

09:11:28 From D West Wash Park: Dawn-Janel Hurwitz : Hi! Can you let us know how to contact you about getting involved with the education committee?

09:12:04 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors to D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA(Direct Message) : education@denverinc.org

09:14:19 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Anyone interested in volunteering for the INC Education Committee should email: education@denverinc.org

09:19:52 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors : also found on INC webpage, www.denverinc.org on left side column

09:24:35 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : I cannot do this alone and would love any volunteers that are interested :) I am a single mother of 3 DPS students who knows first hand the importance of listening to the voices of parents for the betterment of education in our youth.

09:25:37 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Hi Joanna - Could you maybe put together a statement and ask that we can share with our respective communities?

09:26:22 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Hi Trupti- Great idea! I will work on that.

09:29:54 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP) : How much time was spent by the Mayor's people in CREATING the budget?

09:35:16 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Who besides Candi is trying to changing this?

09:35:23 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : This is "suppose" to happen, it starts in April every year, each agency crafts budget and send to Dept of Finance by July. In Oct it gets sent to Council. But unfortunately this is not the case. They get the same budget from the prior year

09:35:38 From D-Eleni Sarris : Agency budgets also have the number of FTE associated with each department and what new positions are being created or requested. If they start in April, why couldn't the budget process start with Council a lot earlier in the fiscal year.

09:36:52 From D Judy Baxter Montclair : CW CdeBaca- How can we as citizens or as representative of our RNOs advocate for a change in this process? It seems like council is pretty challenged in this process what actions has council done to ask for more accountability?

09:41:50 From D - Christine O'Connor (Lowry United Neighborhoods) : Couldn't Council sit down together and go through each section together rather than all take the 800 pages back to their offices to try to digest by themselves?

09:49:07 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : The new garbage fees imposed on residential properties will begin shortly. We were told it is not a tax but a fee. If the city is looking to raise additional funding in the future will we see an agency like DOTI become a new fee? Could all agencies become fees?

09:49:18 From D Robert Lorenz : Property tax is transparent. Composting, recycling, and waste removal seem so far transparent except for extra trash/large item pick up date which is not transparent. Parks and recreation seems transparent. Police communication with our neighborhood has been good. Fire protection seems to respond well and communicates well with our neighborhood. Our City Council members are transparent and accountable in my opinion.

09:56:52 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : The very compressed review and comment period for Council -- roughly a few weeks -- is that embedded in the Charter? Is it just practice? Would more time help?

09:57:23 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : We're seeing new fees imposed on taxpayers from citizens initiatives, which seem to be regressive taxes. Lower income

residents will be paying out higher percentage of their income to cover these taxes.

How can City Council resolve?

09:57:29 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake : To echo Drew's point, it seems like a majority of the challenging issues in Denver right now come from a lack of shared power from the Mayor's office. This seems like a situation where power is taken not given. How can this budget process be changed to give more accountability?

09:57:47 From D-Eleni Sarris : @RobertLorenz it may depend on your definition of transparency.

10:00:11 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thank you Councilwoman CdeBaca!!!

10:00:40 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : Thank you Councilwoman CdeBaca! Very helpful information.

10:00:51 From D - Christine O'Connor (Lowry United Neighborhoods) : Excellent presentation, thank you!

10:01:36 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Everyone opinion is heard here. Thank you all for asking these AMAZING questions!!

10:02:02 From D-Eleni Sarris : This is a valid point about people's lived experience in the city.

10:03:08 From D-Jane Potts-Rosedale Harvard Gulch : Very Informative - thank You Candi

10:03:20 From D-Eleni Sarris : Thank you again CW CdeBaca. . .Great presentation!

10:03:37 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : I voted - majority ruled!

10:04:45 From Candi CdeBaca : If anyone is interested in Wage Theft, I am co-sponsoring an ordinance with CW Torres, Sandoval and Gilmore on this issue and we will be having a public webinar today at 11:30am if anyone is interested!

10:04:47 From Candi CdeBaca : https://bit.ly/wagetheft_Nov12

10:10:48 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz to D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : Hi may I get the recording after the meeting?

10:11:26 From Candi CdeBaca : Folks should check out the Empower LA model of Neighborhood Councils. This is a model I think worth expanding on in any new iteration that I have advocated for in this RNO reform process.

<https://empowerla.org/>

10:12:05 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors to Joanna Rosa-Saenz(Direct Message) : Sure when the recording is processed I put on YouTube will that work? It is a gig or more.

10:12:31 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Great information Councilwoman CdeBaca!!

10:12:37 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Please take the gatekeeper responsibility away from RNOs given no technical support or money.

10:12:53 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz to D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : that's perfect :)

10:17:38 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP) : Paul, can we provide info to the survey leaders? e.g. how to contact them?

10:18:55 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake : Great point Trupti!

10:19:42 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : can you talk about that pilot

10:19:55 From Candi CdeBaca : Trupti, I would love to see a CRM that we ALL can use-Council doesn't even have one! I have been raising this throughout the process and in every convo about IT changes to improve 311.

10:20:00 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : Councilman, With all the research what would be your vision be for an improved "Community Engagement"? How would the system work, equitable, feedback, system? What would it

look like?

10:21:14 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Thank you Councilman Kashmann for your time :) What a great way to say COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

10:21:24 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : Paul, what became of the results of the RNO survey you published approx. 2 years ago? It was very specific about existing disparities among neighborhoods in the city.

10:26:01 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Paul & Candi need to work together as I hear they really care about the community!!

10:34:16 From Candi CdeBaca : So true Trupti!

10:35:05 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Dismantling the system to really listen to the community and have them engaged is true democracy!

10:35:10 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Trupti: this issue is very present and very problematic. Puts ordinary residents at a huge disadvantage.

10:35:36 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : Whether the RNO structure is revamped, or a new empowerment office is formed, DEI must be a factor in any administrative and operational framework.

10:35:49 From Candi CdeBaca : This is another reason the City Attorney needs to be restructured because they should be neutral and represent BOTH sides of gov (exec and leg) AND the people (via ombudsperson or something like that).

10:37:05 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : on website check out:

<https://www.membershiptoolkit.com/>

10:37:12 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Or city program one

10:37:26 From D-Eleni Sarris : City Attorney's office thinks the developers are their clients, not the People of the City and County of Denver.

10:38:12 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : challenging to get civic engagement

10:38:43 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : best practices instead of each RNO reinventing the wheel

10:43:21 From D Robert Lorenz : Monthly neighborhood newsletters, Facebook neighborhood account, quarterly neighborhood association meeting with spokespersons from police, fire, parks, city council members, and candidates running for office offer a wealth of information to everyone member or non member who reads our newsletter and or views our Facebook page or attends our meetings.

10:44:05 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Robert - At least at district level

10:44:12 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors to Joanna Rosa-Saenz(Direct Message) : What steps could be taken to prevent special interests (development) from forming RNOs to receive the notifications?

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10:46:19 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz to D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : I do not know but i will think about it

10:46:28 From D Judy Baxter Montclair : @Robert- we do all that and make attempts to reach everyone in our neighborhood boundries and I still think it is a select handful of those who are engaged.

10:47:07 From Candi CdeBaca : Agree with @Judy. Even all of that is still insufficient.

10:48:02 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors to D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA(Direct Message) : Drew I cannot raise my hand since I am host. Please ask my question

10:48:19 From Candi CdeBaca : @Maggie, limiting RNOs to Neighborhood Councils (like EmpowerLA) where each neighborhood gets one council that MUST be

representative of the neighborhood in order to be determined valid and receive funding. Also having the Neighborhood Councils under the legislative branch not the executive.

10:48:31 From D-Bruce Baskette (HH/WP) : Nextdoor now is the primary way of trying to reach the most people in a neighborhood.

10:49:00 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Agree nextdoor has more people on their than most RNOs list of emails

10:49:10 From D Judy Baxter Montclair : Council Person Kashmann is so right in that our opportunity to change this with who we select and put up as mayoral candidates.

10:49:20 From Candi CdeBaca : @Bruce- and Nextdoor has the tendency to be a terribly racist platform that only a select few participate on.

10:49:34 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors : @candi, I like the idea and hope that something similar can be started

10:49:41 From Candi CdeBaca : FOR REFERENCE:

City Charter:

https://library.municode.com/co/denver/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITIHORU_SUBTITLE_BCH

Central Repository for Legislation & Video Archives: denver.legistar.com

City Budget Link:

<https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Department-of-Finance/Our-Divisions/Budget-and-Management-Office/City-Budget>

2023 Proposed Budget Amendments: <https://denver.legistar.com/Legislation.aspx>

LEVERS FOR CHANGE:

Ordinance to outline process for budget passed by council.

OR

Charter change to make budget process permanently outlined in our city constitution/charter via referral to ballot from council or signature gathering for citizen-led ballot initiative.

OR

Charter change to completely balance mayoral/council/people powers.

10:51:15 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake : Yes, ABSOUTELY DREW!!!!

10:51:31 From Candi CdeBaca : So true Drew!

10:51:31 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Agree Drew!

10:51:46 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : False choices - manufacture consent!

10:51:55 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake : That and surveys....so many surveys!!!

10:51:57 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors : Agree

10:52:22 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : don't like open houses. avoids direct communication - face to face

10:52:41 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : We the people elect the officials. HOLD THEM ACCOUNTABLE!! Don't let them hide behind the power they think they have, corruption happens if we let them get away with it!

10:52:50 From Candi CdeBaca : As long as we know who the dots come from if we care about equity.

10:54:50 From D Judy Baxter Montclair : I agree that NextDoor helps reaches a wider audience though still a fraction of the residents and all points of contact are limited in giving enough information to know that you are reaching a representative cross-section. ND has emerge with some difficult conversations.

10:56:36 From D Judy Baxter Montclair : Thanks so much to our engaged Council Persons for these very informative and engaged discussions.

10:56:37 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : NextDoor has some nasty commentary. not interested.

10:57:08 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : LaMome - I think it's a place to share info

10:57:53 From D - Christine O'Connor (Lowry United Neighborhoods) : Ordinance says RNO must be open to all residents and BIDs only allow business OWNERS.....same with HOAs, they register to get info but they are only open to property owners.

10:57:59 From Candi CdeBaca : RNO Ordinance (this is what council would repeal or replace):
https://library.municode.com/co/denver/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TITIIIREMUCO_C H12COPLDE_ARTIIIRENEOR

10:58:40 From D-Eleni Sarris : public engagement is a sham process at times.

10:58:49 From D-Drew Dutcher-ESNA : Excellent points, Trupti

10:59:03 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : amen!!

11:00:01 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : Don't just talk the talk, walk the walk!!!!

11:00:15 From D-Jane Potts-Rosedale Harvard Gulch : Thank You Councilman - RNO's are important and restructuring the process is needed

11:01:11 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : thanks councilman for showing up and hearing our frustrations

11:01:31 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake to D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : Maggie ~ Can we make sure we get this chat saved as a notepad file so we can have all of these great references and links?

11:01:34 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : Our DEI committee is looking into reviving RNO 101 for new and existing RNO's to fulfill their mission in their communities and the city community at large.

11:02:37 From D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors to D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake(Direct Message) : Keith, that is part of what I do. I don't keep the chat as a notepad but instead a pdf

11:03:00 From D - Keith Meyer - Sloan's Lake to D Maggie Price Congress Park Neighbors(Direct Message) : Great!!

11:04:16 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : LaMone I support this mission!!

11:05:01 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : Amen sister Joanna

11:06:16 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : Thanks for listening Paul!

11:06:20 From Candi CdeBaca : And if it doesn't come from the Exec branch, Leg branch should legislate it.

11:07:02 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : I AGREE CDEBACA!!!

11:07:09 From Trupti Suthar-Sunnyside : Thanks Candi. That is what I'm not hearing.

11:07:41 From Joanna Rosa-Saenz : I hope to see Kashmann votes changing for the people

11:08:08 From LaMone Noles, D-EDRC : Community Announcement - Speaking of Mayor's Race, a community group, Mobilize Denver, is hosting a Mayoral Forum on Wed, Nov 16 @6pm, Park Hill Golf Club, 4141 E 35th Ave. 6 candidates have confirmed their participation.

11:08:43 From D-myles tangalin, Congress Park Neighbors : Thank you Drew!