

10.21.25 3PA Community Meeting- Cameron Church 6pm

Board members in attendance- Shelby, Charlie, Walker, Joe, Anne, Nick, Jeff, Garrett, Sonia and Holly (online)

Shelby Drulis, 3 PA President Opened the meeting

### Agenda

1. Welcome by President Shelby Drulis. Appreciation to Cameron Church for hosting.
2. Aden - South Pearl Merchants Association Update
  - a. Oktoberfest, a big event, filled the streets for the whole day. No incidents. 3 Farmers Markets remaining for the season, Kids Halloween parade this weekend (Sunday 9am) with South HS marching band leading the parade
  - b. Platt Park Art submissions for Banner art poles for 64 pieces of art kids- adults now in progress deadline November 4th
  - c. Flower pot trees, 62 pots managed by SPMA year round. Fake trees now in the pots, Merchantts can enter first on Nov 3, the public on Nov 6th. Entry is simple, just claim a tree if the ribbon on it is not taken.
  - d. Winterfest December 4th and 5th. Voting for best tree decor begins December 8th- Jan 5, voting open to the public. Prize is \$100 S Pearl St bucks. Horses will pull the hay rides again this year both Friday and Saturday
  - e. Platt Park Tree lighting on Friday, December 5th at Dusk, countdown and snacks, hot cocoa.
  - f. Holiday Passport- get stamps from participating merchants and if you get 10 stamps you are eligible to win up to \$300 S Pearl bucks. Passport cards to be distributed with Platt Park Post in time for small business Saturday, November 29th.
3. DPS School Board At-Large Candidates ( Amy Klein Molk)
  - a. Introductions by Amy, mother of 2 DPS children, DPS para Special educator for one year, Startup business owner, passionate about protecting all of our neighborhood schools. Amy believes we need smaller class sizes, more teacher support, and more equitable practices, safe schools, and future oriented. Endorsed by the DPS teachers, and Democratic party.

Questions from the audience: How would she accomplish these goals?

Need to distribute funding more equitably, some schools are under enrolled and others over enrolled. Solve for equity across all schools to appropriate resources.

AI question about mailer that went out indicating Amy would like to replace teachers with AI. Amy said Alex Magana's campaign is funded by Dark Billionaires with lies fabricated by his donors. Amy said the mailer has a link to the full video so folks can see for themselves what she said. Amy designed a company that has been misrepresented.

Role of technology in the classroom question. Amy believes in time away from screens, screens should be used to deliver a more robust experience, not replace teachers in the classroom. Believes teachers know what their kids need.

Question about changing class size caps. Amy has been participating in the process so far, and will advocate for reduced class sizes. She feels the root of many issues is how we build up some schools, and don't do the same for others. We need to support DCTA.

What is the biggest budget challenge? Tabor reduces our per pupil funding, DPS has one of the lowest in the country. We don't have enough money to provide the resources we need. Wants to use her voice to advocate for more resources.

4. Ofc. John Silva - CRO/DPD Stats and Community Update
  - a. DPS -October 23, cookies with cops, decorating cookies
  - b. Sunday, October 26th Halloween party at the District 3 station
  - c. Next CAB (Citizen's Advisory Board) meeting November 5th, Denver Public Libraries
  - d. Stats- PP property crimes down 10%, MV down 5%, Larceny up 37.5% (12 more), burglaries up 11.5%, auto theft down, arson down 50%.
  - e. A neighbor asked what can be done to avoid burglary? Some simple things: leave garage doors closed, lock fences in the back, keep lights on, outside lights are very important, lock windows, trim bushes in front of windows below threshold of window and trees trimmed up above windows, cameras and alarm systems.
  - f. Porch pirates fall under theft and this is likely to go up with holiday package deliveries.
  - g. Question about weekend park issues with teens smoking weed, assumed to be Urban Peak kids. Charlie, board member at Urban Peak said many times young adults assume them to be Urban Peak, but the program precludes a lot so it may not be them. A neighbor noted adults are also smoking in the park.
  - h. Question about police coverage in Platt Park. Ofc. Silva spoke to staffing rations by district and then precincts.
  - i. Question: is it legal for people to live in the park, sleep in the park? No-recommendation to call 311 and they can direct support services to unhoused.
5. Alex Gutierrez and Sterling Simms - Mayor's Office - RNO updates and pitch on how the Vibrant Denver Bond will impact Platt Park by Nick ???
  - a. The city is pursuing a \$950M Bond program to fund improvements to all districts across Denver. Specifically to PP- \$1M playground, \$5M complete renovation of the Decker branch library, Evans Ave improvements- lights, crosswalks, etc.
  - b. On the ballot are 5 different measures. 2A - Transportation, 2B City Facilities, 2C Parks and Rec., 2D Housing and Shelters 2E Health and Human services. The city has a good track record with bond programs and completing projects on time.

A 6 year program is better than 10 yr bond timelines. Quicker results and less risk. The city has a AAA rating and a good history of paying off debt.

6. Denver Clerk and Recorder Paul Lopez - election information and resources
  - a. Sonia ?? works with Paul Lopez' office, and also on the library commission.
  - b. 2024 election recap- 77% turnout among registered Denver voters. Younger voters 18-25 have the highest rate of rejection ballots - signature issues. Most voters drop off ballots or vote in person, a very small group of voters mail. Ballot boxes are monitored and emptied daily (by a bipartisan team).
  - c. Review of ballot items local and state
  - d. Review of funding decrease in city budget (and some federal funds) impacts to election resources and staffing, likely resulting in processing delays.
  - e. Denver voters wanted to create an independent office to oversee elections. The office seeks to increase access to voting in all areas.
  - f. QR codes to website and one pagers are available in the back of the Church along with FAQs
7. Councilwoman Alvidrez/Laura DuFresne from her office provided a City Council update
  - a. Council is continuing to parse out the budget, funding on elections. The District 7 newsletter just went out, with more in depth information on all matters District 7. Halloween parades this Sat, Oct 26th from 6-8pm on S Broadway.
8. 3PA Business Update
  - a. NWSL update on timeline, currently in the middle of CBA (Community Benefits Agreement) negotiations. RNOs sitting with the team weekly and asking what they can give back to the local communities. Meet 1-2 times per week. For example art pieces, design Vanderbilt Park East, hire union workers, community outreach. Meetings have been closed-door and the final agreements will be announced in November?
  - b. The 14K seat stadium will offer 15-18 games NWSL, and can be used for other events as well.
  - c. 3PA Events - recap of past events and current
    - i. Movie night was a huge success, few hundred people watched Wicked.
    - ii. Recent Happy Hour at Homedog for people and dogs well attended.
    - iii. Scarecrow competition going on now -check out [map on 3PA site](#), and vote
9. Zoning Committee - brief overview of recent items considered by the committee with Joe Beierl, providing updates, (TJ's, Dive Inn), soliciting interested volunteers to join the committee. 3PA will support the Dive Inn variance request to permanently legalize their current outdoor patio space.
  - a. Question about the Hansons space- it will be office space, some apartments, and retail space.
10. DPS School Board At-Large Candidate Alex Magana, running for School board, educator and DPS parent, working throughout the entire city. Running for the board to

bring expertise and guidance to the city. When I came to Grant Beacon we were one of the lowest rated schools in the city, now we are one of the highest. I grew up travelling all over the U.S. and in Florida, I went to college, and started my career in education. Pay educators well, increase funding, and parent input. Provide more training and professional development for teachers.

Alex was asked about Amy's comment regarding a campaign mailer that went out indicating she wants AI to replace teachers. Alex stated he did not have involvement in the mailer that went out. It did not come from his campaign. A neighbor attested to his character and long running involvement in the community.

11. Walker Knight update on size expansion of the Platt Park Post to 16 pages, and also found a local family owned printer who can provide more timely printing. Watson and Co (residential interior design and antiques) is going to be a prominent advertiser.
12. Open Forum / Community Announcements
13. The meeting adjourned at 8pm.