

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RiNo ART DISTRICT (RAD)

HELD:

Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at 9:00 am virtually via Zoom.

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the RiNo Art District was called and held as shown above with the following directors present and acting:

Jonathan Power
Anne Hayes
Sonia Danielsen
Diana Merkel
Anthony Aragon
Bernard Hurley
Elizabeth Nguyen

Also, in attendance: Tracy Weil, Adrienne Villa, Molly Paillet, Marian Pulford, John Deffenbaugh, and Dori Suess of the RiNo Art District

Director Andy Feinstein, Director Gerald Horner and Director Jonathan Kaplan were absent, absence excused.

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Danielsen called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes & Financials

The consent agenda, including minutes and financials, were reviewed prior to the meeting, and approved unanimously by the board.

Mr. Weil welcomed and introduced Ms. Molly Paillet to the board. Ms. will be working with Comal, Redline and DPL to discuss programming and work on community projects such as river pollution and environmental issues along the river.

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EVENT COMMITTEE:

ArtPark Grand Opening – Mr. Weil announced that we have a budget of \$120k, which was approved by the BID. The ArtPark Grand Opening festivities will be held September 24-26. The weekend will focus on programming, neighboring venues & buildings as well as having a VIP celebration “gala” concept in which will be a fundraising event for the park. We have requested \$60,000 from the BID and \$20,000 from the GID for this event.

No Vacancy – Mr. Weil stated that Director Hurley is allowing us to use the building at 3722 Chestnut for this event. The idea is to create artist residency for a few months before the building is demolished. The ongoing event will consist of 16 artists receiving a \$2500 stipend. This will include First Fridays, Mural Installations, performances, and music monthly.

RiNo Mural Program – Mr. Weil stated that we have received good press on the RiNo Mural Program, which is led by Ms. Alex Pangburn. The unveiling of the mural at the new bar, River, was a great success. He announced that we are in discussions with the owners of the silos near the ArtPark. This would coincide with the ArtPark Grand Opening.

ReActiv Spaces – Mr. Weil stated that we have been working with a company called Reactiv to rent vacant space around the district for artists to use. This is an on-going discussion.

DEI PROPOSAL:

Mr. Weil introduced the Collective Plan for Engagement from the CIRCLE Organization, which is led by Carla Mestas. The plan is to help guide and support our organization in meeting and sustaining our social justice, diversity, inclusiveness, and equity goals. The plan will spread across all the boards and will be presented at the KRW Board Meeting on 4/21/2021. Mr. Weil stated that this will not be a quick process and could take several months to create framework. We are asking for support of this plan with a budget of \$10,000, which would be split between the three boards. The committee would be mostly board members, staff as well as people in the neighborhood. After brief discussion, the RAD board unanimously approved.

STRATEGIC PLANNING:

We are asking for support to release the Strategic Plan RFP to public. Mr. Weil stated that there is no need for a motion to approve until we discuss in budget sessions.

ARTPARK UPDATE:

Mr. Deffenbaugh advised the board that the ArtPark construction is currently on schedule and reviewed the budget and photos from the April Update Packet. We inherited an existing gas line issue and had to work with Xcel for a new gas line & meter.

FUNDRAISING UPDATE:

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Ms. Pulford reviewed the grant submissions for 2021. At the time, we have submitted \$502,000 worth of grants, in which we should receive notification around mid-summer. Unfortunately, we did not receive a grant from the Gates Family Foundation but anticipate more for the ArtPark. If you have any grant suggestions, please send Ms. Pulford.

Ms. Pulford continues to have regular check-ins with developers around the district.

In regards, to the ArtPark, Ms. Pulford is putting together our plan for sponsor tiles. We are currently discussing with a fabricator for ideas and will share with the boards soon.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mr. Weil & Mr. Deffenbaugh discussed status of the buildings on 27th & 28th and Blake St. It was announced that the buildings will not be demolished.

Mr. Deffenbaugh reviewed the River Mapping Project that is being funded by the GID. The project will consist of high-resolution graphics to plot all public realms of what is going on along the river from Elitch's to RiNo.

Mr. Deffenbaugh stated that there is no update on the 35th Street project as there are some on-going issues with the city. Director Aragon is happy to chat with John offline to discuss some possible resolutions to this issue.

Mr. Deffenbaugh reminded the board about the RiNo Vaccination Clinic on April 21 (1st shot) and May 19 (2nd shot) at EXDO Event Center.

All board members are invited to tour the SOS site on May 4.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board and upon motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

The foregoing minutes constitutes a true and correct copy of the minutes of the above-reference meeting and was approved by the Board of Directors of the RiNo Art District.

Secretary to the Board