

## **INTER NEIGHBORHOOD COOPERATION Delegate-Community Meeting Minutes**

Saturday, March 11, 2023: 9:00 a.m.

Southwest Improvement Council

5045 West 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue and on Zoom

**9:10 Called to order- Quorum Attendance In-Person 15 delegates from 13 RNOs, 4 non-delegates; Online: approximately 25 including 4 (KM, AM, JB, DD) from the in-person meeting signed into zoom.**

**Land and Equity Acknowledgement:** Read by Keith Meyer

### **9:15 Welcome and Introductions:**

**Southwest Improvement Council (SWIC): Tom Valdez** welcomed INC and provided background on how this is the first community meeting to be held in the new home of SWIC that they moved into about a month ago. SWIC – founded in 1987 focuses on Seniors services, food and community and have added a Developmental Housing Counselor.

**Councilwoman Jamie Torres**—District 3 Big district and diverse and getting larger with the redistricting. Reviewed the incredible amount of work going into support residents to stay in West Denver and access to justice support.

**Guest Candidates for City Offices:** No other candidates present

**Announcement: INC is a co-sponsor of Denver Decides:** Videos of candidate and issue debates are available at <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Elections/Denver-Decides>

### **Announcement: Film: *Watering the West* (Jane Potts)**

Jane Potts provided information on a trilogy documentary series "*Watering the West*" showing at the—SIE film center. April 3, 10, 17 which will include panel discussions. This series that investigates and informs the viewer about western water history especially in Colorado, water law, and water exchange. Though these programs have been shown in other locations, this is the first time in Denver.

### **9:25 INC Financial Report (Greg Sorensen, Treasurer)**

GS presented the Financial Summary for 2021 and 2022, reviewing how we ended the year, including the status of INC assets, income, and community fund balance at end of year. The deficit in income to expenses was covered monies in the savings/checking accounts.

GS reviewed 2023 operating budget adopted in January showing revenue and expenses through Feb and year-to-date. Cash in checking 41K (Operating and Community fund). Expenses to-date have been minimal and include PayPal fees, state filing fees, yearly storage unit rental. No expenses charged yet to the Community Fund, though the new and returning awards event in September will come from this budget.

### **9:30 INC Committee Reports:**

**Transportation (Joel Noble)**-Transportation committee met via zoom on 3/9/23.

- Announced the I25 – Broadway interchange motion is being sent to delegates for a vote via Survey Monkey. This was presented to the delegates at the Feb meeting. As was alluded to at the Feb meeting, following that meeting DOTI took important steps in listening to and accounting for residents' input. That said there continues to be ongoing discussions about the I-25 interchange where existing homes would be severely affected/demolished. Though there has been progress, those representing the neighborhood would like the motion to go forward as there still is still a need to support residential voices. Joel also reminded attendees that the quorum requirements for vote on a motion to be valid was raised to 60%, so as to ensure that a majority of neighborhoods are represented in the results of a vote.
- Outdoor Places program (DOTI and CPD) expansion of patio space and where these can be develop (curb, behind or to the side of the building). Proposing to expand use to private space, showing examples of how this has worked in Denver.
- Introducing new advocacy Greater Denver Transit Denver- talking about how to make transit better—the work of “good geeks”.
- Denver Moves Everyone-Strategic transit plan for Denver, the prioritized input – insight as to how the process that they have used and hope that it might get adopted as a process and may evolve to the DOTI advisory board.

### **DEI (LaMone Noles)**

Hasn't met yet in 2023. The goals of this committee are to finish up committee mission statement for presentation to the board and to work on the May delegate meeting agenda.

### **Education (Joanna Rosa-Saenz)**

Appreciated the chance to have the Jan delegate meeting devoted to education topic. Working with Jane, LaMone to help with the Youth Award for Elementary, middle and high school, for projects that support their community. 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> graders \$150 6-8 2 209, HS awards \$316, \$500. How they are getting the word out: DPS get word out; Stella Young working with youth groups; general theme with hope that parents might get engaged, as well as the RNOs.

### **Climate and Sustainability (Adam Meltzer)**

K. Meyers/A Meltzer: Doing a committee reboot. Will be following the format (zoom) of the transportation committee on alternating months from the TC. April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting will include Greater Denver Livability Platform, a coalition watching progress on environmental initiatives, urban density, fossil fuels emissions, DPS,

### **9:45-10:04 INC Annual Elections:** (Drew Dutcher/Judy Baxter)

Candidate introductions and statement for each office were made followed by a motion and vote by acclamation.

President- Keith Meyer; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Potts, G. Sorensen: vote 15 (IP) 16 (Z) TL: 31

Vice President-Joanna Rosa-Saenz, 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Potts, G. Sorensen: vote 15 (IP) 17 (Z) TL: 32

Treasurer- Greg Sorensen; At-Large 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> by A. Meltzer, J. Potts: vote 15 (IP) 19 (Z) TL: 34

At-Large #3 Amber Kraska; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Rosa-Saenz, K. Meyer for vote 15 (IP) 16 (Z) TL: 31  
At-Large #4, Lou Raders; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> by K. Meyer, J. Rosa-Saenz: vote 15 (IP) 21 (Z) TL: 36  
At-Large #5, Ryan G. Wolff; 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> by J. Baxter, A. Meltzer: vote 15 (IP) 18 (Z) TL: 33

New Board Member welcome at next Executive Committee.

**10:04-10:35 Denver Recycling Program**

Nina Waysdorf, Waste Diversion and Recycling Manager, Solid Waste Management, DOTI  
Recycling 201 – Updated Recycling Practices: What are your recycling questions: Q and A  
See recording/powerpoint. Highlights: Challenges of landfill as a limited resources and the source of greenhouse gas emissions. Recycling depends on the end markets for the recycled material. Even though recycling and composting make a difference, the best is WASTE REDUCTION AND PREVENTION. How is Denver doing? Not so well at 26% of waste is being recovered from the landfill, which is lower than many other cities. Loveland is leading local example of what can be done with about 54% recovery.

**10:35-10:50 “Around the City”** - 5 RNO members spoke to happenings in the neighborhood.

**10:50-11:04 Upcoming delegate meeting plans**

**April 8<sup>th</sup>- Holy Transfiguration Church in Globeville; Topic: Air Pollution**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>- Elk’s Club in the Highlands, Topic: DEI or Education**

**11:05 Adjourn**

**Minutes respectfully submitted by Judy Baxter**