



Golden Triangle Creative District
November 1, 2018 Board Meeting
MINUTES
3:00 p.m. History Colorado

Board Attendees:

Kristy Bassuener, co-chair
Brent Snyder, co-chair
April Chase, treasurer
Rhonda Knop, secretary
Mark Shaker
Olga Garcia
Sharon Row
David Price
Walter Simon
Gerald Horner
Eric Lazzari
Laura Liska
Jackie Noble
Rachel Fewell
Kate Barton
CM Wayne New, Ex-Officio

Not Present: Anne Lindsey, Sonia Rae, Sydney Ilg, Morgan Russo, Jeannene Bragg, Tracy Kontrelos, Mickey Zeppelin

Guests:

Evan Dreyer, Dep. Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor
Aaron Sanchez, Commander, Denver Police District 6
Danica Lee, Director, Public Health Inspections, Denver Public Health
Lisa Straight, Director, Community Health, Denver Public Health
Christopher Conner, Denver's Road Home
Bradley Whitfield, Denver City Attorney's Office
Grace Ramirez, Denver Office of Community Affairs
Bill Nuanes, Denver Parks and Recreation
Scott Gilmore, Denver Parks and Recreation
Todd Richardson, COO, Denver Public Works

Nikki McCabe, Denver Budget & Management Office

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. Co-Chairs Kristy Bassuener and Brent Snyder welcomed our guests and thanked History Colorado for hosting our meeting.

MOTION: Approved October Board meeting minutes. Passed unanimously.

Treasurer April Chase gave a brief report on our recent fundraiser. More than 100 people attended and we were successful in raising approximately \$26,000. All felt that for a first time effort this was an excellent result.

Co-Chair Brent again welcomed everyone for the forum and thanked all of the city representatives that made time to come today. He introduced Evan Dreyer from the Mayor's office to lead our program.

Evan Dreyer, Dep. Chief of Staff, Office of the Mayor

Evan gave an overview of Denver's approach to addressing homelessness. One important item for 2019 is that they are working toward reconfiguring and expanding the Shelter network – trying to offer some additional beds and daytime services. The City has also hired 10 navigators to help get clients into services and directed toward the place to go first to start addressing their needs.

Scott Gilmore, Director of Parks and Rec reported that they have started opening Rec Centers two hours early in order to accommodate homeless individuals with showers. They have a pilot project at La Alma from 7-9 a.m.

Another relatively new initiative is to include mental health case workers as co-responders with Police where there is a mental health issue identified. This can help diffuse a situation and also that Mental Health professional can continue to follow up with that person to get them services.

Christopher Conner, Director, Denver's Road Home

Christopher Conner announced that on Feb. 5 there will be a "Giver's summit" – and they are hoping to engage the community that brings food, etc. to the parks. Every effort will be made to have those folks deliver food where it can be most beneficial.

The City is trying to establish syringe disposal opportunities and needs our help in identifying places that would benefit. If you see syringes – report to 311. They can't come out and clean them up – but it will give them valuable information on the need for receptacles.

Danica Lee, Director at Public Health Inspections Division, Denver Department of Public Health & Environment

Danica reported on activities including the recent clean up at Samaritan House. They also do work in the Shelters and work with food service providers. They also work with private property owners that are not taking care of their property appropriately and enabling problems with human waste and syringes

Cmdr. Aaron Sanchez

Commander Aaron Sanchez (our District 6 Commander) introduced himself. He is relatively new to District 6 and has most recently spent 10 years with covert Narcotics. He is a Denver native.

Many thoughtful questions were fielded and a few they were to get back in touch with us on answers.

During QA some thoughtful discussions and details were shared. Key highlights:

- Activating public spaces with cultural programs, place-making and other activities can bring more people into spaces and make those spaces feel safe and welcoming.
- City officials present indicated there would be follow up to questions related to the gas station and its alley near 10th and Broadway due to multiple queries about how to address the issues residents are encountering from that space.
- Publicly accessible restrooms in the McNichols Building are available and Denver Day Works monitors those spaces for safety.
- Denver Public Library is continuing with its Peer Navigator program to provide options and services for individuals who needs assistance on Library property.
- Who to contact:
 - o EMERGENCY SITUATION: Call 9-1-1 for immediate response to a crime, injuries or imminent safety issues.
 - o NON EMERGENCY: Call 3-1-1 for issues including bio-waste cleanup, needles, graffiti, lost/loose pets. Can also email 311@denvergov.org or go to the 311 link at denvergov.org.
 - o ADDITIONAL SUGGESTIONS: Call the Denver Police non-emergency report line if you see something out of the ordinary or suspicious at 720-913-2000. Golden Triangle property & business owners may reach out to the non-emergency contact at DPD District 6 to fill out the forms to address trespassing. Doing this in advance enables DPD to respond more quickly to any trespassing issues on private properties. Call 720-913-2800.

The Golden Triangle Creative District is working through its Community Affairs Committee in order to produce a source of information for many questions that the neighborhood might have in regard to dealing with some of these issues. We should have it available at our Annual meeting in February.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30.