

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

Held Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at 3:00 pm via Zoom virtual conference

**Call to order** Facilitator Andrea Barela was out and the meeting was called to order by Jackie Bouvier, ED - Board of Directors meeting 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:

Board	Members	- Present
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Rusty Brown - BOD George Lim - BOD Tom McLagan - BOD David Brehm - BOD Jackie Bouvier - ED

#### **Board Members - Absent**

Andrea Barela - BOD

## <u>Guests</u>

Lt. James Dixon - DPD Officer Rob Gibbs

Chandler Simental - MDLDC

Wesley Dismore - Streetscape Project

Ana Paula - ADSF

# Approval of minutes from the last meeting

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

#### **Approval of the Agenda**

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# **Guests Updates**

## **Guests - Officer Gibbs | Neighborhood Updates**

Data on crime in the area is being provided on a monthly basis. Officer Gibbs went over the report. **Summary:** 

9 incidents occurred in May in the Santa Fe BID.

- 33% of incidents are property crimes (3 incidents).
- There is an overall decrease of 5 offenses or 35.7% when comparing May to April 2022.
- The most reported offenses in this month are Public & Other Crimes (4 incidents).

76 police calls for service were received during April in this area.

- 71 or 93% were citizen-initiated.
- 5 calls or 7% were officer-initiated.
- 33.8% of citizen-initiated calls this month were for a Disturbance or an Alarm Call (16.9% each type).

## **Calls for Service by Month (Citizen-Initiated)**

- Problem Code Count
- Alarm Call 12
- Disturbance 12
- Traffic Crash 11
- Trespass / Unwanted Person 5
- Auto Theft 3
- Nature Unknown 3
- Suspicious Occurrence 3
- Robbery 2
- Check Hazard 2
- Attempt Contact or Pickup 2
- Assault 2
- Welfare Check 2
- Domestic Violence 2
- EMS request PD 2
- Burglary 1
- Encampment 1
- Threats 1
- Criminal Mischief 1
- Fraud / Forgery 1
- 911 Hang Up/Open Line 1
- Noise Complaint 1
- Theft 1
- Total 71

#### Calls for Service by Month (Officer-Initiated)

- Problem Code Count
- Trespass / Unwanted Person 1
- Assist 1

- Vehicle Stop 1
- Follow Up 1
- Help 1
- Total 5

Photos need to be taken if there is graffiti to have records of that and to try to identify the perpetrator. This is similar to a lot of different areas at this point, continue to call and they will do what they can.

#### Discussion Open to Q&A:

A question came up, in May at the 1000 block a guy came in with a bright orange shirt on with rolled up plans underneath his arm and stole a truck from the parking lot at 1 o'clock in the afternoon. Are they truly that organized or is it an opportunity crime? FR50 FR250, Hyundai and KIA and Chevy Trucks are the top to be stolen in Denver as they are easy to steal. So this was called an opportunity crime. There were 40 graffitti reports by MDLDC and we wanted to make sure that police were aware. A last question, has there been a decrease or has there been any changes in crime since the business watch signs have gone up. Officer Gibbs said there has been a decrease in crime since the signs went up, usually they don't see that type of decrease happen so quickly. But they did see a decrease in the corridor in the two previous months as a result.

#### **Guest - Wesley Dismore**

A busy season city wide due to paving, so not too much to report on. So work associated with the streetscape project has been pushed a little bit as a result.

**Parklet Relocation** - Internally a work order needs to be developed as a n amendment with the IGa. They need to have an approved work order before they can initiate an amendment for the IGA and then execute it and Wesley has started the process this week through the city. He will try to expedite this work order ASAP and he will have an approved work order by mid July and he will be able to generate the work order and get going on the next steps of removing the parklet and restriping and creating these parking spaces.

**Re-striping** - Will there be any changes to the turning lane on the 700 block? Under the city standards there is no reason to believe that there is a reason to remove that turning lane and there is nothing in the modeling that leads to believe that should be done based on video recording and analysis done there. However, is there any way to shorten it, with the intent of adding one to two parking spaces as there are not a lot of people queuing in that lane. Wesley, recorded and watched during peak hour and there was about a four to six vehicle quie and if it shortened then every single traffic cycle will be backed up. So at this point based on that, no, it will not be able to be shortened. Maybe during the next phase of the project there could be some additional analysis done, but it is a regular repeated traffic cycle queue of cars and it backs up to the travel lane.

After much discussion, it was asked if all the applications were filed to move forward to get things going and it was answered that it is in process and for review it will come up next week. QWesley said he will have a report for the next meeting.

**Timing and expectations about the larger Streetscape project** - Not much information on this. More at the next meeting.

# **Committees/Reports/Updates**

#### **Executive Director Updates**

- Romaine Pacheco information needed was completed, great and quick turn around in completing the needed information, all board members are official and re-appointed.
- Radiant Lighting has been keeping up with their roundabouts, no claims thus far
- PSYAH Ana Paula can provide more of an update on this on the artists and where in the process we are
- Report received from Denver regarding the crime uptick, homicides and other crime has been increasing in Denver, but not so much affecting our corridor.
- Open to overlay updates and chat, what is the language and what needs to be put together as an official statement to get back to whoever is receiving the overlay information.
  - Tom asked if everyone got the email from Jamie Torres, and it seems only Tom and David received it, no other board member or director received it. The email basically is asking for the board to make a decision, the email did not go thorough Jackie or the entire BID.
  - No one person can make a decision, no one person can make that approach. This is a board decision
  - As a board we owe them a final letter or something to put it on their court. As they did say they needed it within July.
  - As this was discussed at multiple meetings and we got close to a motion to support the DO8, and David reached out of how the zoning read for a different project then he was asked to join a meeting of theirs, but he understands that the decision must be made by the entire board. The understanding from that meeting David attended, is that when you apply the two foot set back, the structures that are over 5 stories will require to use. If there is no overlay then you can do a larger one.
  - In the June meeting they said it would be done concurrent with text modification.

After much, much more discussion on the matter and the difference on the corridors blocks, foot setback and proposed requirements the board decided to prepare a letter that includes the proposed agreement to support the overlay with the provisions laid out as such, to put the ball back on that court. A formalized letter should go back out and propose the agreement. Although, David was not in agreement with the two foot set back as he has been told that the city will not support modifying the overlay for just Santa Fe. Rusty will take an opportunity to write the letter and include all of the board's acceptable language and decisions. The agreement is that there is a timing issue and there needs to be momentum and not delay. Once it is complete Jackie will formalize the letter and send it over to them no later than this friday.

#### **Chandler MDLDC Updates:**

Anthony out, two confirmed employees out with positive Covid-19 test results. We currently also have one employee out sick with a pending test. Chandler just came out of COVID. This has left them in a

very difficult situation, with limited healthy and available crew members. They will plan to keep Santa Fe BID "quick clean" services for tomorrow but will have limited/no services on Saturday

Over the last month MDLDC crews have reported The following:

o Graffiti Removals: 40

Poster/Sticker removals: 26

o Biohazard removals: 3

Homeless debris removal: 0

- Mulch in all bump outs, apart of two which are still working on activating irrigation as one
  of the backflows needs to be serviced (across from el noa noa)
- Trash receptacles lids stolen working on getting those replaced.
- They will add trash for the next AFF
- MDLDC Site Director has been working diligently on working with Forestry to finalize sites/funding for the new trees. The sites proposed have all been physically tagged on site.
   Please see the final site list attached to this email.
- All backflows have been charged and are in working order. All irrigation zones are operating
  with the exception of two. These two remaining irrigation zones require further
  rebuilding/attention.
- Some pottery/statues were destroyed by vandals. The remains of the statue are not salvageable.
- Two trash receptacle lids were stolen over the past month. Both were located at 12th and Santa Fe Drive.
- Planters in the corridor have still not been rearranged into correctly and we are waiting on a
  response from the City of Denver. Some time in the last week, a new accident involving a car
  and a planter took place. It has severely damaged the planter and even damaged a tree
  adjacent to it. Please see the image below.

A positive compliment was given to MDLDC as the next day clean up after first Friday was done well, a really good job.

A task to make sure the person in charge of the food trucks gets contacted for cleaning of their areas after the first Friday.

#### **TACTICS** in the positive direction

Speed limit reduction - COMPLETE

Re-stripping - Sounds like more analyzing is needed

New Trash Receptacles - \$5,000 from city council was received

Additional Maintenance day - COMPLETE

Removal of el Noa Noa parklet - New location spotted more on this at next meeting, more at next meet Implementation of Business Watch - Signs placed along the corridor (great report from city has crime **decreased** as a result of this implementation)

Economic Development - I'd like to add something here as this is something that our BID should get involved in more heavily.

#### Andrea and Shaina - Task force

• Both out no update

# Shaina/Ana Paula - Art District on Santa Fe Updates

- PSYAH Mural project they have picked the 6 artists and sent a letter of approval, and they will have official announcements soon to have these murals installed by AFF. Excited for installs.
- AFF to meet for plans and forward with it, no information on insurance yet and trying to move forward to get as many booths and food trucks as many vendor spots requests are being received
- Applications for next round getting started for artists in residence on the ADSF, looking for space for them
- A new president for ADSF James Holmes will be at our next meeting as the incoming president for ADSF. He is official as of July and Shaina will still be around to help.

## **New Business/Old Business**

 Potential new board members please send contact or emails of anyone you may have in mind to Jackie. Andrea was going to contact someone who reached out regarding the open board seat, any news?

# Meeting adjourned

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The next meeting will be 7/19/2022