

09:09:39 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Welcome, David, to the B.O.D. of INC
09:10:00 From D-Judy Baxter (s/h) Montclair : YES Welcome David.
09:12:05 From Emmett Hobley : Welcome David!
09:12:56 From D - Christine O'Connor (LUN) : thank you Greg, for doing all
this hard work!
09:15:16 From Ean Tafoya ZAP Co-Chair : <https://youtu.be/Y1zDU-XcQcE>
09:15:26 From Ean Tafoya ZAP Co-Chair : here is the YouTube link
09:17:29 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors :
www.denversidewalks.com
09:24:10 From D-Eleni Sarris : What is a NEST neighborhood. We have people
displaced all over the city?
09:26:29 From D-Eleni Sarris : I have concerns with equity as it has been
described so far.
09:26:45 From Ean Tafoya ZAP Co-Chair :
<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Economic-Development-Opportunity/Neighborhood-Equity>
09:27:02 From Ean Tafoya ZAP Co-Chair : that's nest website eleni
09:28:03 From D-Eleni Sarris : Got it. I think there has to be more
consideration for all residents who may be experiencing financial issues. I feel
that this a citywide issue.
09:30:54 From Mariah Rosensweig Park Hill : And Amelia is here! Another
member of our group. We are grateful for this partnership! Please feel free to ask
questions or reach us at dpsclimateaction@gmail.com
09:31:24 From Mariah Rosensweig Park Hill : check out our website for more
information as well:<https://www.dpsclimateaction.org/>
09:31:39 From Amelia Fernández Rodríguez : Hi everyone!
09:31:59 From Mariah Rosensweig Park Hill : Article:
<https://co.chalkbeat.org/2022/4/20/23032671/denver-public-schools-climate-action-policy-students-school-board>
09:32:09 From D-Eleni Sarris : Great work Mariah, Molly, and Gab!!!
09:32:09 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : thanks for all your work
09:32:46 From D-Judy Baxter (s/h) Montclair : Amelia, Mariah, Molly and
Gabriel- you and the effort you are leading is impressive. You are really making a
difference.
09:32:59 From Gabriel Nagel : www.dpsclimateaction.org
09:32:59 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Thanks for all your great work. I
think INC's contribution was well worth it!
09:33:20 From Gabriel Nagel : www.eastsustainability.com
09:34:12 From Gabriel Nagel : Feel free to reach out to us at
dpsclimateaction@gmail.com if you have any questions!
09:34:29 From D-David Halterman WDCA : Go Angels!
09:35:12 From LaMone Noles : NEST (Neighborhood Equity & Stabilization
Team) is focused on the following neighborhoods in danger is displacement thru
gentrification, in addition to any other areas of Denver undergoing large-scale
development: East Colfax, Elyria-Swansea, Globeville, Montbello, Northeast Park
Hill, Sun Valley, Valverde, Villa Park, West Colfax, Westwood.

Email: NEST@denvergov.org

Phone: (720) 913-1552

09:39:53 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thanks for the information, LaMone. I think

we all know that displacement is happening across the city and in every neighborhood. So added fees may have a disproportionate impact on many. Have any studies been conducted on impacts and capabilities, etc.?

09:42:01 From LaMone Noles : @Eleni, no studies that I am aware of. Displacement is an ongoing issue, but NEST may have more data.

09:42:19 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thanks.

09:43:22 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : I agree with Eleni. We are adding another financial burden to already stressed residents. This comes after then new added fee for composting services. It is increasing the pressures of displacement.

09:43:45 From Bill Tanner : Please tell us about the recent issue where there was an issue with Council preventing an audit or reducing the authority of the auditor to act independently?

09:43:57 From D-Eleni Sarris : Agreed, Drew. What not pay for sidewalks out of General Fund.

09:44:40 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : I agree. I am afraid the City is creating revenue streams that burden residents. Why not use the General fund for these services?

09:45:15 From D-Eleni Sarris : Isn't that a potential violation of the city charter?

09:45:24 From Bill Tanner : The Denver City Council on Monday repealed a bill that granted the city auditor's office subpoena authority after the auditor, Tim O'Brien, sued the council earlier this month over an amendment in the bill that put limits on that power. Mar 14, 2022

<https://www.denverpost.com> > denv...

Denver council repeals top government watchdog's subpoena powers amid spat

09:45:27 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : Please keep in mind that sidewalks are currently the responsibility of the adjacent property owner. If they need replacement/repair, the property owner is today on the hook for many thousands of dollars. This small fee would replace that. Be sure you're looking at the whole picture

09:45:30 From LaMone Noles : @Auditor, what kind of enforcement authority do you have when agencies refuse to comply with audits, interviews, etc.?

09:46:03 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : It's well worth reading the Auditor's report on the current sidewalk situation as well.

09:47:35 From D-Eleni Sarris : Joel, we are looking at the full picture. Seems like this is an issue where we lack political will to do the right thing at the municipal level. All people are asking for is a way to do a more thorough analysis of impacts on those who may be displaced due to increased housing costs. We are taking everyone into account and disparate impacts are a real concern

09:49:40 From Sara del Valle Ruiz : You will find our 2022 Audit Plan here: <https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Auditors-Office/Audit-Services/2022-Audit-Plan>

09:49:42 From Emmett Hobley : I too am concerned with the taxing streams that are being created, to further disenfranchise the community and exacerbate displacement.

09:49:42 From LaMone Noles : @Auditor, what are the city employees rights to speak with your staff confidentiality, and are they aware of those rights?

09:50:22 From D-Eleni Sarris : Wasn't Kronos hacked?

09:50:33 From D-Eleni Sarris : Tell people what that is

09:53:21 From D-Bruce Baskette : Have Denver's TIF projects ever been

audited?

09:53:44 From Bill Tanner : May I suggest that INC issue a statement supporting the auditors subpoena authority?

09:54:34 From D-Eleni Sarris : Great question on TIFs. . .and use of TIFs.

09:55:08 From LaMone Noles : @Bill, agreed

09:55:23 From Sara del Valle Ruiz : Here you can download our audit to to sidewalk repair program:

https://denvergov.org/files/assets/public/auditor/documents/audit-services/audit-reports/2020/neighborhood-sidewalk-repair-program_november2020.pdf

09:56:39 From D-Eleni Sarris : Sidewalks, like many issues at the City, is a question of priorities. The funds are available.

09:56:41 From D - Christine O'Connor (LUN) : @Bill, agree.

09:58:12 From D-Eleni Sarris : it is a question of budgeting, Joel. What are the city's priorities?

09:59:04 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : The question will be what the residents' priorities are. That's why it should be on the ballot

10:00:37 From Sara del Valle Ruiz : You can send you suggestions at auditor@denvergov.org

10:04:24 From D-Eleni Sarris : Great question, Christine!

10:06:16 From LaMone Noles : Is a CORA request necessary to access historical audits?

10:06:23 From D-Eleni Sarris : That is why all ballot initiative language must contain a requirement for a special revenue fund and audit

10:06:32 From D-Eleni Sarris : If funds are collected.

10:07:08 From D-Eleni Sarris : City Attorney's office drafts the ordinance for that reason so that there is a way to redirect funds and they have maximal flexibility

10:08:33 From Sara del Valle Ruiz : Here is the link to access the audits between 2005 and 2015:

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Auditors-Office/Audit-Services/Archives>

10:12:26 From D - Christine O'Connor (LUN) : Eleni, see ballot language...ballotpedia 2018 2A

10:17:59 From D-Bruce Baskette : Who knew how good an actual auditor could be for Denver instead of a politician!

10:19:22 From Sara del Valle Ruiz : Please subscribe to our monthly newsletter here to receive our latest updates:

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Auditors-Office/Contact-Auditor#Newsletter>

10:20:34 From Sara del Valle Ruiz : We review all the emails we receive, so do not hesitate to contact us at auditor@denvergov.org

10:21:17 From Emmett Hobley : Thank you, excellent job!

10:21:45 From LaMone Noles : Thanks Mr. Garcia!

10:22:51 From Bill Tanner : Again, should INC support auditors subpoena authority?

10:23:56 From D - Christine O'Connor (LUN) : Bill, perhaps write a motion? Or Eleni could? It would still need to go thru INC process but you could get it started here.

10:25:31 From D-Judy Baxter (s/h) Montclair : @ Bill Tanner- I think

Christine's suggestion is good. And I will be sure to note this suggestion and anything you write at the next Board Mtg.

10:30:54 From D - Christine O'Connor (LUN) : We might need to present two sides of both the sidewalks' motion and a motion on subpoena powers for Auditor. At June Delegate meeting before we vote?

10:32:50 From D - Greg Sorensen - NGCH : If you want to present an Official Position Motion for delegates to vote on, please see INC's new Bylaw Sec. 8.02. INC link to Bylaws:

<https://www.denverinc.org/2021-amended-and-restated-bylaws-of-inter-neighborhood-cooperation-inc/>

10:33:14 From D-Eleni Sarris : With any fees collected by the City through ordinance or ballot changes, there is always the opportunity, depending on language, the items are prioritized toward staffing, other DOTI priorities and away from sidewalk repair. Not to mention the equity issue

10:34:38 From D-Judy Baxter (s/h) Montclair : Thanks Greg--keeping us on the right track.

10:35:04 From D - Joel Noble, Curtis Park Neighbors : This ballot initiative sets up the sidewalk fund as a separate dedicated fund and enterprise. By law it cannot be used for any other purpose. I understand you're skeptical about everything, but please review the information at www.denversidewalks.com or I can put you in touch with the Denver Streets Partnership who can answer any and all questions

10:37:23 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : Those in the chat - can you find a thoughtful person who has statistics/information in opposition to present. Here is language:

10:38:04 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : it won't let me paste - too large

10:38:32 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : (it being understood that it may not be possible to arrange for presenters of both sides of an issue)

10:39:21 From D-Adrian Brown (Baker) : The skepticism is well founded. For example more than 20 years ago we agreed to tax ourselves 1% of our electricity bill for undergrounding the power lines in our neighborhoods. The last time INC checked, all of this money had been used by the City to underground new city power lines, and none of it had been used for its actual purpose.

10:40:05 From Emmett Hobley : They intersect all BIPOC communities.

10:40:36 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : Adrian- that would have been a great question for the Auditor's Office

10:43:12 From Ean Tafoya ZAP Co-Chair : and the manifests are hard to obtain for our emergency response

10:44:38 From Ean Tafoya ZAP Co-Chair : coal ash concerns and diesel emissions

10:44:49 From D-Eleni Sarris : Good point, Ean. And Drew. Are there any funds from the bipartisan infrastructure bill to improve rail safety and reroute services to avoid some areas or at least mitigate risks

10:45:21 From Emmett Hobley : I think the insurance regulations on hazardous waste management, must get involved especially with the advent of hazardous waste being produced from fracking.

10:46:04 From D-Eleni Sarris : Good point Emmett

10:47:18 From D-Eleni Sarris : But diesel emissions has disparate impacts on some neighborhoods already contaminated by other chemicals.

10:47:30 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : INC had pushed replacing (or

providing) sidewalks since 2006 - i think that was the year
10:52:24 From Emmett Hobley : we will work on that
10:53:03 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Thanks, Debbie, for taking on this
issue of potentially momentous import!
10:58:16 From Deborah Ortega : I have an eent at North High to get to -
thanks everyone for a good conversation!
10:58:28 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thank you CW Ortega!
11:01:59 From Emmett Hobley : INFLAION
11:02:04 From D-Eleni Sarris : Great question, Christine.
11:02:13 From Emmett Hobley : INFLATION
11:02:28 From D-Eleni Sarris : Can we find a finance expert with municipal
experience
11:02:34 From D-Eleni Sarris : I might know someone
11:02:45 From Bill Tanner : Great question, Christine.
11:03:03 From D Loretta Koehler BHNA : Eleni - can you see if that person
would present in July? we should have time
11:03:23 From D-Eleni Sarris : I will check on it. . .
11:03:42 From D - Christine O'Connor (LUN) : Don't forget we have Heat
Islands topic on agenda...
11:03:51 From LaMone Noles : @Drew & Christine - Agree! Start with the
Auditor's office for baseline data
11:03:52 From D-Eleni Sarris : No, it isn't
11:04:08 From D-Eleni Sarris : It is a tax policy and how we fund things
through various mechanisms
11:04:53 From D-Eleni Sarris : but tax collections are way up. . to Drew's
point as a result of development. Multi-family housing makes the City much more in
tax collections
11:05:54 From LaMone Noles : Maybe property taxes are "low", but use taxes
are in lieu of tax increaes
11:06:15 From D-Eleni Sarris : Sales taxes are an incredibly regressive
tool that is used to raise funds for the city, but use taxes, etc.
11:07:21 From D-Eleni Sarris : City has created many new jobs over the last
several years.
11:07:41 From D-Eleni Sarris : We are building a ton of housing in the
city.
11:08:32 From D-Eleni Sarris : They have outsourced jobs and have many
lucrative contracts to out of state entities
11:08:38 From LaMone Noles : executive salaries are 6-figures
11:09:21 From Emmett Hobley : we have too many talented people in Denver to
do the work
11:09:37 From D-Eleni Sarris : Exactly Emmett!
11:10:05 From D-Eleni Sarris : Happy to help out. .
11:10:23 From LaMone Noles : recurring long term contracts call for hiring
local employees
11:10:58 From Emmett Hobley : I would also, we need to get a handle on this
11:11:18 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : This discussion and the enlightenment
that comes out of it should be issues in the upcoming municipal elections next year!
11:12:02 From LaMone Noles : were executive jobs shed or just the hourly
workers?
11:12:37 From D - Pete Winterscheidt - HUNI : July / August unfortunately

is going to be super busy for me

11:15:51 From D-Drew Dutcher - ESNA : Thanks to everyone for another great morning of discussion.