



TRIANGLE
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CREATIVE DISTRICT

ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES

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Denver Community Credit Union, 1041 Acoma St.

February 7, 2019 - 5:30-7:30 pm

(5:30-6:00 pm - Social)

Welcome (K. Bassuener/B. Snyder) Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm
- K. Bassuener and B. Snyder welcomed the group and discussed handouts available. Thank you to Community Affairs committee for snacks & beverages, and thank you to DCCU for the meeting location.
 - o 2019 Board Meeting Schedule – see handout
 - o Approval of June 2018 Annual Meeting Minutes. Passes unanimously.
 - o Thank you to members, and thank you to GTCD Board
 - o Annual meeting moved to February in 2019, and going forward
 - o Board nominees slate recognized – see handouts for bios. Nominations can also be taken from floor.
 - o Request to consider membership and committee involvement
 - o 2018 accomplishments – Final Fridays (submit ideas on programming in the comment bowl); First annual fundraiser was a great success (tours, auctions, \$24K raised), GTCD branded banners installed in the neighborhood; Hosted forum on homelessness with City leaders in November 2018. See handout for additional 2018 accomplishments.
 - o GTCD to host upcoming District 10 Candidate Forum on April 2 at the Denver Art Museum in advance of the May elections.

Denver Police Department District 6 – Community Resource Officers, Austen Munson and Teresa Gillian, and Commander, Aaron Sanchez

- Homelessness is a big issue in the neighborhood. District 6 officers were at the GTCD November forum.
- Denver Police developing strategic plan to address social harms – start with kids, address mental health and addiction problems to avoid future crimes.
- Precision policing looking at neighborhoods. What are the specific issues/concerns for each neighborhood?
- DPD approach to homelessness is to connect people with social services. Taking small steps.
 - o Walk & talks – CROs can find time and manage with schedule. Walk every neighborhood throughout the year to inquire about issues people are facing.
 - o Mounted patrol – get them into neighborhoods, where they haven't been before. Softens people to approach officers.
 - o Committed to trying new programs and approaches
- Biggest issues in the Golden Triangle are accidents & drug use.

- Be aware of where you are, watch for traffic.
- Police are currently focusing on drug arrests. Substance abuse navigators are assisting people so that they know where to go when they're ready for help.
- Right to Survive Initiative - handout provided.
- Free community mediation services are available to Denver residents – handouts provided.
- Contact Denver 311 number or web page for assistance with homelessness issues – information gets to the Homeless Outreach Team (better documentation). Non-emergency patrol response, okay, but 311 is better.
- DPD District 6 holds monthly community meetings at District 6 headquarters – 3rd Thursday of month, typically 10-11 am. All are welcome. Next meeting date is February 21st – Community Mediator is the guest speaker.

GTCD Neighborhood Improvements Committee

- Committee Presentation:
 - In early 2018 GTCD conducted a feasibility study, investigating the possibility of establishing a General Improvement District (GID) as a source of funding for neighborhood projects. Feedback was that people wanted a more defined plan to move forward. Neighborhood Improvements committee formed to tackle some smaller defined projects.
 - Neighborhood Improvement committee co-chairs:
 - Sydney Ilg – Neighborhood resident, family owns GT commercial property, Marketing Director at 11th Avenue Hostel
 - Mark Shaker – Owner new Broadway Market
 - Charlie Hunt – Neighborhood resident, former involvement with Denver Downtown Partnership (DDP), involved in GID administration at DDP
 - Have met with a number of community stakeholders including: Public Works, City Council, DDP, Bike Colorado, Bike Denver, 5280 Loop, South Broadway Merchants District, as well as investors, business/property owners and neighbors.
 - People are interested in these 5 categories: 1) safety & security, 2) enhanced bike/pedestrian infrastructure, 3) circulation & transit, 4) homeless support services, and 5) maintenance & cleaning.
 - GID survey results identified these 10 projects, in order of importance: 1) overall cleaning & maintenance 2) more trees/greening 3) more pedestrian lighting 4) pedestrian access across major roadways 5) connections to Union Station, Civic Center Station and Cherry Creek 6) support services for homeless population 7) trash cans 8) increased police presence 9) added security patrol at key times 10) more neighborhood crosswalks
 - Approach with current budget:
 - Quick wins – easily attainable goals that align with currently functioning committees (e.g. street banners, weekly neighborhood trash pick-up)
 - Mid-size projects – grant projects and neighborhood activation (e.g. Final Fridays)
 - Catalytic projects – large projects that require time, planning & investments (e.g. Re-imagined Broadway)

- Re-imagined Broadway project – committee is investigating what that might look like and how we might fund it. Proposed goals/concepts:
 - Extend Broadway bike lane north of Speer
 - Slow traffic down, with a focus on developing a “grand boulevard” – might include creative crosswalks to make pedestrians visible, places to display art, adding greenery
 - Turn parallel parking into back in angled parking (2 spaces for one, proven safer for car driver and occupants).
 - Next steps – define budget, look at funding streams, hold community forums, partner with Denver Public Works. (South Broadway bike lane funded by Public Works and Go Bond.)
 - March 5th Community Forum scheduled to look at plans – 6-7 pm at Broadway Market
- Resident comments:
 - Current volume of construction is making pedestrian traffic difficult or impossible.
 - Protected walkways during construction suggested
 - How are construction permits granted?
 - City typically won’t allow closures on both sides of street. Call Denver 311 with pedestrian traffic flow issues.
 - City needs to respond to safety concerns; developers will follow guidelines.

Civic Center Park and Conservancy – Scott Robson

- 5 year strategic vision–focus on creating daily activation through activities & capital improvements.
 - Feb 23-24, 2019 the park is hosting the World Ice Climbing Championships.
 - Other: Year round festivals, Civic Center Eats, Civic Center Moves, Independence Eve celebration, concert series
 - The Conservancy will celebrate the 100 year anniversary of Greek Theatre this year, including free and paid events–will showcase, advocate and invest in Greek Theatre.
 - The September 2019 fundraising gala will be held in the park, instead of inside the McNichols Building. Funds will bring programming back into park.
 - Enhancing work with partners and diversifying Board
 - Status quo in park currently not acceptable. Givers Summit scheduled to bring ideas to table. Right to Survive initiative would have devastating effect on park. Conservancy will work on education campaign, coordinate with other groups.

GTCD Committee Reports

GTCD 2018 Annual Fundraiser – April Chase

- Great first annual fundraiser–GTCD raised almost \$25K.
- Save the date of Oct 10 for the 2019 fundraiser. Location TBD. Committee help needed, auction donations needed–unique experiences, residence hosted private dinner parties, art work are popular items.

Golden Triangle Business Network (GTBN) – Morgan Russo

- Group meets twice a month (1st & 3rd Fridays) to network, share leads, and learn about fellow neighborhood businesses. GTCD member benefits focus at February 15 meeting–meet at 8:30

am at Galvanize.

Community Affairs Committee – Rhonda Knop

- Hosted December 2018 Holiday Party at Walker Fine Art (100+ people in attendance).
- Redesigning neighborhood pet stations in 2019—new sign with GTCD logo and new pet photos
- Updating printed neighborhood directory in 2019. Printing sponsored by Local Product.
- Litter League trash pick-up and graffiti removal to start up again in April 2019. May move meet up from Drip Coffee to another location.
- Be aware of weekly street cleaning, remove cars. Alleys cleaned on Wednesdays, streets and avenues cleaned on Thursdays (except for winter months). No signage, neighborhood opted out of signage years ago.

Events Liaison Committee – Rachel Fewell

- Committee meets monthly, on the first Wednesday at the McNichols Building, 8-9 am.
- City representatives discuss with event organizers upcoming event planning: neighborhood impacts, traffic, trash, promotion, and challenges.

Marketing Committee – Jeannene Bragg

- Jeannene is the new chairperson for this committee – working on restructuring committee, need new members.
- Jackie Noble is available to mentor chairperson.

Urban Design Committee – Anne Lindsey

- Committee meets the second Thursday of the month, 8-9 am at Civitas location on Bannock St.
- February 14th meeting topic is a view plane amendment.
- Golden Triangle neighborhood zoning and design update project with the City will kick off in March 2019. Will need a sub-committee to assist with the work. Time commitment is 2 hour meeting and 2 hours of homework every other month—at least 3 meetings. Will effect a lot of things in the neighborhood.

Governance Committee – Gerald Horner

- Appeal for more residents to be Board members. If not ready for a Board assignment people can start with committee role. May create a task force to recruit residents.
- Bylaws call for not less than 12, nor more than 28 Board members.
- No Board nominations from the floor
- Board nominees are Aaron Coburn (the Art, a hotel), Byron Zick (resident and employed at Davis Partnership Architects), Stephanie Kroll (SoCo Nightlife), Pete Dikeou (Lennar Multifamily Communities).
- **Motion to elect slate:** All elected.

Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

Next Board Meeting – March 7, 2019, 3pm at Denver Art Museum Hamilton Building, Congdon Board Room