



**Golden Triangle Creative District
March 5, 2020 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
3PM – Denver Art Museum
Hamilton Building, Congdon Board Room**

BOARD ATTENDEES:

Kate Barton, Kristy Bassuener, Jeannene Bragg, April Chase, Aaron Coburn, David Eichler, Rachel Fewell, Marlow Hoffman, Sydney Ilg, Stephanie Kroll, Eric Lazzari, Laura Liska, Liz Orr, Sonia Rae, Walter Simon, Brent Snyder, Byron Zick

PRESENT BY PHONE:

NA

NOT PRESENT:

Pete Dikeou, Rhonda Knop, Tracy Kontrellos, John Mosely, Morgan Russo, Mark Shaker

GTCD STAFF:

Jennifer Larsen

GUESTS:

Lisa Raville (Harm Reduction Action Center), Carleigh Sailon & Chris Richardson (Mental Health Center of Denver), Lindsay Carder & Danica Lee (City & County of Denver), Liz Zukowski (Aide, City Council District 10), Commander Aaron Sanchez & Officers (DP District 6)

Welcome/Call to Order (B. Snyder/B. Zick)

- K. Bassuener called the meeting to order at 3:01PM
- Welcome new Board members (David Eichler, Marlow Hoffman, Liz Orr)
- Thank you from Kristy for the Board's work, GTCD progress
- Welcome guests
- Approval of January 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - o Title typo, change "Agenda" to "Meeting Minutes"
 - o Minutes approved unanimously

Harm Reduction Action Center (Lisa Raville, Executive Director)

- Who we are:
 - o The mission of the Harm Reduction Action Center is to educate, empower, and advocate for the health and dignity of Colorado's people who inject drugs, in accordance with harm reduction principles.
 - o We are a public-health agency working directly with people who inject/use drugs for the past 17 years. We provide direct service, health education classes, referrals, advocacy/policy, and technical assistance to healthcare providers, law enforcement, etc. Action: current system not working, professionals onsite to help.

- We work to prevent and eliminate the transmission of chronic diseases such as HIV/Hepatitis C, prevent overdose deaths, and are a gateway to services such as substance use treatment, mental health, basic needs, etc.
- Facts about Syringe Access Programs (SAP):
 - Reduction of injection-related diseases (HIV, Hepatitis C) and the risk for injection-related bacterial infections
 - Improvement of Public Safety
 - Protection of Law Enforcement
 - Taxpayer Money Savings
 - Evidence-Based – SAPs are based on rigorously tested best practices to treat drug use as a health issue, NOT a moral issue
 - Programs exist in 35 states, 50 countries
- HRAC Programs & Services:
 - Mobile Syringe Exchange
 - Advocacy
 - Access to mail and phone
 - PWID Advisory Committee
 - Access to Service Providers Onsite
 - Fixed Site: Syringe Access & Drop-in
9-noon
 - HIV/HCV/STI Testing
 - Narcan/Fentanyl Checking
 - Referrals
- Safer Syringe Disposal Initiative:
 - 911/DPD partnership
 - 6 disposal kiosk around town
 - 1,500 were disposed between October 2015 – October 2016 at Colfax/Speer
 - Barriers to proper disposal
- Moved to new location in neighborhood – Borders Capitol Hill/Golden Triangle
- Additional:
 - Concerned with health/safety of community – participates in neighborhood clean ups
 - Award winning neighbors
 - Has a street outreach team
 - Maintains Good neighbor Agreements with neighborhood organizations
- Q&A:
 - Q: How can we let members/neighbors know who to contact with drug use issues?
A: Email Lisa at lisa.harm.reduction@gmail.com
 - Q: Can we have a link to PPT presentation or video?
A: Lisa is available to give presentations in small group sessions.
 - Q: Where is the Center located?
A: The Center is moving to the old Le Central restaurant building on Lincoln St.
 - Q: What do we do if we find syringes in the neighborhood?
A: Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm, call the Center or email Lisa. Availability on the weekends is limited. We can talk with neighbors about proper disposal for times when we're not available.
- Danica Lee (City & County of Denver) – The Denver Department of Public Health & Environment can also give guidance for safe syringe disposal and provides syringe access programs.

- Commander Aaron Sanchez – Has a narcotics background – the idea of harm reduction was a foreign concept, saw it as enabling users. After getting to know Lisa and learning about her program he finds no rational argument against. She does what she says she'll do. He's now a huge supporter. The PD is interested in putting drug dealers in jail, not drug users. Harm reduction is an opportunity for folks to survive – it does a lot for those who are ready (rehabilitation). He has only positive support for Harm. Does the neighborhood take a negative effect? He doesn't see it – users self-police because they want the service.

GTCD Budget and Membership Update (A. Chase/M. Russo)

- Current financials
 - o People are responding to invoices for membership renewal
 - o Budget – cash balance \$136K at end of January
 - o Some changes in Founding Partner renewals
 - o Most of the committees have submitted budget requests – those who have are accounted for in the budget
 - o Project \$112K in income by the end of the year, with \$107K in expenses. \$25K in savings possible. Impact budget is approximately \$112K.
 - o Still opportunities for additional requests
 - o \$7500 Events Coordinator position in budget. Grant Writer position underwritten by Denver Arts & Venues
- Current membership
 - o Update pending, R Knop out of town
 - o Neighborhood Directories – addressing typo in directories with assistance from Community Affairs and the Board.

Committee Structure (B. Zick)

- Provide summary of recommendations and request for Board member comment
 - o New committee structure diagram – committee and function identified
 - o Urban Design & Events Liaison (public events) fall under a different category – have a community engagement function, typically without ongoing action items
 - o Remaining committees considered working committees
 - o Marketing/branding functions have rolled into Events and Membership committees
- Request comment/feedback from Board
 - o Q: (E Lazzari) – Does Community Affairs have overlap with the Events committee, and is there Board oversight?
A: Rhonda is a Board member and on that committee. This committee focuses on smaller neighborhood events and initiatives, also assists with community-based food, clothing, and school supply drives in conjunction with residential buildings. The Events committee focuses on larger “signature events.”
 - o Q: (J Bragg) If the Marketing committee is eliminated, what is the approval process for things that are designed? We want GTCD pieces to look consistent and follow branding guidelines.
A: We need to reach out to all committees for alignment with branding guidelines. The Executive Committee (EC) will be tasked with design review.
 - o Events Coordinator to work with Events committee and EC
 - o Leader needed to chair the Events committee
- Action item: Where do people want to put their efforts?

Final Fridays (Planning Team)

- Call for volunteers to plan and lead three events (two Final Fridays + COLORCON) this summer

- June, July, August events proposed by EC for 2020
- Volunteers for Final Fridays/COLORCON:
 - David Eichler is interested in COLORCON
 - Sonia can help with COLORCON “heavy lifting, 1-2 weeks out from event
 - Can reach out to 2019 Marketing committee members for interest
 - Events Coordinator to assist with Final Fridays & Fundraiser
- Theme approach again this year – June theme creative/art
 - COLORCON theme is “Vision.” All female artists, 8-10 artists. Same alley.

Third Thursdays (M. Russo)

- Update Board on Third Thursdays events currently planned and planning team in charge
- Request for Board members to commit to attending a Third Thursday Listening Meeting
 - 17 people attended February Third Thursday event
 - Need Board members to attend March 19 at the ART Hotel. Sydney or Jennifer will create an 8 1/2x11 flyer to distribute.
 - June 18 Listening Meeting at Plant Garage
 - September 17 Listening Meeting at Anise restaurant
 - Community Affairs committee will be responsible for day of coordination, set up and greeting guests

HOA Board Presentations (K. Bassuener / S. Ilg)

- Discuss who will be spearheading this effort
 - Community Affairs (Nancy Cole) is doing outreach to HOA Boards and requesting possible meeting dates
 - Need someone to plug Board members into HOA meeting slots. Walter will work with Nancy to assign Board members.

Grant Writer and Events Contractor Roles (K. Bassuener / S. Ilg)

- Update on Grant Writer position
 - Job description not yet approved by EC
 - Cost is underwritten through grant from Denver Arts & Venues – \$7500 for 2020.
 - Grants sought will be for capital improvements, marketing, event functions
- Update on Events Coordinator position
 - MOTION: to approve job description. W Simon/B Snyder, all approve
- Postings to reside on GTCD website

Committee Reports

Executive Committee updates

- Discussion of new Executive Committee assignments and motion for a vote
 - B Zick & B Snyder to share co-chair positions, R Knop to remain as secretary, A Chase & M Russo to share finance co-chair positions, S Ilg & K Bassuener to be members at large
 - MOTION: W Simon/S Ilg, all approve
- Spring Creative Districts convening May 13th, 2020 in the Steamboat Springs Creative District. 2020 CCI Summit to follow May 14-15, 2020. Registration opens early February. Need 2 Board members to commit.
 - GTCD will cover registration fee, lodging and mileage – L Orr, S Ilg, D Eichler interested
- COLORCON proposed date – June 26
- Evans School Focus Group & Happy Hour – hosted by Evans School developers, City Street Investors (new GTCD members)
 - Tuesday, March 3, 5-7pm
 - Thursday, March 12, 5-7pm
 - RSVP to rmahanty@citystreetinvestors.com

- Can GT zoning meeting date be changed? Brent will reach out to Kristofer Johnson.
- Coronavirus adjustments – staff can work from home, Board can do email/online votes, and Board/committee can do online/phone meetings
- Annual Fundraiser update
 - Talking about 11th Avenue Hostel hosting on Oct 15

Note: Committee reports not discussed formally during the meeting due to time constraints – written committee reports provided to Board members in advance of the meeting.

Golden Triangle Business Network

Governance Committee

Community Affairs Committee

Events Liaison Committee

Marketing Committee

- Proposal to move marketing functions to Events and Marketing committees

Neighborhood Improvements Committee

- Eight trash cans installed, two outstanding (at 12th/Acoma and on Cherokee St.)
- April 15 committee meeting – DDP will present on GIDs, BIDs, and Maintenance Districts

Urban Design Committee

New/Old Business

- E Lazzari – Bannock St in front of City & County building will close permanently beginning in April. Has been talked about for 30 years. Denver Public Works and Mayor’s Office pushed for decision and approved. Pilot closure done two summers ago. Goal is safety buffer and create community space in front of building.
- Neighborhood complaints/concerns – often come to admin address. L Orr recently contacted Liz Zukowski at Councilman Hinds’ office regarding lighting issue (too bright at night) at neighborhood apartment building. Lighting not allowed as is – city inspector contacted property manager to come into compliance. If property does not come into compliance a citation will be issued.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 4:30PM