

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
RiNo BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

HELD:

Tuesday, August 24 at 3:00 p.m. via in-person and Google meet.

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the RiNo Business 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:

Diana Merkel
Jevon Taylor*
Tom Kiler*
Rachel Rabun*

Also, in attendance were Tracy Weil, John Deffenbaugh, Alye Sharp*, Adrienne Villa, Molly Paillet and Dori Suess with RiNo Art District.

Director Kendra Anderson was absent, absence excused.

(* attended via phone)

CALL TO ORDER:

Director Merkel noted for the record that a quorum was present, and on behalf of the Board, called the meeting to order.

CONSENT AGENDA – MINUTES & FINANCIALS:

Both the financials and minutes, presented via email prior to the board meeting, could not be approved due to lack of attendance. Director Merkel stated that these items could be approved via email.

CITY REQUIRED VACCINATIONS:

Ms. Sharpe announced that the Department of Public Health and Environment recently issued a new public health order requiring all city employees to be fully vaccinated by **September 30**. Board and commission members are specifically identified as city employees in the public health order, and all city employees must be vaccinated. Board and Commission members are required to be vaccinated, even if they do or can meet virtually. The only exception for them is if they qualify for a medical or religious-based exemption.

In order to provide proof of vaccination, please book a virtual 10 minute appointment with an OHR representative via [this link](#), Monday – Friday, August 16 – September 30.

Board/commission members can simply show their vaccine card or a virtual copy to the staff member, they will then be marked as complete.

BUDGETING SURVEY FEEDBACK:

Mr. Deffenbaugh stated that we only received 12 responses from all the boards. He suggests that we will need in person attendance, to take the next few months to tweak the budget buckets before we submit to the city. Mr. Deffenbaugh reviewed some of the responses and will send out the results to the board.

Mr. Weil announced that Fringe Festival was interested in receiving funds in 2022 as well as Side Story, who requested help to pay for a projector. Director Merkel stated that the need for a projector would be great – movies in the ArtPark, available for artists to use, etc.

Mr. Weil reminded the board that this is the beginning of budgeting season, and we will need to finalize budgets and submit to the City by the end of September/beginning of October.

Ms. Merkel reminded the board that tagging is becoming an issue, and that this topic has never been on our radar as a budget item. Mr. Deffenbaugh stated that accountability sits with the landowner and the City should be helping. Mr. Weil stated that Ms. Pangburn is working on the underpass and permission wall to give graffiti writers a voice.

Mr. Deffenbaugh stated the key themes for budget items - homelessness, ArtPark buildings, No Vacancy, Mural Program. These items will be integrated into the budget.

PLACIER AI Q/A:

This presentation was cancelled due to lack of board members attendance

NEW BOARD MEMBER UPDATES:

Ms. Villa sent out a doodle poll to schedule time for interviewing applicants. We are asking that all board members respond quickly so that Ms. Villa can send out a meeting invite.

RINO PARKING STUDY & WIP RECOMMENDATIONS:

Mr. Scott Burton with the City of Denver presented the Curbside Access Plan Rough Draft to the board. This plan is to discuss parking recommendations that will be approved by the City.

Mr. Burton would like recommendations for the ArtPark area.

It was brought up that there are several issues with wayfinding for parking. Mr. Weil will be adding parking wayfinding to the 2022 wayfinding plan. He is asking board members for suggestions on where signage could go for the Rockies lots. Mr. Burton is working with the

Rockies lots to accommodate for business/employee parking during the week and non-game days.

Another topic of interest was that there was no staff parking for businesses. Mr. Burton stated that this is currently being discussed by the City and it is not clear that this will make it into the final policy.

Mr. Burton stated that he would share the presentation deck with all GID board members via email. Once a decision has been made by the city, Mr. Burton will present the final plan to the board later in 2021.

ARTPARK UPDATE:

Mr. Weil gave a brief update on the ArtPark Grand Opening Weekend. It has been confirmed that Twenty One Pilots will host Artopia and perform on Friday, 9/24. We are waiting for the band to announce this on social media the week of Sept 1st before we announce on our own social media. <https://rinoartdistrict.org/artopia-application>

Mr. Weil reminded all board members to purchase their Lawn Salon tickets and suggest or donate any auction items ASAP. <https://cbo.io/tickets/rinoartpark/tix>

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Merkel is asking that all BID board members attend the next board meeting in-person.

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 Board of Directors of the RiNo Business Improvement District.

Secretary to the Board