

# Green Valley Ranch Citizens Advisory Board Meeting

May 13, 2008

## MINUTES

Executive Committee Present: Tim Sheahan, John Brown, Jerry Jacobs

Other Board Members Present: Jeff Jacobson, Ronald Mitchell, Marlene Martin, Thad Jacobs, Officer PC, Vaughn Henderson, Ed Garner

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Sheahan. A motion was made and seconded to approve the previous meeting's minutes. The Board unanimously approved. Chairman Sheahan announced the CAB would be receiving a contribution in the amount of \$1,000 from the Green Valley Ranch Foundation this week to help fund our start up. The Chairman also sent a request for an additional \$1,000 contribution from Councilman Michael Hancock's Foundation for the New Frontier. The Chairman stated that we would like to get to a point where the committee chairs can start meeting with their committees.

### Committee Updates:

#### ➤ Education

- ~ There are some funding issues that Denver Public Schools (DPS) is working through that will have an impact on opening a high school in Green Valley Ranch (GVR)
- ~ Jerry Jacobs to provide more high school information at the next CAB meeting
- ~ Florida Pitt Waller and Omar D Blair's after school programs have ended
- ~ Marrama Elementary still has an after school program
- ~ Highpointe has a YMCA after school program
- ~ Ed Garner stated that we need to educate the school systems in our areas so they know we exist as an organization
- ~ We need to present our group to the NE Corridor Principals Council

#### ➤ Public Safety

- ~ PC updated us on recent events including the Bungalows fence being vandalized by kids throwing rocks at it, shooting houses with paint balls (2 suspects identified), a young lady was arrested for the graffiti in the skate park
- ~ District 2 officers assisted in the skate park investigation
- ~ The police department is working with DPS school security to identify want to be "gang members" before they leave school and trying to reduce the fighting at MLK
- ~ There was a kidnapping and stabbing at 56<sup>th</sup> & Tower that is under investigation
- ~ John Brown noted that this committee chair needs to make it a priority to get the neighborhood watch up and running

- ~ Ed Garner brought up a concern as to the excessive speeds on Green Valley Ranch Blvd and PC answered that there is a police officer that lives in the community and write over 100 tickets a month on that stretch
  - ~ PC outlined the block party process for neighborhood watch
- Neighborhood Economics
- ~ Marlene Martin noted that certain lenders are pegging this area as a declining value community and that we need faster responses from lenders
  - ~ The Mailboxes Etc went out of business in the GVR Town Center
  - ~ There is a rumor that Curves may be going out of business due to higher rent and higher taxes
  - ~ Overall foreclosures remain a major issue in the community
  - ~ Jeff Jacobson volunteered to look into bringing someone in to the community to do some foreclosure assistance and education
- Zoning & Infrastructure
- ~ Ed Garner expressed concern over the points along Tower Road that merge from 4 lanes to two lanes. Jerry Jacobs answered that these stretches should be widened by the end of the year
  - ~ Issue at 56<sup>th</sup> Ave and Dunkirk about the 2 lanes south of 56<sup>th</sup> being built but blocked off for access. The reason is that the road north of 56<sup>th</sup> needs to be widened before the southern two lanes become operational. There is no timeframe on this development
  - ~ Vaughn Henderson noted that he has heard from neighbors that they don't like the 3 story Parkwood model being built in their neighborhood
  - ~ The question was posed as to when the stop lights at GVR Blvd and Pena would be operational. No answer, Jerry Jacobs to follow up in our next meeting
  - ~ Issue of tractor trailers parking in the community. PC is going to be working with the City of Denver inspections (Glen Mares) on this issue. The problem is the police can ticket the drivers for parking in the community but it is only a \$20 ticket. Glen Mares can ticket the drivers anywhere from \$150 - \$999 for each occurrence
  - ~ Jeff Jacobson asked about enforcement of covenants north of GVR Blvd and was given the contact information for Loretta Rowan who is our community inspector as well as Paul Hebenstreit who is the inspector for south of GVR Blvd
  - ~ Vaughn Henderson brought up the issue of turning off the water on vacant homes. Jeff Jacobson answered that once notice has been received by the property owner they have 30 days to "winterize" the house which includes turning off the water
- Community Events
- ~ Need to use community events to get the word out about the CAB's existence and mission
  - ~ One of the CAB's long term goals is to eventually take over the management and funding for all community events
  - ~ Marlene Martin suggested that one possible goal would be to publish items of interest in both the GVR Voice and the GVR News.
  - ~ The GVR HOA currently publishes and pays for the GVR News

- ~ An email address has been set up: [gvrmail@gmail.com](mailto:gvrmail@gmail.com)
- ~ GVR Voice's next publication will come out the first week in July
- ~ John Brown stated we need to create a list of what each committee will be responsible for
- ~ We need to look into getting a banner made
- ~ Thad Jacobs volunteered to start putting together a brochure cover and we will fill in the context later
- ~ The Chairman asked everyone to come up with some logo ideas
- ~ Need to coordinate events with [info@gvrhoa.com](mailto:info@gvrhoa.com)

➤ Budget Items

- ~ John Brown gave a budget update
  - Incorporating filing - \$50
  - Filing for 501c3 - \$300
  - PO Box – Annual \$100
  - Bank Account \$100 deposit
  - Banner - \$150 - \$200
  - Canopy - \$100 - \$150
  - Printing Material Costs
  - Committee Expenditures
- ~ Need to request some start up contributions from GVR Metro District and Town Center Metro District
- ~ Would like to eventually assume the budgets for events from GVR HOA
- ~ John Brown closed with expressing how important it is to get the community involved in the CAB because a strong CAB can have a dramatic positive impact on the entire community and bring the north and the south together as one community

The next meeting will be held June 17<sup>th</sup>

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