

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

HELD:

Tuesday, September 21, 2021 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
Carla Mestas

Also, in attendance were Tracy Weil, John Deffenbaugh, Alye Sharp, Marian Pulford, Adrienne Villa, Molly Paillet and Dori Suess with RiNo Art District and Heather Britton, City of Denver.

CITY REQUIRED COVID VACCINATIONS:

Ms. Britton with the City of Denver verified vaccination cards for Director Taylor & Director Anderson. The deadline for the city required vaccinations is September 30, 2021.

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, were approved unanimously by the board via consent agenda.

BID BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEW SCHEDULING:

Due to scheduling conflicts, we asked the board to decide on a date to interview potential BID board members. After a brief discussion, it was decided that October 5th, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM would work best to schedule the interviews. Ms. Villa will send the calendar invites out.

WALNUT STREET STOP SIGNS & CROSSWALKS:

Mr. Brett Boncore joined us from the DOTI to chat more about the Walnut Street Stop Signs & Crosswalks. Director Kiler noted that pedestrian safety is the biggest item that needs to be addressed.

Walnut Street Traffic Control Evaluation



Next Steps

- [October 2021](#) Finalize & Approve Design
- [Winter 2021/22](#) Implementation
- [2022 +](#) Monitor

After a brief discussion on the evaluation, Director Merkel noted that she appreciates the stop sign near Improper City, sooner we can implement this – the better!

Director Kiler has concerns regarding the queuing station at 26th. We want to make sure back up is managed appropriately. Mr. Boncore stated that the bike lane on 26th will connect into shared use sidewalk on Broadway.

Director Kiler asked if there was any way BID could help with the implementation? Mr. Boncore thanked the BID for the good partnership and stated that his team is going through the regular work order process through October, and there is a chance that it could be implemented in November 2021 but due to weather and city resources it could be December 2021/January 2022.

BIKEWAY PROJECTS

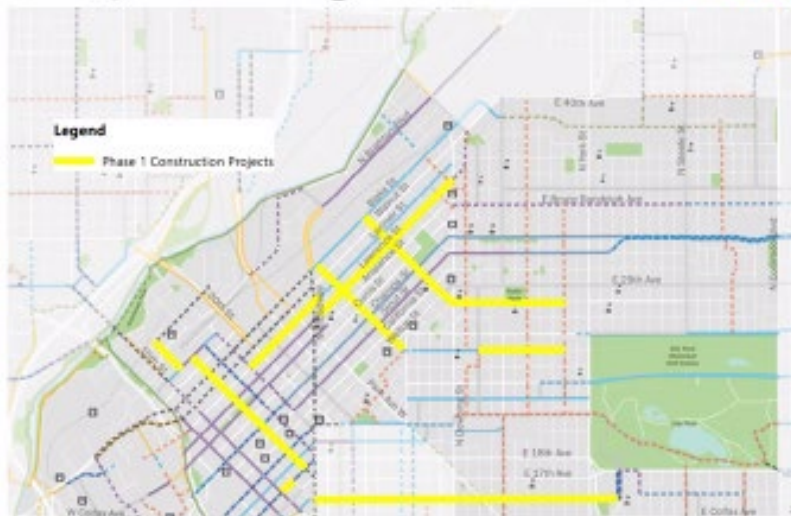
Thirteen Proposed Bikeway Designs

- Approximately 25 miles of bikeways in central network
- Proposed designs displayed using online input map
- Individual corridor surveys open for input from June 25 to July 31
- 274 number of total comments



Construction Schedule

Projects starting construction in the [next year...](#)



- 25th Avenue NBW
- Lawrence Street NBW
- 30th Street NBW
- 28th Avenue PBL
- 16th Street PBL
- 17th Street PBL
- 26th Street NBW
- Larimer Street PBL
- Tremont Street PBL
- 16th Avenue PBL

RINO & Five Points Area Bikeways Project Status Updates

Project	Extents	Status	Tentative Construction Year
26 th St Neighborhood Bikeway	Blake St to Washington St	Final Design	2022
30 th St Neighborhood Bikeway	Blake St to Downing St	Final Design	2022
Lawrence St Neighborhood Bikeway	24 th St to Downing	Final Design	2022
Larimer St Protected Bike Lane	19 th St to 25 th St	Final Design	2022

Mr. Boncore stated that there will be a community outreach in early 2022. For any additional items that we did not discuss today, he will circle back with Director Kiler & Mr. Deffenbaugh offline.

CIRCULATOR STUDY UPDATE:

Mr. Deffenbaugh will share the current slide deck with the board to review.

Director Merkel asked how we will obtain funds for this. Mr. Deffenbaugh stated that CSU will probably be a funding partner and that we are sharing the proposal with multiple stakeholders.

Director Anderson & Director Merkel are both impressed with where we are with the study, specifically with the level of research and details.

LARIMER STREET CHECK-IN:

Mr. Deffenbaugh stated that the first design workshop was held on Friday, 9/17. He will share the current slide deck with the board to review.

LAWN SALON:

Ms. Pulford stated that most BID board members had purchased their tickets to the Lawn Salon and reminded the board that the link was on the Monthly Board Report that Ms. Villa sent out. Ms. Pulford also shared the link via Zoom Chat.

Director Rabun suggested that the Covid Protocol is highlighted on the order form.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Director Mestas announced that the Social Justice Leadership Program at CIRCLE is looking for scholarships & partnerships.

Ms. Sharpe reminded the board that the last No Vacancy First Friday is October 1st.

BUDGET OVERVIEW & APPROVALS:

Mr. Weil reviewed the 2022 BID Budget As Proposed. He announced that the budget has increased by \$600,000.

Here are the key items that Mr. Weil explained:

- We will vote on this budget at the close of today's board meeting and after the public hearing.
- Admin – BIDs contribution for staffing, programs, accounting, office space
- Advocacy – this has been lowered due to no social impact grants in 2022 and instead will focus on creative entrepreneurial
- We will combine the support fund and social impact grants into DEI work
- Activation & Marketing and Infrastructure has been increased
- We would like to implement the Data Collection with Placier AI
- RiNo Guide – we need to decide if this should be print or online only
- Signage & Wayfinding – same as last year, implement east side, the next phase will add additional parking and kiosks at the ArtPark
- New ideas for 2022:
 - o sanitary products at ArtPark
 - o Showers for all – there is only one in Denver
 - o Urban orchard (appoint consultant team, identify space where we can add additional planters, look at utilities, provide package, irrigation, blueprint for future years budgets) Sasaki would be the team that we have worked with in the past.
- Park Buildings Construction – we owe about \$3,000,000 on the loan and have raised \$1,700,000 so far. We would like to ask BID to contribute more to get the loan paid for, GID will be asked the same.
- Contribution to Phase II – design fee of \$75,000
- Larimer Street Design - \$15,000 in case we need to replace any barriers or general maintenance or upkeep. Businesses are managing this now but in case we have compliance issues or repairs.
- OddKnock Productions was quite successful with No Vacancy, and they would like to discuss a collaboration for 2022.
- ArtPark programming: Ms. Pulford & Ms. Paillet are working on grants for this, but we would like additional funds
- Projector: would like to purchase a projector and work with Side Stories to use it for programming

- Art Festival in 2022 is being considered
- No Vacancy was quite successful, would like to continue next year
- Mural Program: Ms. Pangburn is doing a wonderful job with the program, and we would like to continue this in 2022
- The contribution to the Denver Fringe Festival was reduced to \$25,000
- The funds for Outreach were increased by \$25,000
- Director Mestas noted that RiNo should continue to put social issues at the forefront of programming, projects, etc.
- Anytime there is a decrease, Director Mestas suggests we have footnotes to show why this is changing
- It was suggested that Social Impact Grants be moved to Advocacy
- We would like to continue working with SideCarPR for press releases, social media, etc.
- GID will be taking on underpass maintenance

The regular BID Board Meeting adjourned at 4:27 PM and the Public Hearing opened at 4:28 PM to vote on the 2022 BID budget, work plan and mill levy. After a brief discussion, the BID Board unanimously approved. The Public Hearing adjourned at 4:31 PM.

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