

CMNA Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2015

We had over 68 people in attendance, we provided babysitting to 6 children.

The meeting began with Andy Rees from the Denver Animal Shelter. They handle animals who are lost, strays or neglected. They receive animals when people call animal control about a loose animal, and from drop off, both in person and secure night drop off. They receive some animals that are abandoned as well. Each animal has a 5-day period to be reclaimed; 30% of the animals are reclaimed and 70% need new families. They do their best to adopt out their animals, and they have 80 different adoption partnerships. They only euthanize the sick or dangerous animals.

Most wildlife calls should go to the Colorado Department of Wildlife, however, they will receive calls about injured or sick animals and bats.

There is a program for feral cats TNR-Trapped Neutered and Returned. They will trap a cat, spay or neuter it and return it to its location.

If you are attacked by an animal, they would like to be notified. Call 311 and ask for an Animal Protection Officer.

He encourages folks to visit their LEAP Platinum Designated public facility, paid for with tax dollars, anytime. It is located at I-25 and Alameda.

The next speaker was Charlotte Pitt from the Solid Waste Management, she is also a Cory-Merril Neighbor. She explained the transition from dumpsters to bins that is taking place in the next few weeks. This is their second phase. In neighborhoods where they removed dumpsters a year ago, they have seen significantly reduced illegal dumping (80% of illegal dumping is in neighborhoods with dumpsters), and it has reduced the number of trash scavengers dramatically.

There are three sizes of bins, 95 gallon which holds 8 trash bags, 65 gallon which holds 4-6 bags and 35 gallon which holds 2-3 bags. All residence will receive the 95 gallon bin, however if you would like an alternative size, call 311 and ask for Solid Waste or go on their website <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TrashCartSizes> and request a different size. You can switch out the bins if you are not happy with your size. She encourages folks to store their dumpsters on their own property. One of the goals in this transition is to clean up the alleys, create more room for cars, and reduce the availability of illegal dumping and scavenging. Getting the bins out of the right of way is one step in reaching this goal.

Collection of bins will all be on one side of the alley. We will receive notification in the mail on where to place the bins. There will be monthly overflow collection days.

Between recycling and composting, the trash in dump sites is significantly reduced.

If you have any questions you can visit their website or call 311 and ask for the Solid Waste department.

Community Resource Officer, Anthony Burkhardt gave suggestions on how we can be proactive in preventing theft. He encourages everyone to close their garage doors, shut your doors and windows (within 7 inches), use your alarm if you have one, and get to know your neighbors and communicate with them. He encouraged the start of neighborhood watch groups and he, or Sharon Avendano would come out and help us get it started.

He encourages all neighbors to attend the monthly CAB- Citizen Advisory Board which take place monthly on the first Thursday at 6:00 at District 3 Station on South University and I-25.

They can come to your house and conduct a Crime Prevention visit and advise you on how to make your home more safe. He asked us to call him directly if we see suspicious activity 720-913-1231 office and 720-641-1164 cell. Sharon's number is 720-913-1248.

He encourages folks to leave their porch lights on, and to lock their cars. The police Department has a Facebook page and they use NextDoor to communicate with neighbors.

There were no challengers to the current Board positions, and all members were voted in.

Sam Powell, a CMNA neighbor and parent, is leading a campaign to make our streets safer to walk in. She has already added a stop sign on Iowa behind the schools and has had the traffic department program the light at Florida and Steele to be red all at once, allowing folks to walk safely across both streets at the same time. She is working with folks on getting sidewalks installed on the path to schools. And she has been selling the "DRIVE LIKE YOUR KIDS LIVE HERE" signs.

Jeff Hart, who is running for State House Representative in District 6 gave a brief bio about himself. He is running for the position currently held by Lois Court who is term limited. He said there are three people running for her position.

Paul Kashman, who has been in office 12 days, gave a brief report on where he will be setting up meeting times, days and places for folks to meet with him. Last session, it was decided to consolidate City Council offices to downtown, however, he is aware that this is inconvenient to many folks. He encourages people to contact him about any issues, and he is anxious to get to know everyone.