

## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

### **MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE RiNo DENVER GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

#### **HELD:**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom.

#### **ATTENDANCE:**

The meeting of the Advisory Board of the RiNo Denver General Improvement District, City and County of Denver, Colorado was called and held as shown above and in accordance with the applicable statutes of the State of Colorado, with the following directors present and acting:

Edee Anesi  
Liam Girard  
Teresa Ortiz  
Bernard Hurley  
Kirsty Greer  
Andrew Katz  
Karen Good  
Ashlee Wedgeworth

Also, in attendance were John Deffenbaugh, Dori Suess, Adrienne Villa, and Brittany Ross with RiNo Art District.

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Deffenbaugh noted for the record that a quorum was present, and Director Hurley called the meeting to order.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA - MINUTES AND FINANCIALS:**

The minutes from the LAST meeting and financials were reviewed by the Board prior to the meeting and approved unanimously by vote.

Mr. Weil introduced our new Membership Coordinator, Brittany Ross to the Board. Ms. Ross will act as liaison between the RiNo Art District and its members, including recruiting & outreach to new members, regular communication with existing members and backend membership duties.

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**BOARD CHAIR POSITION:**

Mr. Deffenbaugh shared that Director Hurley is coming to the end of his second term as GID chair and we need to elect a new chair. Director Hurley will be staying on the RAD Board. Mr. Deffenbaugh asked if there were any current board members that are interested in applying for this role. Director Greer announced her interest and after a brief discussion, it was motioned to approve her as board chair. The board unanimously approved.

**BOARD RECRUITMENT:**

With Director Flaherty & Director Hurley leaving the GID board, we are looking for a property owner and resident of the GID to fill these seats. We exhausted the last list from the call for board members. We could post a new call however we have to ensure that any applicants are property owners. We are asking each board member to share with their networks. If you would like to refer someone to the board, please send the contact info to Mr. Deffenbaugh and Ms. Villa.

**RINO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RECRUITMENT UPDATE:**

The job post is on Andrew Hudsons Joblist as well NonProfit job list. As of today, we have received twenty-five resumes for the Executive Director position. The application deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Weil will pull together the Executive Committee to review the resumes and schedule interviews for the first week of June.

**BRIGHTON BLVD MAINTENANCE UPDATE:**

Mr. Deffenbaugh emailed a summary on April 28<sup>th</sup> to all GID board members that detailed the maintenance work that needs to be completed on Brighton Boulevard. A copy of the email will be included in the board packet for reference.

Director Good wants to ensure that there is easy access for electrical power for events on that street and to ensure that the caps are clearly located and that the district knows that they exist.

**RINO STORY VIDEO:**

John gave a brief explanation of the The RiNo Story, which is the Strategic Plan video on which we are working. We anticipate that this video will adjust the narrative about what RiNo Art District does and who we are. Once completed, this video will be shared with the Boards and on our website.

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**ART RINO UPDATE:**

Mr. Weil shared that Art RiNo planning is in full force. The artist announcement will be made after Memorial Day. Mr. Weil has met with Westword and will start working with Fireside at Five on all event planning. We will continue our sponsorship discussions, and to date we are close to raising \$75,000.

Mr. Weil announced that Denver Walls is doing a mural event and we may wrap into Art RiNo. We cannot do a dedicated mural festival until 2023 but may combine efforts until then.

**URBAN FOREST UPDATE:**

Mr. Deffenbaugh stated that this was not on the GID agenda but would like to share an update with the GID as this is part of our Strategic Plan. The BID has a budget of \$100,000 to progress the Urban Forest Project. The BID approved a funding request of \$10,000 to progress stage 1, AUDIT. This phase will identify streets that will be considered for new trees. Once these locations are defined, we will return to the Board with an update and seek approval for the remaining funds to progress the project. Director Good asked if we have discussed this with the City of Denver Forestry and suggests we have them review the scope to ensure we are not duplicating efforts.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

No other business to discuss.

**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-referenced meeting and was approved by the Advisory Board of the RiNo General Improvement District Improvement District.

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Secretary to the Board