



September 16, 2020

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Agenda

7:00pm – 7:10pm Welcome, Agenda Review, and Introduction of Officers

7:10pm – 7:25pm All-Inn Motel Update – Brian Toerber

- Ready to begin construction once the project is permitted and funded.
- Believe in the structure of the boutique hotel and are excited about the concept.
- The concept is proven in other markets such as Austin and Seattle
- Looking to create a neighborhood restaurant, workspaces, coffee shop, and pool
- Lenders are on an indefinite hold, but the project is still hoping to move forward with the department of urban renewal to navigate lender issues. Eventually less favorable terms will eventually recede. Applying for a grant and would like to move forward with the support of city council.
- Site is on the national register of historic places and plan to preserve much of the building.
- Question: What can neighbors do to show support? When tax increment financing is approved, it relieves the project of the initial tax burden, which makes it financeable with the margins presented. The second thing is to continue submitting letters to Brian via email for a grant application that is due in October.
- Question: Have you heard from Councilmember CdeBaca? There hasn't been any comments from the councilwoman. There was initial question about this site being an affordable housing opportunity.
- Question: What is your plan for the people who currently live on that property? We have developed affordable housing on west Colfax and have offered room in a new hotel on west Colfax. Currently, the number of people living there had been reduced significantly. No one there will be left without a housing alternative. The Mental

Health Center of Denver is also involved in ensuring that they will be moved to alternative housing.

- Question: Why are buildings on west Colfax viable for funding and east isn't? It's really more of a matter of hospitality – many of those are housing.
- Reach out to Brian with any questions or with letters of support:
brian@inspireinvestmentgroup.com

7:25pm – 7:30pm Denver Police Department Update – Officer Ruiz

- Uptick of theft in motor vehicles and burglaries. Not too many problems other than that.
- Partner Wilbur Murray will be able to answer any questions about the unhoused population in our neighborhood.
- Question about bike thefts in the neighborhood: Bike thefts are city wide – keep serial numbers for your bike and make sure to lock when not riding.

7:30pm – 7:35pm MNS 'Nature Play' Playground Update – Jacqueline Altreuter

- Working in partnership with DPR on a project all around the playground to the southwest of the Museum.
- Hired DIG design firm – specializing in ecology, hydrology, and adding water to the DeBoer Waterway area.
- Opportunities for feedback on the project will come later this year.
- Question: Is there a timeline? Throughout the next few months. Over winter and through spring. Feedback opportunities will likely come in November. Hopefully a concept will be ready by May and construction next year.
- Question: Where is the water coming from? We need to figure that out! Our team of engineers are trying to figure that out right now.
- Question: Can the water be filtered and reused? We believe there are ways the water can be filtered through natural filtration and can be reused through the whole system. It will be something cutting edge and could be a sustainable feature piece of city park.
- Reach out to natureplay@dmns.org with any questions

7:35pm – 7:45pm Denver District Attorney Community Outreach – Deputy DA Danny Paulson

- Office deals with felony criminal offenses related to statewide statutes

- Resources in Denver specific criminal justice system – two new drug courts. Possession is not a felony, so we have a new system designed to deal with small time drug users and address their needs of addiction. Other court deals with folks who are seriously addicted to drugs and are committing more serious crimes as a result. Address the underlying causes of that behavior
- New court for veterans who commit crimes
- Two new units for elder abuse – one for financial abuse and one for more violent crimes
- One new unit for sex trafficking – make sure those victims are being appropriately addressed and those perpetrators are being sused out.
- Question – Anything on Diversity Equity and Inclusion? Our office and Beth McCann are invested in addressing inclusion and diversity. She believes mass incarceration should be reduced and wants to address the racial inequities of mass incarceration. Collecting data on their office about whether or not they are being fair. Supports the Black Lives Matter movement. Believes in holding any criminal behavior accountable – including police misconduct. Has charged one officer and one sheriff in her time.
- Reach out to Danny with any questions: dannypaulson@denverda.org

7:45pm – 7:55pm Denver Flavored Vape/Tobacco Ban – Bethany Gravell

- Here with colleague Jodi Radke
- Last year, smoking age was raised to 21 and now the CDPHE and the mayor agreed to draft legislation with city council to ban flavored tobacco. This will come to City Council in October.
- Smoking is number one cause of death in the state and in the US
- Users have a shorter life expectancy and income earning potential.
- Why does this issue matter? Presented case study of young people who needed a lung transplant due to vaping and vaping induced coma and rates of vaping.
- Presented statistics on purchasing and behavior.
- Feel that tax and flavor ban are the things that will curb teen use. Flavor ban is what they are looking to pass with city council now.

7:55pm – 8:10pm NPI Update – Jesse Clark

- Long process to get through the East Central Area Planning Initiative. 3 year process with the City. Input gathered from thousands of residents.
- The city added time to the plan a few times to gather more feedback. Seen a lot of neighbors at the meetings – gathered a lot of feedback for the steering committee.

- Please go to the city's website and review the plan:
https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/community-planning-and-development/planning-and-design/Neighborhood_Planning_Initiative/Planning-Areas/East_Central_Area_Plan.html
- Question: Did the steering committee vote to endorse the plan? Yes, both representatives voted in favor based on comments from neighbors
- Question: What parts of the plan impact SCP? Many parts – come issues related to housing and parking.

8:10pm – 8:15pm Climate Action Committee Update – Jim Slotta and Oliveann Slotta

- Suggestions for decreasing carbon footprint – available in newsletter
- In the year since the climate committee drafted their recommendations and it's been able to be
- Molly – able to recycle paint 9-2PM at her home. It will be retinted and sold by habitat for humanity. 1598 Jackson street.

8:15pm – 8:20pm Treasurer's Report – Brian Friel

- Two main expenses were for squarespace to take credit card payments and survey monkey.
- We ended \$35 in the black this year.

8:20pm - ??? District 9 Update - Councilwoman CdeBaca

- Question: Will the Councilwoman support the All Inn Motel project and has there been any feedback provided?
- Councilwoman does not support tif funding for boutique hotels. Support TIF for housing options. Support funds for the most historically marginalized communities. Has not seen the urban renewal
- Overview of things happening in the neighborhood – attempting to lease a new women's shelter. Looking for a safe outdoor space for unhoused people in the district. Group living update – amendment to the zoning codes.
- Conversation between Brian and Candi around the proposal
- Will set a up a meeting with councilwoman CdeBaca to address concerns around the All Inn Motel and the East Central Area Plan