



**Golden Triangle Creative District  
June 3, 2021, Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
3:00-5:00 PM – Video Conference**

**BOARD ATTENDEES:**

Aaron Bajorek, Kate Barton, Kristy Bassuener, Lisa Beauchamp, April Chase, Rachel Fewell, Jennifer Gance, Marlow Hoffman, Eric Lazzari, Laura Liska, Sydney Malone, John Mosley, Liz Orr, David Pietsch, Sonia Rae, Brent Snyder, Steve Strunk

**NOT PRESENT:**

Pete Dikeou, David Eichler, Tracy Kontrelos, Sean Walsh, Byron Zick

**GTCD STAFF:**

Not present

**GUESTS:**

Jenn Byrnes (Shift Workspaces)

**Welcome and Call to Order (S. Malone)**

- Welcome Board members and guests. Byron is out of town.
- Motion to approve May 2021 Meeting Minutes.
  - Eric
  - Brent (second)

**GTCD Budget Update (J. Gance)**

- Current financials
  - No update for March because CNDC was doing a system migration
  - Cash on hand - \$91,000.
  - Nothing out of the ordinary. Not a lot of transactions for April.
  - Paid about \$1000 for annual Zoom renewal
  - General numbers for memberships – about \$4000 March, \$1100 April

**GTCD Membership Update (L. Beauchamp)**

- Current Membership Update
  - Last year was first year of rolling membership
  - Another spurt coming out this summer of membership renewals
  - Finalized subscription to Wild Apricot – automating emails
  - Reaching out to members for renewals

- Finalizing campaign emails to reach out to orgs. to see how we can encourage renewals and solicit new members.

### **Events Planner Budget Approval (J. Gance / A. Chase)**

- Discuss approving an initial topset of \$2500 for events planner support
  - JG – We have the capacity to approve \$2500 funds for events planner
  - Sydney – motion to approve allocation for events planner
  - Motion approved unanimously

### **COLORCON 2021 (S. Malone)**

- A lot going on with this event. Received 45 (correction – 43) applications from artists.
- Selection committee to approve artists
- Exec. Decision to choose location alleyway behind Torchy's Tacos, Denver Credit Union, and gas station (between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, Acoma and Broadway)
- Talked to a lot of the owners and they are on board. Location not publicly announced. Waiting for approval from all owners. Should be soon.
- If you would like to help, please do.

### **Task Force on Homelessness (S. Malone / L. Beauchamp)**

- In January we voted on a homelessness task force to create a statement about how GTCD should address homelessness in the neighborhood.
- Final meeting this week, then closing out the task force.
- Is the interest in extending task force timeline?
  - Laura – Sydney, have you worked with David S (?).
  - Sydney – he has a big mailing list. Byron and I reached out to him. He was previously involved in the neighborhood assoc. We have not heard if he is interested in attending meetings.
  - Sydney – Should we continue task force?
  - Kate – purpose in continuing?
  - Sydney – Not sure what else the task force would do going forward.
  - Kate – important to engage people around the issue. Important that as a board we are not engaging in an issue that we don't then feel like we have the right resources to move in any direction. Can the board take on the role of education and providing an open forum?
  - Eric – Echo what Kate is saying. Important for membership that we are making progress in this area. Important to recognize that this is a citywide/nationwide issue. We want a forum where people will be heard, but to have a task force without an express charge is not the best use of people's time.
  - Kate – May be some places where GTCD can play a role in direct action around strategic plan once that is released. How can we play the role of connector and convener, continue to attend council meetings, etc.?
  - Sydney – Proceed as originally planned – task force disbands in June.
  - Marlow – Agree with what everyone has said. Huge issue for people, especially residents. Don't know what we should do but we announced that we were going to pick up the topic. If we drop it that looks like we ghosted the whole subject. We should address how we are proceeding with our members.
  - Lisa – Task force would allow neighborhood people to voice opinions at monthly meetings. Another neighborhood task force formed – met with district 6 – to have signs put up to indicate that GT is a neighborhood watch zone. Do we continue the task force

to be able listen to our neighbors and/or partner with the other neighborhood task force on the neighborhood watch? Should we continue to meet quarterly?

- Kristy – Named a task force to make it clear that we were not planning that it would be an ongoing committee. We can continue to invite advocacy. We don't need a task force to get our message in front of the right people.
- Sydney – other task force calls itself Golden Triangle Neighbors
- Eric – Clarify that people are acting outside of GTCD because they feel we are not doing enough, or they want to work outside of whatever systems we have put in place?
- Lisa – yes.
- Sydney – Sean Walsh would continue to lead the charge to get people to speak at City Council. Sydney's role – meet with other RNOs to speak with Mayor's Office weekly or biweekly to work together toward common goals on this issue. Did not see the need for task force on-going. We can continue to address hearing about the needs of neighbors.
- Kate – in favor of integrating ongoing conversations in the work of the board - making sure that we don't abandon the topic.
- Sydney – will bring this to task force and as for recommendations for how we move forward & will check in with Exec. Committee.

### **August 5<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting (S. Malone)**

- Will be meeting at Shift Workspaces, hope to see you there!
- There will be a virtual option as well

### **Committee Reports (All)**

- Executive Committee – S. Malone
  - Community Affairs Committee Updates
    - Wants to continue in a supporting role. Not taking on new projects.
    - Providing volunteers as needed
    - Connecting us with HOAs and residential buildings
    - Thanks to Liz for keeping us connected and up to date
  - Zoning Updates – Planning Board has approved updates
    - Planning board has approved updates to Zoning.
    - Kristy – Plan now goes to City Council for hearing and approval.
    - Laura – Question about status of Urban Design Committee. Are we shifting our own entity or are we being wrapped into central business district? Would like to advocate for keeping our Urban Design Committee.
  - Grant Writer Update
    - We received 2 small micro-grants (trash can relocation and installation)
    - Grant writer's time is up. She has agreed to work with us on an as needed basis.
    - Board – please keep an eye out for possible grants and pass those opportunities on to Byron and Sydney.
- Events Committee – A. Chase
  - 3 members strong (April, John, Lisa)
  - Open or more volunteers. First meeting on Monday at McNichols Building at 2:30.
  - Goal to announce events (COLORCON & October fundraiser) in July
  - Starting to actively meet and plan. If you have ideas, please let April know. Theme is not yet decided.
  - Please contact April with suggestions for a possible event planner, sponsors, people who may want to donate items. Please actively put word out that we are soliciting items.
- Governance Committee – L. Beauchamp

- Working on diversity and inclusion plan.
  - Talking about what we need to do to reactivate committees
- Membership Committee – T. Kontrelos / L. Beauchamp
  - See membership update above
- Neighborhood Improvements – S. Malone
  - Sydney – I have to step back. Charlie Hunt is not able to co-chair. We did not have interest in the position.
  - Keep as a committee but not have monthly meetings
  - Change to a project-based committee – ex: Electrical box committee, tree planting committee. Meeting on an as needed basis.
- Urban Design – L. Liska
  - Laura – was not at last meeting. Two presentations.
    - One for an apt. at 12<sup>th</sup> and Delaware – taking down duplex appts.
    - Two presentations next week (Thurs.) Presentation from a group putting together multiuse on Broadway north of the Sports Castle. Former Rooster and Moon – converting to a residential project.
    - Liz Orr – project at old cigar building? Does anyone have info on this?
    - Sydney – renovations on Evans Building imminent.
- Public Events Liaison – R. Fewell
  - Rachel – See Jennifer’s list. Black Love Mural Fest, Civic Center Eats on Tues. – Thurs., All Star Game (July 9 – 13), 5K.
  - Moving target with details changing frequently.
  - Rachel happy to share notes from their meeting
  - Eric – None of the major festivals are taking place at Civic Center this year. Lots of smaller scale activations.

**Board Members: New/Old Business**

- Mirus Gallery getting ready to reopen
- Farmer’s Market (at Evan’s School) starting on Sunday (9-1). Every Sunday through end of September. Great neighborhood event!

**Guest Comments**

- Jen (from Shift). We have planted trees! Thank you, we are excited.

**Adjourn (S. Malone)**

- Seconded by Lisa B. Motion to adjourn carried.