



**Golden Triangle Creative District
November 5, 2020 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
3PM – Video Conference**

BOARD ATTENDEES:

Aaron Bajorek, Kate Barton, Kristy Bassuener, Lisa Beauchamp, Jeannene Bragg, April Chase, Pete Dikeou, Rachel Fewell, Marlow Hoffman, Eric Lazzari, Laura Liska, John Mosley, Liz Orr, Brent Snyder, Byron Zick,

NOT PRESENT:

David Eichler, Sydney Ilg, Tracy Kontrellos, Stephanie Kroll, Sonia Rae, Liz Zukowski (for CM Hinds)

GTCD STAFF:

Jennifer Larsen

GUESTS:

Jennifer Gance (finance co-chair), Steve Strunk (resident), Jenn Byrnes (Shift Workspaces)

Welcome/Call to Order (B. Zick)

- B. Zick called the meeting to order at 3:03PM
- Welcome guests
- Approval of October 2020 Meeting Minutes
 - o MOTION: Approve minutes (L. Beauchamp/R. Fewell)
 - o Minutes approved unanimously

GTCD Budget and Membership Update (A. Chase)

- Current financials:
 - o Not much change for September, \$110K in operating account
 - o No big expenses anticipated through end of year
 - o No concerns regarding budget heading into 2021
 - o Draft of 2021 budget available at December 3 Board meeting
- Current membership:
 - o \$1000 in membership in September, August was \$2500
 - o Membership Committee meeting next week, November 13

Task Force on Homelessness (B. Zick)

- Letter to the Mayor from RNO's – Update
 - o GTCD Board vote on letter to mayor, passed mid-October. RNO partners were Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, Uptown on the Hill and Colfax Business Improvement District
 - o B. Zick participating on behalf of GTCD until Homelessness Task Force can assume responsibility

- Two Safe Outdoor Spaces are proposed: Capitol Hill (14th/Grant) and Uptown (16th/Penn). Small, privately run sites.
- None currently proposed for Golden Triangle.
- Additional Updates
 - Tents around library, clean up scheduled for next Thursday, Nov 12. Usually contentious, alert neighborhood staff. (R. Fewell)
 - Encampments around residential building at 12th and Elati – Is this location on clean up list? (L. Liska) No, not on list. List not published, locations discussed at Monday morning City group meeting. (R. Fewell)
 - City leads early intervention team of department representatives to intervene when numbers start to grow, about 20-30 people. Work Monday-Friday, proactive and based upon complaints. Log complaint on 311, use words “homeless” or “homelessness”. (B. Zick)
 - Elati/14th temporary shelter (for weather) kept open longer. Women and transgender population. (B. Zick)
 - Mayor just approved \$450K in funding for homelessness, and ballot measure generating funds from sales tax increase passed. (B. Zick)
 - Did mayor’s office commit to ongoing communication? (E. Lazzari) Agreed to meet every two weeks. (B. Zick)
 - FYI on Safe Outdoor Spaces: <https://sos.konveio.com/sos-locations> (K. Barton)

Neighborhood Security Update (K. Bassuener)

- Denver Art Museum (DAM) has stated working together with other institutions in area
- DAM has been focused on securing area: removing anything that can be moved, securing items, cleaning up, locking up trash bins.
- Working with and receiving information from Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP)
- Friday, November 6 at 5:30 pm March for Trump rally scheduled
- Saturday, November 7 at 5-8 pm International Cube Day on 16th Street Mall
- Additional Updates
 - Civic Center Conservancy not involved with securing park. Focus on DDP Security Action Plan. Document being revised, results available early in 2021. Addresses actions that can be taken to improve safety in downtown area, which spills into other neighborhoods. Conservancy will see what they can utilize from plan. (E. Lazzari)
 - Important that all people/organizations get connected. Security Action Plan survey link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HW3MHV3>. Need all voices represented in plan, share survey with community. (K. Barton)
 - Social media doesn’t pick up demonstrations that pose security risk. Groups that pull permits and communicate with the city aren’t typically a problem. Better to be prepared, instead of being caught off guard by things that pop up. (E. Lazzari)
 - Is there a mechanism for distribution of rally notifications? (B. Zick) Yes, text updates and DDP email communications. Also shared radio network with Denver Police, quickest way to get information to security teams. (K. Barton)

Good Neighbor Agreements Update (L. Liska)

- Just executed an agreement with Harm Reduction Action Center together with The Cultural Arts Residential Organization (CARO/ Beauvallon). This is considered an informal agreement – it has no legal standing, but is important for an agreement of mutual responsibilities and expectations.
- Executive Committee planning on handling GNAs outside of regular Board meetings. If people think Board member oversight needed, please say so. (B. Zick)
- If resident concern or testifying for liquor license, we can let people know. (L. Liska)
- Completed documents to be added to Google Drive for Board access

Committee Reports (All)

- Executive Committee (B. Zick)
 - o Update on website platform/maintenance – under contract with AOR for 1 year of maintenance through 2020. Exploring options for 2021.
 - o Working on evolving annual retreat. Last year in Dec 2019 we had an annual retreat at Library. Zoom not a good option for a 4-hour meeting. Considering a 2-hour visioning meeting to be held in March or April with new Board members. We would discuss goals, Board member roles and how to move forward.
 - o Online meeting on November 18 at 5:30 pm for Sunken Gardens Master Plan
- Community Affairs Committee (L. Orr)
 - o Sunken Gardens meeting mentioned in GTCD November newsletter, see announcement. To be followed up with survey. Process is going well.
 - o CA Committee has gone into “abeyance” – activities have been assigned to other committees or aren’t happening. Litter League concluded for the year in October. Need to have a discussion early next year about what the Board wants the committee to be.
- Events Committee (A. Chase)
 - o No response from S. Kroll regarding events
 - o Discussed virtual event. Can meet somewhere with up to 25 people. Can be hybrid of in person and online, or completely virtual. Food or liquor tastings, caroling, demonstration of something.
 - o How are people are feeling? B. Zick and A. Chase to work offline on Survey Monkey to get Board members feedback. Also, send event/activation ideas to A. Chase.
- Governance Committee (L. Beauchamp)
 - o Here to learn, and support the Board
 - o Emails have gone out regarding extending Board terms. Let me know if there’s something I can do to help support your position.
 - o If you know of others who would like to apply, be in touch so I can get you the paperwork.
 - o Bylaws – working with K. Bassuener and B. Zick on updates. If others have interest or experience with bylaws, I would like to get your guidance.
- Membership Committee (A. Chase)
 - o Addressed above
- Neighborhood Improvements Committee (S. Ilg)
 - o Working on postcard to community regarding maintenance of tree lawn area
 - o Budget remaining for Neighborhood Improvements. Considering mini grants to neighbors (\$500) for minor updates to tree lawn area.
 - o Charlie Hunt has identified several sites for new trees to be planted
 - o Considering a new design for another round of trash receptacles
- Urban Design (L. Liska)
 - o Next meeting is Thursday, November 12 with two presenters (see committee report). Invite to go out tonight.
 - o There is also a presenter for a December meeting
 - o Meetings are second Thursday of each month
- Public Events Liaison (R. Fewell)
 - o Not much happening with public events
 - o Christkindl Market moving from 16th St Mall to Civic Center Park for 2020
 - Governor announcement encouraged people to stay within family units, however, the city hasn’t imposed any additional restrictions on the market thus far.
 - This is an asset for the Golden Triangle – we need to help spread the word.

New/Old Business

- DDP Zoom forum with local experts on homelessness scheduled for Nov 17 at 8-9 am. Will share meeting information with Board. (K. Barton)
- Civic Center Park – At start of conversation with Denver Parks & Rec regarding concept design process for the park. Addressing next steps for evolution of the park, next 100 years. (E. Lazzari)
 - o Phase 1 Bannock St closure start of this evolution
 - o Will be the most thorough community engagement process thus far, beginning in January 2021. Will ask GTC and community partners to share communications.
 - o Bannock St, Greek Theatre, Central Promenade, Central Gathering Feature all in existing Master Plan. Work to realize this master plan.
 - o Big moment for the park and neighborhood
 - o Is proposed McNichols Building renovation part of this plan? (L. Liska) Separate master plan for the building, already designed and conceptualized. Funding mechanism needed. Some items have started to be implemented. (E. Lazzari)

Member/Guest Comments (3 minute comments max.)

- Isn't there a city program to provide trees to residents? (S. Struck) Yes, and we're aware of it (B. Zick)
- Event ideas: Booklovers Ball at library well done. Interesting program and meals delivered day of event. At the Wings Over the Rockies event speakers were three former astronauts. (S. Struck)
- During economic downturn in 2010, city of Woodland Park gave \$500 grants to businesses on Main Street to fix things up. Competition to see how could do the best job. (S. Struck)
 - o B. Zick to invite S. Struck to Neighborhood Improvements meeting.

Adjourn (B. Zick)

Meeting adjourned at 4:07PM