

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

**HELD:**

Tuesday, January 26, 2021 at 3:00 p.m. at RiNo Offices, 3525 Walnut Street, Suite 40, Denver, Colorado and via Zoom.

**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:

Rachel Rabun  
Diana Merkel  
Tom Kiler  
Carla Mestas  
Kendra Anderson

Also in attendance were: Tracy Weil, John Deffenbaugh, Marian Pulford, Alye Sharp, Alex Pangburn, and Dori Suess, RiNo Art District staff; James Gamez and Ezra Pincus-Roth, Nelson\Nygaard; Tai Beldock, Erico Motorsports; Councilwoman Candi CdeBaca and Lisa Calderón, District 9 office; Rise Jones, Five Points resident; and Molly Thompson, University of Colorado Denver.

Directors Andy Feinstein and Sonia Danielsen were absent, absences excused.

**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.

Before the meeting began, Director Mestas recited a land acknowledgment.

**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.

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**CIRCULATOR STUDY:**

Nelson\Nygaard gave a brief update on the circulator study, noting the key opportunities that have arisen and the few options that are currently under consideration.

Mr. Deffenbaugh said there will be additional stakeholder workshops to the ones they already had in December to finalize the study.

**ARTPARK UPDATE:**

Mr. Deffenbaugh went through the background of the park buildings, noting it would be the future home of the Denver Public Library, RedLine, and Focus Points. He reviewed construction progress, site photos, cost update with the board.

**FUNDRAISING UPDATE:**

Ms. Pulford gave a fundraising update to the board for Keep RiNo Wild and RAD noting that this is just FYI for the BID board to let them know how much has been raised so far and goals for 2021.

**NEW BOARD MEMBER INTERVIEWS:**

Mr. Weil noted there were 17 applications and that there is usually a committee to review applications and interview candidates. Mr. Weil said everyone should send their top 3 candidates after the meeting and the committee will review. Directors Kiler and Mestas volunteered to be a part of the committee.

Mr. Weil said they'll start the process early next week.

**SUPPORT FUND:**

Director Merkel noted that everyone she'd talked to who received these funds last year said they were very meaningful and she thought it was important that they get this up and running again this year.

A motion to approve the \$200K for the RiNo Support Fund was approved unanimously.

Mr. Weil noted that the goal is to allocate those sooner rather than later.

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### **BIPOC GRANTS:**

Mr. Weil noted that in 2020, \$50K went to organizations and groups in Five Points, Globeville, Elyria-Swansea, and Cole that work directly with the BIPOC community championing social justice, equity, and the eradication of racial discrimination, and he thought that this fund was important to continue. Director Mestas further elaborated on the process, noting that they wanted to move past just putting out a statement but want to put more action behind things to supplement it.

CW CdeBaca said she appreciates the partnership and she has high hopes for the equity committee as it moves forward. Director Anderson noted that anything we can do to spread the word and share the stories of what these organizations are doing would be meaningful.

The motion to spend \$50K toward the social impact grants was approved unanimously by the board.

### **STREET ART PROGRAM:**

Ms. Pangburn reviewed the program, talking about the hope for diversity of artists and reaching deeper into the communities, galleries, collectives, and local businesses. She added that it will be a month-long event celebrating each installation.

The February installation will focus on the celebration of Colorado-based Black artists.

A motion to allocate \$100K toward the 2021 RiNo Mural Program was voted on and approved unanimously by the board.

### **UCD AR WALK:**

Ms. Pulford teed up the conversation noting that this project would create an augmented reality walking tour, focused on Five Points.

A presentation by Molly Thompson from UCD followed, and the board discussed that they would like to see additional outreach by UCD in the Five Points community before voting to allocate funding.

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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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.

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Secretary to the Board