UPCC JANUARY MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, January 7th, 2026, 7:00pm
Kate Winn's Home
2585 S. Columbine Street

1. Welcome
    a. Minutes approval -
    b. October 2025 General Meeting Notes approved

2. Finance Update- Natalie
    a. Budget for 2026
    b. $16,344 in the account
    c. Spent $1,928 on Sing n Sleigh
    d. Net donations for 2025 = $7900
    e. Approximately $1700 in cash/check donations
    f. Donate to Accelerated Schools $500 - thank you for your partnership, UPCC board

3. Membership Update- Kristin
    a. Welcome packages will go right before April general meeting
    b. Thank You emails sent to 2025 donors
    c. Idea - Kristin and Natalie coordinate monthly on donors and then maybe email/notes could be more personalized

4. Open Board Positions
    a. Event Chair
        i. Everyone please ask your neighbors
        ii. Elise volunteering to help with Sing n Sleigh until we have someone
        iii. Mike volunteering to help with 4th of July revamp until we have someone
    b. Parks & Forestry- need to re-direct email - Laura - can you please redirect the email
        i. Potential candidate on Historic Committee

5. Events/Calendar
    a. Opportunities for improvement
        i. 4th of July
            1. Can we simplify so that the event is just in the park?
            2. Parade to the park, contest and then what?
            3. Popsicles, face painting, tattoos, picnic,
            4. Police have not been able to come because of their budget - could we donate and see if they could come this year?
    b. 2026 Dates
        i. Food Trucks
            1. June 18th

        2. July 16th
        3. August 20th
    ii. 4th of July - Saturday 10am-12
        1. Permits and DOTI needs to be applied for still
        2. See above for revamp ideas
    iii. Sing n Sleigh - December 6th, Sunday 3-5
    iv. Garage Sale? Dawn

6. Spring General Meeting
    a. Date
        i. Potential Date April 15th
        ii. Need to check with school that it does not overlap with CMAS - Kate
    b. Topics
        i. Bike lanes on Buchtel (Rosemary going to find out what is going on - Denver budget a disaster)
        ii. Homelessness
        iii. Updates on new buildings along Colorado Blvd
        iv. Presentation on Don Etter - Rosemary?
    c. Guests
        i. Guest from Botanic Gardens to discuss spring planting - Rosemary to reach out
        ii. Forestry - to speak about new insects
        iii. Paul Kashmann - Kate to reach out
            1. And do we want his staff to present on RNOs
    d. Reserve Auditorium - Elise

7. Communications
    a. Schedule for communications: UpWords, Website, E-News
    b. Content ideas
        i. E-News Letter - call for ideas and topics for the General Meeting. Mention board openings
        ii. We have a beaver living in the Gulch!! Kay to send photos
        iii. Denver Days dates - May E-News Letter
    c. Add another newsletter as budget allows
        i. March, June and September
        ii. Don Etter - March printed - Rosemary
        iii. Look at that House
        iv. Interesting People in the Neighborhood - June
            1. Dennis Barret turning 90 - Elise
            2. Mike - Kay
            3. Others? We need women
        v. E News - link and information for Observatory - Denver Astronomical Society
    d. March Newsletter

        i. All content needs to be done Feb 20th
        ii. Don Etter + Look at that House - Rosemary
        iii. Event Dates
        iv. UPark Auction April 16th - 23rd, Merrill Auction May 8th
        v. Kashmann RNO initiative - Kate reaching out
        vi. Agenda for the April Meeting
    e. June Newsletter
        i. Mike - article on Observatory

8. New Business?
    a. Don Etter & Family Memorial Bench - $2500 - still considering
    b. $100 donation to the Western Literature library - approved
    c. Walking Tour of Historic Houses
        i. Start at Castle on Monroe
        ii. End at Herbert House
        iii. Could this be a fundraiser?