ANNUAL MEETING - MINUTES

GOLDEN TRIANGLE CREATIVE DISTRICT

Denver Community Credit Union-1041 Acoma

June 7, 2018- 5:30-7:30 p.m.

5:30-6:00 Social

1) **Welcome–Rachel Fewell, President**
   - Meeting was called to order at 6:00PM
   Rachel welcomed the group, introduced board members, outlined agenda for the evening.

2) **DPD District 6 Update – Commander Ron Saunier**
   - Commander Saunier passed along his contact information and welcomed the group to contact him with questions. Ronald.saunier@denvergov.org.
   - Shared some key statistics with the group on crime in the Golden Triangle, as well as comparisons to other neighborhoods.
      a. Proactive efforts by DPD to address crime in the neighborhood have resulted in a 47% increase arrests for crimes in the Golden Triangle.
      b. Leading nature of offenses are alcohol and drug-related offenses – which increased 108%
      c. Crimes against persons down 10%
      d. Forcible sex offenses have more than tripled (2 offenses in 2017, 7 reported thus far in 2018)
      e. Motor Vehicle theft up 28% - many are crimes of opportunity, unlocked doors, keys left in cars. Hondas, Jeeps, Ford F-150s are popular.
      f. Questions from membership included sidewalk safety during multiple construction projects, other neighborhood hazards and bikeway questions.

3) **Denver City Council District 10 Update – Councilman Wayne New (See attached presentation)**
   - CM New covered key topics including freestanding small cell Infrastructure, slot homes, and alcohol policy in parks
   - **Small Cell Infrastructure**: Federal and state laws enabling high-speed data network allow for decentralized transmission equipment and towers, including 30' towers. Denver Public Works has developed positive pole-installation rules to (1)**prevent installations in front of homes** and 250'

distance from other poles and (2) **encourage co-location** on Xcel light poles to prevent multiple poles. This will help prevent pole install in front of homes.

- **Slot Homes**: Sideways-facing "slot" style homes have become a focus for City Council. This type of development has been called out for creating units out of character with neighborhoods and preventing public engagement. Zoning loopholes have enabled proliferation of slot homes. Council has passed new ordinance that will improve building design to fit with neighborhoods' character. Require a minimum of street-facing units with landscaped setbacks, require parking in back and create a specific building permit form for slot homes that eliminate loopholes in some districts.
- **Park Alcohol Policy**: New proposed changes for park policy. They include allowing all parks to obtain alcohol permits for park events, allowing alcohol service in all park buildings, removing state 3.2% beer restriction in parks, allowing permitted alcohol service at all park events, removing requirement for pre-packaged and mixed drinks and enabling bartender service. CM New shared park alcohol survey results from District 10 residents in attached document.
- **Questions**: Resident questions/comments
   - Construction-driven street closures are problematic for pedestrians and residents
   - Construction worker parking is causing congestion in the neighborhood
   - Races and other events with street closures are causing challenges for residents.
   - CM New invited meetings on these topics. Contact wayne.new@denvergov.org.

4) **What is a Creative District – Christine Costello, Colorado Creative Industries Program Mgr.**
   - Presented stats and details about the benefits of being a creative district for driving community engagement, economic growth and more. Please see presentation for details.

5) **Civic Center Conservancy update – Scott Robson & Eric Lazzari**
   - Robson is new to this role, and looking forward to working with members of GTCD
   - Indicated CCC was the recipient of some of the GO Bond funds from the Nov. 2017 ballot, and will also embark on a capital campaign
   - Robson wants to focus on as much activation of the park as possible.
   - Robson also indicated he will be actively involved in some of the social issues surrounding the park.

Round-up of Neighborhood Committees and Initiatives

New Fund Development – Mark Shaker
Mark will be opening the Broadway Market later this year in the old Tony's Market space. He recapped the GID Feasibility Study process and his efforts to engage with individuals involved in all aspects of that process to learn about the neighborhood, its needs and projects and research that has already been completed. The New Fund Development group is taking those survey details and research and working to determine if there is a project in Golden Triangle that can be a focus, and then determine how to finance such a project. Group meets third Wednesday of the month at 1:30PM. Contact Laura Liska to join the conversations: liskafreun@aol.com.

Fundraiser for Golden Triangle Creative District – April Chase
April reviewed estimated $85K in annual expenses and estimated $130K in estimated revenue for the year.
  Revenue estimate is dependent on anticipated income from an upcoming fundraiser.
  Requested volunteers for a fundraising committee to help plan and execute this event. Please contact April at april@thehangaratstanley.com.

Final Fridays, Golden Triangle Business Network (GTBN)– Sharon Rowe
Final Fridays will kick off for the summer June through September. Tuk tuk rides to gallery events, art tours and other creative opportunities. To get involved contact Sydney Ilg at sydneyi@11thavenuehotelandhostel.com.

Golden Triangle Business Networks (GTBN) is a networking group that meets the first and third Friday of the month 7:30AM at Denver Diamonds and Jewelry. Next meeting is June 15. Helps plan Final Fridays and other opportunities for neighborhood businesses.

New GTCD Website – Jackie Noble
New website is nearly finished, in collaboration with AOR located in the Golden Triangle, and with funding from our Colorado Creative Industries grant. This should be up and running by July.

5280 Loop – Gerald Horner
GTCD Board members and residents have been engaged in the first stage of planning for the 5280 Loop, a project led by Downtown Denver Partnership to transform how the public right of way is used in downtown Denver, linking neighborhoods for pedestrians and cyclists. This loop will celebrate individual neighborhoods and celebrate our outdoor Colorado culture. Planning stages now, and Kate Barton of DDP indicated that the realization of the full project would be about 2 years out.

Trash Collection and Graffiti removal –David Price
David leads the Community Affairs committee, which handles events, pet stations and trash collection. Litter League meets at 9AM Saturdays at Drip Coffee to pick up litter/graffiti kits, group meets back at Drip for coffee and social time.

New Staff and Wayfinding Master Planning Process – Kristy Bassuener
Kristy introduced Jennifer Larsen, new Golden Triangle Administrative Assistant, who will start June 11. Jennifer has extensive communication design experience, and prior admin roles at Rock Church in south metro, as well as the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. She will be working part time, focusing on email, phone, newsletter and social media. Temporary office space will be at Denver Art Museum admin building. Welcome, Jennifer!

GTCD Board and community members have been working with Art House Design to create a Wayfinding Master Plan to help us develop a comprehensive system and plan for signage, branding and visibility in the neighborhood. The District's CCI grant helped pay for this engagement and the final Master Plan should be completed by the end of the summer.

6) **Election of Directors-10 min-Gerald Horner**
   Gerald highlighted the Golden Triangle bylaws on the election process and presented the slate of

nominees, and introduced each nominee.

Some members asked about the percentage of residents on the slate, while other members indicated having additional residents step up to work on the Board would be welcome.

Slate was presented un-amended and passed unanimously.

7) **Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 7:39PM**