



**Golden Triangle Creative District
December 1, 2022 Board Meeting
Meeting Minutes
3:00-5:00 PM – In-Person (Abend Gallery) & Video Conference**

BOARD ATTENDEES:

Lisa Beauchamp, April Chase, Alvin Cooper III, Pete Dikeou, Rachel Fewell, Jennifer Gance, Alice Harris, Lindsay Hauck, Marlow Hoffman, Andrew Iltis, Tracy Kontrellos, John Mosley, David Pietsch, Sean Walsh, Byron Zick

NOT PRESENT:

Kristy Bassuener, April Denmon, Mathiba Kgopa, Sara Leitch, Adam Perkins, Will Wytias-Sobel, Steve Strunk

GTCD STAFF:

Jennifer Larsen

GUESTS:

Pablo Zacarias (Bespoke)
Mike Sullivan
Shelly Oren (City Council District 10 Aide)
Noah Kaplan (Candidate for City Council District 10)
Thomas Wolf (Candidate for Denver Mayor)

Welcome and Call to Order (L. Beauchamp & J. Mosely)

- Welcome board members and guests
- Motion to approve October 2022 Meeting Minutes
 - MOTION: Approve minutes (A. Iltis/S. Walsh)
 - Minutes approved unanimously

GTCD Budget Update (A. Chase)

- Current financials
 - \$20K in the bank at the end of October
 - \$10K grant coming from Arts & Venues
 - \$33K estimated at end of November
 - Committee budget requests need to be submitted – next 2 weeks (reminder)
 - Grant funding is up year over year
 - Need to dial in more on membership
 - 2019 \$60-80K in membership
 - Fundraising efforts, lower cost in 2023

GTCD New/Renewal Membership (T. Kontrellos)

- Memberships (November 3-30). Total \$2,150
 - New:
 - Element Hotel - \$500
 - Renewals:
 - Century Lofts Condominiums - \$350
 - Global Security Solutions - \$300
 - Oakes Real Estate - \$300
 - Deanna Person - \$100
 - Norris Design - \$300
 - Noble Erickson - \$300

Colorado State Capitol NFT Exhibition Update (A. Chase)

- Tuesday opening was well attended. Had time to visit the offices upstairs.
- Photographer and videographer hired
- Big effort on the install the Capitol
- Will continue to build on install/engagement
- Auction running, see poster
- Kicked off week of giving campaign
- Run through April 2023

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee – J. Mosely/L. Beauchamp
 - Met in November
 - COLORCON wrap up discussion
 - Capitol Art Exhibit
 - GID process
 - Visioning meeting – may break this up into smaller sessions
- Finance Committee – A. Chase
 - Membership Committee – T. Kontrellos
 - Finished membership benefits list, ready to update brochure and get it printed
 - Grants Committee – L. Beauchamp
 - Received \$10K grant from Arts & Venues
 - 5K towards operating costs: 1) Wild Apricot renewal, 2) Building a formal DEI plan and training the Board, 3) Exploring sustainable source of funding
 - \$5K towards event programming: 1) 2023 Spring Fling, 2) 2023 COLORCON and 3) Community engagement like Thirsty Thursday and Business Networking
- Governance Committee – L. Beauchamp
 - Discussing Board renewals for February 2023
 - Would like to add an accountant and/or an attorney
 - Discussed with EC – would like to get people involved in committees before to coming onto the Board, understand workload prior to commitment
- Community Engagement Committee – L. Beauchamp
 - November event at Walker Fine Art – great event, well attended
 - Thirsty Thursday host locations are currently booked until June 2023
 - January event will be January 19 at The Spot
 - Neighborhood Improvements – A. Perkins/P. Dikeou
 - Didn't meet in November, due to holiday
 - Talking about community engagement opportunities
 - Urban Design – A. Iltis
 - November 10 Meeting:

- 1201 Cherokee St - Chris Carvell
 - 19 Stories, 182 units, rental
 - Underground parking - 71 spaces
 - Point tower
 - The Committee was generally appreciative of the design and effort
 - Davis Partnership - West side of Broadway between 8th and 9th Avenues
 - 500 Rental apartments with GF retail, 1.8 parking spaces/unit
 - 21 story tower - 5 level podium
 - Meeting time for future meetings will be extended, as needed, to make room for all the proposed projects in development – 3 presentations
 - Planned for December 8:
 - 8th and Lincoln
 - SDP 1005-25 Acoma
 - 700 Lincoln
- Business Networking – A. Denmon/A. Cooper III
 - Met at Clyfford Still Museum on November 11. Great event, 16 attendees – best attendance so far.
 - New General Manager from the ART Hotel, plus 2 staff attended. Excited to get involved and acclimated to the neighborhood.
 - December Business Networking at the ART Hotel
- Events Committee – A. Chase
 - GTCDC Events Committee
 - Fundraiser at Mirus Gallery & Temple Denver
 - Kaleidoscope potential theme
 - Not calling it a fundraiser, calling it “Spring Fling”
 - Contract signed on venue
 - Good leads on vendors
 - Dark Steele is the preferred caterer, offering generous discounts
 - External Events Liaison – R. Fewell
 - Parade of Lights on Saturday. No floats on display following the parade this year. One night only, starting at 6 pm. A lot of impacts to the neighborhood.
 - Adding Jingle Jog event this year, run the parade route, 4:30 pm, \$35 register
 - Denver Christkindlmarket (through 12/23) & Mile High Tree (through 12/31) at Civic Center Park
 - Dates secured for Sunday morning Broadway Street closure events. First event is May 14, 2023 – monthly during the summer. (A. Iltis)
 - Library Initiative passed
 - Thank you to Denver voters!
 - \$32M/year for library system annually, beginning 2023
 - \$8M for additional Central Library renovations in 2023
 - Pay raises for staff
 - Additional branch renovations back
 - Hiring streak
 - Q1 2024 – Central Library renovations should be completed
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Colorado Gives Day – How to Donate (L. Beauchamp)

- GTCD Colorado Gives Day campaign
- Need everyone to help contribute to Gives Day, Spring Fling, etc., donate this evening

Staff Report (J. Larsen)

- A few CCI things:
 - I submitted our 1st quarter report to CCI that covers July through September 2022. Now available in the meeting folder.
 - CCI grant applications for their 2023 project and technical assistance grants will be available in December.
 - The 2023 Creative Districts Convening and Summit is scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 through June 2 in Crested Butte. Something to consider. I don't know yet how many people we can send, and I will share that information once it's available. Lisa has already let me know she's planning on attending.

Board Members: New/Old Business (3-minute comments max.)

- Trash receptacles. Still need to figure a way to keep these maintained – cleaned, and graffiti removed. Will be requesting estimates for maintaining the receptacles in 2023. Please share other creative ideas for maintaining receptacles. (B. Zick)

Guest Comments (3-minute comments max.)

- Noah Kaplan – Candidate for city council in District 10.
 - Appreciate the work we're doing. Enjoys many of the amenities in the Golden Triangle.
 - Parents public defenders. Encouraged service to the community.
 - Attended East High School, taught there the last 7 years.
 - City in period of transition, lots of challenges
 - Suited to council position as an educator and journalist
 - Would like to meet Board members
- Thomas Wolf – Candidate for mayor.
 - Denver oasis in US
 - Bike commutes through neighborhood, has seen what neighborhood has gone through in the last 3 years.
 - Humanitarian crisis. Needs to be confronted.
 - Focus on getting people into shelter, and then holistic solutions.
 - Finance background, some investment properties around Denver, including Ballpark properties.
 - Would like to know our issues, and what we're looking for in a mayor.
 - Examined city budgets at the library – there are better ways we can spend our city budget.

Meeting Adjourned – 4:00 pm