cost but must be supervised at all times.

Suggested Tuition: \$45/3-week session. No-cost and sliding scale tuition options available! To register, call (303) 296-4448 or email libby.redlineart@gmail.com

Get a Break This Tax Season!

Hard-working families in Colorado who earned less than \$53,000 in 2015 could be eligible to receive up to \$6,200 in tax refunds through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other tax benefits. For the first time in 15 years, Colorado will now match 10 percent of the federal EITC to help families get an even bigger refund at tax time. In addition, **these families can save money by filing their taxes for no cost at one of Tax Help Colorado's tax sites.**

Learn more about your tax credit eligibility, and find the location of a tax site near you by dialing 2-1-1, going to www.piton.org/eitc or finding **Tax Help Colorado** on Facebook.



What's Happening at The Point

In honor and in celebration of Black History Month, Coffee at The Point introduces three esteemed artists displaying their work at the coffee shop. Rochelle Johnson, Tony Caldwell, and Dwayne Glaipton will turn heads with their prestigious work. Look for their work coming February 1st. The Point will be hosting a **Meet the Artist event on Saturday, February 6th from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Game Nights are a roll of fun at The Point. From Settlers of Catan to Trivia, join us and others on **Thursdays from 6 - 9 p.m.** Free. Any level of board gamers are welcome.

Live Music Saturdays are back in full swing with musical artists playing their smooth sounds from **7 - 9 p.m., every Saturday.**

Stay tuned for **February 20th**, when The Point hosts a special event with live music all day.

Thinking of Buying or Selling?

Contact John Hayden!

*21 years experience in Curtis Park
Because the health of our community is the life of my business*

*Five Points 2015 median home price increased 17% from
\$341,500 to \$399,000. source: MLS data*



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www.CurtisParkHomes.com

SCFD Free Days

Denver Museum of
Nature and Science

- Sun. February 7th

Denver Art Museum

- Sat. February 6th
- Sat. March 5th

Denver Zoo

- Mon. February 1st
- Thu. February 18th

Denver Botanic Gardens

- Mon. February 15th

Museum of Miniatures, Dolls, and Toys

- Sun. February 7th

Find out more at www.scfid.org



Neighborhood Internet Resources

Curtis Park Neighbors on Facebook
www.facebook.com/groups/curtispark/

Curtis Park Neighbors “Announce” Group

Just the basics! We encourage everyone to join this e-mail group. Receive the *Curtis Park Times* & special announcements. Write to: Curtis-Park-Neighbors-Announce+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Neighbors “Notices” Group

Super-detailed! Receive all of the notices that the City and other organizations send to Curtis Park Neighbors. The CPN Board receives this e-mail, and invites you to participate as well!
Write to: CurtisParkNeighbors+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Design Review Committee

Provide assistance to new development and building modifications in Curtis Park, to help with Denver Landmark Commission review.
Write to: cpn-designreview+subscribe@googlegroups.com

DHA / Curtis Park Community Advisory Committee

Provide feedback and guide the Denver Housing Authority’s plans for their property holdings in the Curtis Park area.
Write to: CPN-DHA-CAC+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Transportation Committee

Improve mobility and safety for people getting around by all modes
Write to: cpn-transportation+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Curtis Park Safety and Security Group

Collaborate on finding solutions to current and long-term safety and security topics in the neighborhood.
Write to: cpn-security+subscribe@googlegroups.com

Resources

Denver City Government

www.DenverGov.org, or call 3-1-1
Alternately: (720) 913-1311

Blair-Caldwell Library

2401 Welton Street, (720) 865-2401
Mon./Wed.: Noon – 8 p.m.
Tue./Thu./Fri.: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Sat.: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Denver City Council District 9

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Denver Public Schools

(720) 423-3200, www.DPSK12.org

Homeless Outreach

Police non-emergency: (720) 913-2000

Mayor’s Neighborhood Liaison

Michael Sapp, Jr., (720) 865-9024

Police

Emergencies: Dial 911
Non-Emergency: (720) 913-2000
Dist. 2 (above 25th Street) RSO:
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RTD

(303) 299-6000
www.RTD-Denver.com

Elected Representative

Barbara Deadwyler, (720) 273-9520
Barbara.Deadwyler@rtd-denver.com

Trash Pickup - Overflow Pickup

The next Large Item pickup is Feb. 15th-20th. For free appliance collection, call (303) 430-7142.

Xcel Energy

Electric Emergency/Power Outage
(800) 895-1999
Gas Emergency / Gas Odor
(800) 895-2999



Meeting Date

Thursday, February 11, 2016
6:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Meeting Location

Blair-Caldwell Library
2401 Welton Street
Denver, CO 80205

Project:

Mestizo-Curtis Park
Improvements

Purpose:

Please join Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) staff for a public meeting to discuss and provide input on potential improvements to Mestizo-Curtis Park

For more information, please contact **CHRIS YANEZ | WEST DENVER PLANNER**
at | **720-913-0621** | chris.yanez@denvergov.org

Curtis Park Neighbors is an officially incorporated non-profit neighborhood organization bringing our neighborhood together to share in preserving the past and future of Curtis Park. We welcome all neighbors in Curtis Park and encourage participation in Curtis Park Neighbors and in the life of the community. Please pass along this newsletter and bring a neighbor to the meetings!

The spirit of the *Curtis Park Times* is to communicate information about topics and concerns of our neighborhood. The opinions expressed do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of Curtis Park Neighbors. To provide newsletter articles or place advertising, contact us at cpn-newsletter@googlegroups.com or (303) 332-8640. The next newsletter deadlines are Feb 17th for ads, and Feb. 20th for articles.

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