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Martin Acres VOICE

A Bi-monthly Newsletter

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Dear Neighbors—Our August MANA meeting was attended by 17 residents who all contributed to volatile discussions surrounding the need to increase participation, re-define MANA's role in our community and how to achieve it. As MANA grows and changes we may experience 'growing pains'. In an effort to address growth issues and ensure MANA can continue to function as effectively as possible, several suggestions are presented here and will be voted to be incorporated into our by-laws at our October 2nd meeting.

Change in meeting dates: ARTICLE V—MEETINGS, 1.d

From: The Steering Committee shall meet at least once every two months, and such meetings shall be open to the public.

To: The Steering Committee shall meet on the first Monday of every month except June, July and December, and such meetings shall be open to the public.

Change in quorum definition: ARTICLE VI—ORGANIZATION, 5.

From: A quorum at any meeting of the Association's membership shall consist of twenty members in addition to any six of the Steering Committee members.

To: A quorum at any meeting of the Association's membership shall consist of 10 members in addition to any four of the Steering Committee members.

Addition: The attendees present at a MANA steering committee meeting may vote to disburse funds up to \$50.00 without a quorum.

Addition: Issues receiving less than two-thirds support of the attendees must receive a second reading at a subsequent meeting at which time a simple majority will prevail.

[Complete MANA By-Laws can be viewed at <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/community/mana> or call me @ 494.8285]

Discussions regarding MANA's lack of involvement in political issues was also a hot topic. MANA will always be defined by the current participation it receives. **Is it the MANA officers' responsibility to knock on every door to identify each and every residents concerns?** I think not — rather, it is the responsibility of every citizen to be as involved in their community as they choose to be, protecting their own interests. **Is it MANA's responsibility to offer folks a place to come to get guidance and support how to handle an issue?** You bet! We can listen and discuss, communicate via the VOICE, website and email list in an effort to gather additional support from others who are similarly passionate about the issue. As a neighborhood organization, we can rally together and be a more impressive voice in our community at large.

There are a few MANA steering committee members and officers who have held many positions simultaneously over the years and are eager to pass the torch, so to speak. In an ideal situation, it'd be grand for each position to be held by a different person in our community, so our energy and enthusiasm levels could be focused on one component as opposed to diversified into many.

One of MANA's most faithful supporters, Cam Marshall, is resigning his position as VOICE Distribution Coordinator. We appreciate all the dedication, time, energy, and insights Cam brings to MANA and his willingness to help wherever needed. In addition to his current load of VOICE distribution, Cam is our Treasurer and Coordinator of the Annual Pancake Breakfast. He would like to continue these positions. The VOICE Distribution Coordinator position is currently defined to pick up the VOICE from the printers, deliver appropriate bundles to the Area Leaders and keep in communication with the Area Leaders to ensure that there are adequate block leaders available to deliver the newsletters door-to-door. As a suggestion to how to handle growth and ensure timely delivery of the newsletters, someone could investigate the possibility of mailing them out; this would require a "champion" to research costs and how to finance the mailings [\$10.00/yr Association dues?].

I've been in contact with Pastor John Hanna, of the South Broadway Church of the Nazarene at Dartmouth and Broadway. Pastor Hanna has offered the church facilities, free of charge, for any of our community gatherings. I will also present a suggestion to change our meeting location at our October 2 meeting. Tentative agenda for our October 2 meeting:

- Vote on revised By-Laws
- Vote on meeting relocation
- Vote on Citizens on Patrol Committee and Chair, Mike Marsh
- Vote on Transportation Committee and Chair, Jerry Wyss
- Vote on Beautification Chair, Maureen O'Shea-Stone
- Residents on 31st: Discussion re Lashley Lane noise and safety - WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?
- WinterFest

As MANA continues to evolve, your input, energy and enthusiasm are important components that will help shape our organization to be the kind of neighborhood association we all want. Please feel free to email comments or give me a call.

Best regards,

Jan Clason, MANA President - jan@clason.org - 494.8285

MANA EMAIL LIST — If you have Email, you can get on a mailing list of neighbors and other interested parties that is a good source of timely information about the goings-on in the area. Just send an email to majordomo@flatiron.com with the following body text: subscribe manalist. You will get a Welcome letter explaining how the email list works. When you're ready to post a message to the email list, simply address your email TO: manalist@flatiron.com and it will be sent to everyone who is currently subscribed (we have ~100 subscribers). It is easy to unsubscribe, by the way, if you change your mind.

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CHANGED — The proposed changes in land use designations from low-density to high-density residential along Lashley Lane in Martin Acres and Majestic Heights have been withdrawn. According to Susan Richstone, a planner for the city, staff no longer intends to recommend to the Planning Board that the 2000 update to the Comprehensive Plan include these changes. Ms. Richstone can be reached at 441-3271 (richstones@ci.boulder.co.us).

LASHLEY LANE ISSUES — MANA will devote a portion of its October 2nd meeting to issues relating to Lashley Lane (the frontage road east of Broadway). If you would like to talk with your neighbors about the special problems of this area, please bring your concerns to Creekside Elementary (formerly Martin Park Elementary) at 7:00 PM.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come out and meet your neighbors at MANA's annual Pancake Breakfast, **Saturday, September 9th** from 7:30 to 10:30 AM at the Martin Park shelter. This is the premier event of the social season, and a terrific opportunity to meet your neighbors, socialize with old friends, and get a square meal for a good price.



Tickets: \$3.00 for adults, \$1.50 for seniors/children (\$2.75 and \$1.25 in advance.) Contact Cam 499-2008 (cmarshall@marshallinfo.com) for tickets, questions or comments.

Martin Acres EcoPass® General Improvement District News

The effort to form an EcoPass General Improvement District (GID) for the Martin Acres neighborhood continues to move forward. Petitions submitted in late June to form the district will lead to public hearings by the Boulder City Council during August and September. (At the deadline for this article, it looks like the City Council will probably approve the Martin Acres GID for inclusion on a November mail ballot. The final decision will be made on Sept 5th by council.)

Presently a volunteer neighborhood EcoPass program provides passes for about 30% of our residents. The purpose of the GID is to expand this program to the entire neighborhood. It will purchase for every resident of Martin Acres an annual, prepaid transit pass or "EcoPass." The passes will be first issued in December and will be good for all of 2001. The pass provides access to all RTD regularly scheduled buses and light rail, without additional cost, including all local buses (metro wide), all regional buses and other buses such as to DIA or Eldora. The pass does not cover special buses such as Bronco's or Rocky's buses.

The GID will pay for the passes through a property tax assessed of all residential property in our neighborhood. The tax the first year will be about \$79 for an average house, and will be about \$100/year in the subsequent years. (Higher valued property will pay proportionally more, while lower valued, less.) Remember that this assessment would be deductible on your federal taxes. If you deduct your property tax bill on your federal income tax, your costs would be reduced about 25-30%, reducing the first year average cost to about \$50/yr and about \$75/yr thereafter.

Rebates will be available to resident seniors, CU students and ValuePass® holders. Each senior who applies for a rebate will receive about \$61 the first year and about \$77 in subsequent years. CU students will receive a rebate of about \$26 the first year and about \$33 in subsequent years. For those who buy ValuePasses in September for their school age children, in December they will receive replacement EcoPasses and a refund of the balance of the cost (about \$40) of the ValuePass® for the rest of the academic year. Rebates will be issued on an individual basis to each resident who qualifies, regardless of the status of other residents in their household. Also, residents who request and receive a rebate will still be eligible for a neighborhood EcoPass. So for example, if two seniors live in an average household, and if they itemize their tax bill, in the first year they would have an assessment (after fed tax deduction) of about \$50, but together they would receive back \$122 in a rebate (\$61 x 2). For a single senior who doesn't deduct their property assessment on their federal income tax, they would pay an assessment of \$79 and receive a rebate of \$61. For renters, rebate forms would require the signature of the property owner, but the rebate would go directly to the renter.

The November GID voting will be conducted by mail. This may cause a lot of confusion since there will be the presidential election occurring at the same time but at voting stations.

If you would like to help get out the vote for the GID November ballot, we could certainly use your support. Please contact Jerry Wyss by phone (303-494-1971) or e-mail (jcwys@csti.com) if you would like to volunteer in the effort. Also, see our Web site at www.EcopassGID.org.

Also if you recently moved into Martin Acres, you might already be eligible for an EcoPass for the remainder of 2000, depending on which block you live on. Call Jerry to find out.

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Day After

Bastille Day Party

About 150 people from all over south Boulder gathered at Martin Park on July 15th for what could turn out to be the first annual "sometime-around-Bastille-Day" party. MANA president Jan Clason organized the party for the neighborhoods that were affected by the school consolidation (Majestic Heights, Martin Acres, and Park East). All neighborhood residents were invited and it gave the parents and children of the newly consolidated Creekside Elementary School (formerly Martin Park Elementary) a chance to get acquainted before the start of the school year, and get acquainted they did, with sack races, water balloon tosses, softball, volleyball and piles of (sort of) French food.

Special thanks to the sponsors: Ariel Design Group, Boulder Police Dept, Boulder Fire Dept, City of Boulder, Boulder Valley School District, Herbs Meats & Specialty Foods, Le Francais, Martin Park Advisory Team, Pettyjohn's Liquor.

Thanks also, and more so, to the neighborhood volunteers, without whom this simply wouldn't have happened: Amy Eisenberg, Dave Hoyt, Megan Barclay Leben, Dianne Marshall, Anessa Pobrik, Leslie Scharf, Jim & Rebecca Seigwarth, Catherine & Michael Weldon, Jerry Wyss, and Creekside teachers/staff.

TREASURERS REPORT: Current checking account balance is \$832; you can get a thorough report by contacting Cam Marshall at 499-2008, cmarshall@marshallinfo.com.

MINUTES of the MANA Steering Committee meeting held August 7 can be gotten from Camille Hook, 499-9020, camrus7@netzero.net, or they can be retrieved from the MANA Website, <http://bcn.boulder.co.us/community/mana/manaindex.html>.

VOLLEYBALL NET: If you would like to use MANA's volleyball net for one of your late summer gatherings, please call Jan or Steve at 494-8285.

Sharing & Matching

Ads are free with a \$10 donation to MANA. Contact Steve, 494-8285, steve@clason.org by OCTOBER 1st to place your ad for the November 2000 VOICE.

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TABLE MESA IMPROVEMENT UPDATE

City Council approved a Transportation Advisory Board recommendation for Table Mesa improvements, containing these main features:

- Standard on-street bike lanes, each direction
- Resurfacing of street
- Sidewalk snow removal along the corridor
- Two additional pedestrian crossings.

Construction is expected to begin this fall and continue through the summer of 2001. Sometime in August, one additional pedestrian crossing will be built between 39th and 40th streets. This area will be designated as a school zone, with reduced speed limits during school hours.

The second additional pedestrian crossing will be between 45th and 46th streets, expected in 2001.

For more information, contact Rod Rindal, Transportation Project Manager, (303) 441-3266, rindalr@ci.boulder.co.us.

Someone New to the Neighborhood? Contact Jan Clason for a Welcome Packet.