



**Golden Triangle Creative District  
January 5, 2023 Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
3:00-5:00 PM – In-Person (Westword) & Video Conference**

**BOARD ATTENDEES:**

Kristy Bassuener, Lisa Beauchamp, April Chase, Alvin Cooper III, Rachel Fewell, Jennifer Gance, Alice Harris, Tracy Kontrelos, Sara Leitch, John Mosley, Adam Perkins, David Pietsch, Sean Walsh, Byron Zick

**NOT PRESENT:**

April Denmon, Pete Dikeou, Lindsay Hauck, Marlow Hoffman, Andrew Iltis, Mathiba Kgopa, Steve Strunk, Will Wytias-Sobel

**GTCD STAFF:**

Jennifer Larsen

**GUESTS:**

Anthony Gengaro (MDLDC)  
Alison Mitchell (the ART Hotel)  
Pablo Zacarias (Bespoke)  
Kelly Brough (Candidate for Denver Mayor)  
Tim Hoffman (Candidate for Denver City Council at Large)

**Welcome and Call to Order (L. Beauchamp)**

- Welcome board members and guests
- Motion to approve November 2022 Meeting Minutes
  - B. Zick corrections – see notations in file on Google Drive
  - MOTION: Approve minutes with revisions (A. Chase/S. Walsh)
  - Minutes approved unanimously
- Motion to approve December 2022 Meeting Minutes
  - MOTION: Approve minutes (A. Chase/R. Fewell)
  - Minutes approved unanimously

**GTCD Budget (A. Chase)**

- 2023 Budget discussion
- Finance Committee working on the budget – A. Chase, A. Harris, J. Gance
- Internal budget recommended – what the committee thinks is reasonable for income & expenses for 2023
  - Budget is a little off – have \$6K more in expenses than income
  - No responses from committees regarding budget requests, other than from Neighborhood Improvements

- Committees, please review April's suggestions at bottom of budget spreadsheet
- EC didn't use full budget for 2022. Probably just used \$1500 for Day in the Park.
- May be able to cut some from Litter League
- Neighborhood Improvements requested \$4900 for maintenance of trash receptacles
- Might be able to utilize money from the Final Fridays line item of \$2K
  - Do we want to tackle Final Fridays in 2023? Originally aligned with the DAM's Untitled event – now scheduled for last Friday in January, April, July, and October.
  - Events Committee responsibility
  - Can possibly do something that ties into the 5280 Trail
  - A. Perkins is our contact with the GT Trailblazers group. DDP is looking at expanding the GT portion. Also taking a group of leaders to the Indianapolis Cultural Trail in April 2023 as an inspiration for the trail. This will be followed by neighborhood block parties/meetings. Might get some support from the Trailblazers group for Final Fridays activities.
- Budget can be tightened up a little bit with these potential revisions
- Budgets trimmed for COLORCON (\$10K) and Spring Fling (\$12.5K)
- Budget dependent on membership, grant, fundraising and sponsorship goals. Numbers should be attainable, based on 2022 financials.
  - Backstage Boss level (residential buildings) may be a little untapped
- Will be approaching developers / construction companies, etc. for membership and sponsorships of neighborhood projects. Should catalog all these companies.
- Next steps – review budget throughout January to be ratified at Annual Meeting in February

#### **GTCD New/Renewal Membership (T. Kontrelos)**

- New & renewal of memberships
  - Good month – received \$4900 in renewals since last Board meeting
  - Included \$1000 in-kind membership to Temple Denver/Mirus Gallery for discount on Spring Fling venue cost

#### **Committee Reports**

- Executive Committee – J. Mosely/L. Beauchamp
  - Vision meeting – will start to tack on information about CNDC and GTCD throughout the year to get Board members up to speed with knowledge about our organizations
- Finance Committee – A. Chase
  - November financials look poor – expecting \$16K in income in December to get us back up to approx. \$30K
  - Membership Committee – T. Kontrelos
    - Update of membership brochure almost complete
    - Next meeting is Wednesday, January 18 at 3 pm. All are welcome.
  - Grants Committee – L. Beauchamp
    - Have been speaking with CP Hinds regarding the possibility of RNO funding via city council. Many RNOs in District 10, so further discussions coming.
    - Reviewing Anschutz grant – need to let CNDC know by Jan 10 if we will be applying, application due January 15.
    - CCI grant application not available yet. Will be applying once the application is available.
    - Byron / Sonia will meet on Monday to review master list of potential grantors
    - Committee meets next on Monday, January 9 at 3 pm (second Mondays of month). Open to all.

- Governance Committee – L. Beauchamp
  - Planning for February 2023 Annual Meeting
  - Still looking for an attorney and an accountant to join our Board
  - Two new candidates thus far: Pablo Zacarias and Anthony Gengaro. Bios will be on shared drive for February meeting. Considering a couple additional candidates.
  - One current Board member stepping down of seven whose terms are expiring
  - R. Fewell to pull list for attorneys/accountants in neighborhood
- Community Engagement Committee – L. Beauchamp
  - Great attendance for Holiday Party!
  - Next Thirsty Thursday is January 19 at The Spot, 5-7 pm
    - They will be offering a free climbing class in advance for 10-15 participants
  - Neighborhood Improvements – A. Perkins
    - Holiday schedule has been interfering with committee meeting schedule
    - B. Zick has been moving forward the best plan for trash receptacles, which will include monthly maintenance (regular cleaning & repair)
  - Urban Design – J. Larsen for A. Iltis
    - December extended meeting – three presentations
    - No presentations scheduled for January
- Business Networking – A. Denmon/A. Cooper III
  - December meeting at the ART Hotel poorly attended – 4 people. Glitch with meeting invite; it went out the morning of the meeting. Invite glitch has been fixed. The ART Hotel will host another meeting in 2023.
  - January meeting on January 20 at The Process, co-working/coaching space. A. Cooper out of town on second Friday of January.
- Events Committee – A. Chase
  - GTCD Events Committee – 2023 Spring Fling (April 13)
    - Looking at design ideas
    - Working on sponsor deck
    - Contacting vendors
    - Venue and catering secured
    - Asking Board for 1 silent auction item and 2 bottles of wine
      - Packages, unique experiences and unique items and pairings
      - Deadlines: wine 2 weeks prior, auction items 1 month in advance
    - K. Bassuener donating Avs parade/festival photo
    - K. Bassuener offered The Ponti restaurant for a Thirsty Thursday event (on a Tuesday, when The Ponti is open late).
  - External Events Liaison – R. Fewell
    - Governors Inauguration on Tuesday, January 10. Street closures will start on Sunday, January 8.
    - January 10 – Free day at the Denver Art Museum. Another free day on Saturday, January 28.
    - MLK Jr. Parade on Monday, January 16. Colfax closed. Starts at City Park and marches to Civic Center Park.
    - Central Library closed for 2 weeks (late January to early February) to move entrance temporarily from Broadway side to Acoma side for all of 2023.
    - Events Liaison committee meeting attendees will be asked to become GTCD members by March 2023.

#### **Staff Report (J. Larsen)**

- Colorado Gives Day campaign brought in \$1400 with 24 people donating.

- Although this is a relatively small number, it's the most we've ever received and the largest number of donors we've ever had for CO Gives Day.
  - 2021 - \$675
  - 2020 - \$500
  - 2019 - \$425
  - 2018 - \$840
- \$560 came in during the Holiday Party as people made donations to enter our raffle
- Kudos to Lisa for arranging for the gift baskets and promoting our giving campaign!
  - These are great ideas for Spring Fling auction items
- December 15 community meeting. Coordinated by GT neighbors and CP Hinds to discuss neighborhood development issues, such as noise ordinances, work hours, right of way and street parking issues. There were close to 40 people in attendance, including representatives from Milender White, GE Johnson and Quarterra, and 3 staff members from Public Health and Environment. Residents had many concerns, but the tipping point and impetus for the meeting was a concrete pour at the Modera Golden Triangle project at Bannock and 11th that went as late as 10 pm, with noise, lighting and closures that affected the Grand Cherokee Lofts residential building across the alley. Productive meeting and Milender White has taken steps to be good neighbors with regular communications and by addressing timing and parking issues. More discussions likely to come. Good opportunity to partner with our neighbors to address issues of importance to them. I helped promote the meeting through our newsletter and social posts.
- Residents who have issues can notify the city via 311 on the website or by phone.

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

- No old or new business

**Guest Comments (3-minute comments max.)**

- Kelly Brough – Candidate for Denver Mayor
  - Thank you for your service to the city
  - 25 candidates for mayor, 3 main issues: community safety, homelessness & encampments, housing affordability. Has ideas for all 3 areas.
  - Only candidate running for mayor who has run the city before.
    - Served as John Hickenlooper's Chief of Staff when he was mayor. Managed the city during the Democratic National Convention in that capacity.
    - Knows how to allocate resources and align city employees on a vision and on a goal and achieve it.
    - Balanced budget in 2009 in response to the great recession. Might be facing the same challenges in the next couple years. City budget currently \$3.75 billion.
    - Has been a CEO
    - Delivered 311 to the city
  - Combination of professional/lived experience has built a skill set the community needs.
    - Family has received assistance. Knows how to make it easier for people to live here. Family has also faced addiction. Understands the complexity of these issues.
  - Feels ready and excited about opportunity to serve as mayor
- Tim Hoffman – Candidate for Denver City Council At Large
  - 10 candidates for At Large position
  - Last 5 ½ years has served as prosecutor in the city's DA office. Has had a lot of experiences in the Golden Triangle during this time.

- As a prosecutor has seen what happens when you underinvest upstream of the criminal justice system.
- Excited about addressing these concerns proactively
- Cyclist, head injury in accident 3 years ago
- Is interested in multi-modal transportation and getting people out of their cars and onto bikes and other forms of transportation.
- 2 At Large positions open in the April elections

**Adjourn**