

August 26, 2013, Safety Action Committee Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Cecilia Sandoval, Belem Conzalez, Adriana Lira, Myrna Morales, Maritza Sandoval, Kate Coloman-Munahan, Daniel Stange, Lidia Carmona, Fany Mendez, Norma Brambila, Angela Bomgaars

- Introductions – Belem
- Lights – Norma
 - Norma shared about the Built Environment group's work on identifying areas with little light on the street. The Safety group wants to identify alleys where the lights are lacking. Two days are scheduled for residents to work on this issue and identify the problem areas. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - Wed Aug 28 – 8:00 pm – meet at BuCu West/ECM office
 - Fri Aug 30 – 8:00 pm – meet at BuCu West/ECM office
- Sept 7 ECM project – Angela
 - Angela shared about the next ECM Work Day in Westwood and invited residents to participate. The focus will be on 3 projects: 1) alley clean-up, 2) graffiti removal, 3) lights – gathering signatures for more lights based on the areas identified during the previous project.
 - Sat Sep 7 – 9:00 am – meet at Redeemer Lutheran Church (3300 West Nevada Place)
- Recycling – Juri Freeman (Recycling Program Manager with the City of Denver)
 - Juri shared more information about recycling and how residents can sign-up as a way to reduce trash and debris in general, but particularly in the alley. While the City of Denver recycles at a 70% rate, Westwood is only at 40% of residents who participate. After talking more about the importance of recycling efforts, time was allocated to brainstorming ways to involve more of the community in recycling. A few ideas include:
 - School outreach – working to educate the kids will help educate the parents. There is an individual who works in the recycling program as a school connector so we will contact that person to work with them.
 - Chile Fest – having a Safety Committee table/booth at the Chile Fest that could include more info regarding recycling and how to sign-up.
 - Community event – having a community event hosted by the Safety Committee to educate people about trash removal (LIP), recycling, graffiti removal, lighting, and other issues being addressed by the group since lack of knowledge/awareness about these topics is often identified as potential barriers to participation.
- Free Time – announcements from the group members
 - Kate Coleman-Minahan shared about a health study where participants would receive \$20 for their time
- Other Things:
 - The Safety Committee will be purchasing 10 D size batteries for flashlights that will be used from Sisters of Color for the lighting project on Aug 28 & 30

- Norma will be identifying areas for the video cameras to watch for illegal dumping on severe problem alleys. Once these areas are identified, we will confirm if they are public or private property and get the necessary permission prior to purchasing any cameras.
 - We will ask Neddra to borrow safety vests and name badges for the group during their projects.
- Adjourned the meeting