



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
SANTA FE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Held Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 3:00 pm via Zoom virtual conference

Call to order The meeting was called to order by the facilitator Andrea Barela - Board of Directors of the Santa Fe BID.

Roll Call/Attendance A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Fe Business Improvement District, City and County of Denver, Colorado was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present and acting:

<p><u>Board Members - Present</u> Andrea Barela - BOD Rusty Brown - BOD Tom McLagan - BOD David Brehm - BOD Jim Stevens - BOD George Lim - BOD</p>	<p><u>Board Members - Absent</u> Jackie Bouvier - ED</p> <p><u>Guests</u> Lynda Seele - Public Hearing Chandler Simental - MDLDC James Holmes/Ana Paula - ADSF Wesley Dismore - Streetscape Jill Locantore - Denver deserves sidewalks Itay Barylka - Community</p>
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Approval of minutes from the last meeting

George motioned to approve the minutes. Rusty seconded to approve the minutes and all were in favor as the motion moved forward.

Approval of the Agenda

Tom motioned to approve the agenda and David seconded to approve the agenda and all were in favor as the motion moved forward.



Public Hearing

Officially opened the public hearing and commented to the zoom floor to comment regarding the public hearing for the 2023 Proposed budget.

- Mailing notification went out Wednesday 11/9/2022 and people received the letters over the weekend per Lynda Seele.
- Lynda sent out a spreadsheet that demonstrates the difference and changes based on new construction, the screen was shared to show the property owners and information. (explained residential loss from commercial to residential and a gain from residential to commercial).
- Opened it up to the public for any questions and read the resolutions to adopt.
 - The first resolution is the formal resolution to adopt the 2023 budget and appropriate the sums and funds appropriated and identified on the budget. David motioned to approve and Jim seconded, all were in favor and Adopted the resolution
 - The Second resolution is the Administrative resolution and shows the freezing of the data used to calculate the data used to obtain an assessment. Tom moved to approve the resolution and Rusty seconded, all were in favor and adopted the resolution.
 - The third resolution adopts the assessment role and says it was submitted to the treasury as approving the document as it shows. George moved to approve the resolution and Jim seconded as all were in favor and Adopted the resolution.

A late public comment came on by IB itay barylka on behalf of Tim from Aztlan Theatre because his lights are still not fixed on the sidewalk, can someone please reach out as a long-time Chicano theater?

Guest Updates

Police Updates

An email was sent over with an examined document with information regarding the corridor as the officers were all not available to join today's meeting.

- Emailed to the board the requested information Andrea requested during the last meeting, regarding traffic crashes at Santa Fe & 8th St. Officer is happy to report none of the reported crashes involved Serious Bodily Injury. He also attached the most up-to-date crime stats.

Traffic Crashes at 8th & Santa Fe

Summary

- 2020 was the highest year for reported crashes to Denver Police with 23 crashes.



- Year to date, there have been 13 reported crashes in this area (January 1 through November 6, 2022).
 - This is the same number of crashes reported in 2019 and 2021.
- The most common location for crashes is the intersection of W 8th Ave / N Santa Fe Dr (50 of the 62 crashes during the examined time).
- The most common top offense for a crash in all years is a Traffic – Accident.
 - 2020 had the highest number of Hit and Run crashes with 7 reports all year.
 - Year to date in 2022, there is 5 Traffic – Hit and Run crash reports.
- There were no fatality or serious bodily injury (SBI) crashes in this area during the examined period.

Guest - Jill Locantore (Denver deserves sidewalks campaign)

Denver Deserves Sidewalks qualified for the ballot this November, as Initiated Ordinance 307. If voters approve it, the proposed initiative would publicly fund the construction and repair of sidewalks citywide, and make our city more equitable, fair, and safe for all. It looks like this has passed, although the vote counting is still going on, and are awaiting an official announcement.

The program will fund the construction and repair of sidewalks citywide so that everyone can get around Denver more freely and safely. In Denver, 40% of streets have no sidewalk at all or are too skinny or difficult for parents, people with disabilities or daily walkers, etc.

The program removes the responsibility for repairs from adjacent property owners and places this responsibility on the city. Fund the construction and repair of sidewalks citywide, through a modest annual fee charged to property owners. Enable the construction of a complete sidewalk network that serves every Denver neighborhood within 9 years, compared to the 400 years it would take with current funding levels. Provide ongoing funding for sidewalk repairs. There are a ton of benefits if having this in Denver.

Details of the fee are based on the linear footage of the property frontage and the type of street on which the property is located on an annual basis.

You may also have heard that INC Delegates voted 30-2 on July 10, 2022, in favor of the following motion:

INC supports the Denver Deserves Sidewalks ballot initiative, to refer to Denver voters the question of removing the responsibility for repairs from adjacent property owners and placing this responsibility on the City, and establishing a dedicated fee to fund this work. INC urges all member RNOs to support this important issue.



A presentation with further details was shared during this meeting.

See <https://denverdeservessidewalks.wordpress.com/> for more information. After the presentation, Jill opened it for discussion.

How will this process work, by application, or filing or will the city determine which one? The property owner will not need to do anything the city will and they have already identified a priority system for the decision of which sidewalks to go first and DOTI will go through the prioritization process. If the property owner feels that they have a need can they express that? The city will go through a citywide inventory and take an initiative to create a new inventory. You can use 311 and reach out to DOTI but a complete assessment is being conducted. Denver water punctured a hole in the sidewalk and has not fixed it, so this is helpful.

October Police Update Data Report

Summary

8 incidents occurred in October in the Santa Fe BID.

- 50.0% of incidents are violent crimes (4 incidents).
- There is an overall decrease of 27.3% when comparing October to September 2022 (11 on September, 8 in October).
- There were 2 simple assaults in October.

49 police calls for service were received during October in this area.

- 40 or 81.6% were citizen-initiated.
- 9 calls or 18.3% were officer-initiated.
- 14.3% of calls were for a traffic crash (7 calls) and 8.2% were alarm calls (4 calls).

Committees/Reports/Updates

Executive Director Updates

Streetscape Project | Parklet - Wesley Dismore

Good news, both projects are moving forward

- Need a letter from ED or BID board stating that it is ok to relocate the parklet
- Need approval from the Business owner where the parklet will be moved to
- Streetscape - Had a meeting with Project review board, a few comments and got the final approval needed to finalize scope document to start procuring a new consultant
 - Use a mini bid to have contractors be preselected to receive the RFP
 - It is important to see the RFP and read it as a Board - Wesley will check to see if he can share



- Next stage is a complete design, cost estimates, construction specifications, support, etc everything
- The Board also requested to see the list of people to whom the RFP will be sent to, but Wesley said he can't share yet. Wesley will be conducting the pre-formal notification in the next few weeks. He will ask what he can and can't share with the board and will bring that response at the next meeting. Currently, they will send it to three.
- Do you in the RFP have them submit a schedule? They have flexibility but at this point, they do not have any scheduled milestones, so they ask for a reasonable proposed schedule.

Wesley shared what a great opportunity this will be to engage and have the BID involved and reiterate how important it is to work together.

- There are some major projects in the community such as the 16th street mall to be aware of.
- Was there any feedback from the pilot project, yes! They are aware of the feedback and when scoping the next phase they will make sure to collect that feedback.
- Wesley will be able to share the scope once it is finalized and it is fairly technical. Any comments need to be collected quickly and shared immediately. But this is a full-steam-ahead project.
- Tom asked regarding a document created by Mark and the board, Andrea shared the link with Wesley
- In the big picture what is the schedule like with the expectation to finalize construction? When will this get started? Wesley's goal is to have public outreach on some of the 1st Fridays next summer. They have identified funds for design from the city but no funds for construction yet. At this point, there is a funded design project with unfunded construction. They want to try to get federal funding in Q3 and Q4 2023. It will probably be several years before this is done. The consultant will be brought in and fully complete this phase.

MDLDC Updates

Updates

- Decrease on graffiti with colder weather
- Trimming continued
- Last year extended the growth and this year will do the same
- With cooler weather homeless use trash cans as fire pits and experienced it on 9th and Santa Fe as it was melted.
- One large homeless encampment was removed adjacent to the Veteran area and they were finally removed.



- There is a missing backflow and Denver water said it doesn't need to be replaced until next spring at 1003 north Santa Fe.
- Irrigation blowout will be completed in the next few weeks, not worried about damage since it wasn't necessarily used very much this year.

James Holmes/Ana Paula - Art District on Santa Fe Updates

- Welcomed three new resident artists to the studio
- Art from previous three resident artists is on display now
- One-year retrospective show in December
- Excited to announce that they received a 10k grant from PSYH, will create bike racks for people to bike to the district
- Just heard that they received general operations grant from Bontfil foundation

New Business/Old Business

- Rusty feels that at the December meeting he can share where his property is in the process.
- Jim mentioned that the first Fridays have substantially gone up for them to up to 3,000 guests
- A lot of foot traffic on Saturday (weekends) and rattling locked doors. Is this something that we need to talk about regarding having doors open?
- George mentioned that we need activation (ice cream shops, pizza joints, etc) what do we ask of new developers? As a BID and Art District need to discuss this and see how this activation begins to happen
- Andrea is wanting to put up an ice cream shop. It would be nice to have a theater that worked.
- George and Andrea received a new email to re-apply to the board, they will do it.

The meeting adjourned

The next meeting will be on 1/17/2023