



**Golden Triangle Creative District  
November 2, 2023 Board Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
3:00-5:00 PM – In-Person (Denver Art Museum) & Video Conference**

**Board Attendees:**

Kristy Bassuener, Lisa Beauchamp, Pete Dikeou, Rachel Fewell, Jennifer Gance, Anthony Gengaro, Alice Harris, Andrew Iltis, John Mosley, Adam Perkins, Byron Zick

**Not Present:**

Alvin Cooper III, Tracy Kontrelos, Sara Leitch, David Pietsch, Sean Walsh, Pablo Zacarias

**GTCD Staff:**

Jennifer Larsen

**Guests:**

David Maimon (MDLDC Operations Director)

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

- Welcome board members and guests
- Read Land and Labor Acknowledgements (K. Bassuener)
- November Call to Action activities:
  - Dia de los Muertos Festival on Saturday, November 4 at Civic Center Park (K. Bassuener)
  - Kickoff to Denver Arts Week (November 5-13) includes free Night at the Museum at museums across the Denver Metro area on Saturday, November 4 from 5 to 10 pm. (K. Bassuener)
  - Photo on display at Denver Art Museum (DAM) of Indigenous dancer. (K. Bassuener)
  - Review Center for Community Wealth Building repatriation efforts. (K. Bassuener)
  - “Indomitably Indigenous,” student art exhibition taking place at the DAM, opens next week and runs through December 10. (K. Bassuener)
  - Denver Public Library has a page on its website for Indigenous Heritage Month with information and activities throughout November at a variety of locations. (R. Fewell)
- Motion to approve October 2023 Meeting Minutes
  - MOTION: Approve minutes (A. Harris/B. Zick)
  - Minutes approved unanimously

**GTCD Budget (J. Gance)**

- Negative cash today, (-\$700); have maintained a negative balance for the past 2-3 months
- Have been borrowing cash from CNDC for payroll and credit card expenses

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

- New & Renewal Memberships to Acknowledge
- Memberships (October 1-31). Total \$750
  - Renewals:
    - Prado Condominiums - \$750

## **Committee Reports**

- Executive Committee – J. Mosely/L. Beauchamp
  - Have been having conversations regarding staff, and vision meeting
- Finance Committee – J. Gance/A.Harris
  - Nothing additional
  - Membership Committee – T. Kontrelos
    - Not present, see committee report document
  - Grants Committee – B. Zick
    - Committee spreadsheet remains on Google Drive listing potential recurring grants
    - District 10 Community Benefit Fund – Up to \$2500 in funding available to District 10 organizations for civic engagement, including:
      - Community social events
      - Neighborhood cleanup projects (litter and/or graffiti removal)
      - Food Pantry assistance
      - Outreach to increase community participation
      - Community gardens
      - Public art projects (murals, sculptures, or anything that the public can see and enjoy)
    - Deadline is November 15.
    - Dynamic Downtown Denver Grant – \$500-\$25K to activate downtown and showcase the spirit of Denver. Projects or programs to take place in highly visible, publicly assessable outdoor spaces, and provide public with free, unique, and engaging experiences. Priority is to have projects happen within the next 6 months. Sponsored by Denver Arts & Venues and Downtown Denver Partnership. 40 applications received thus far.
      - Total funds available is \$350K in first round, expect second round. City wants to see some immediate projects rolled out. Applications accepted until funds are spent. (A. Iltis)
    - What projects/improvements can we fund with District 10 grant? Can we fund Litter League? (K. Bassuener)
      - CM Hinds would like to fund Litter League separate from this grant opportunity. (J. Larsen)
    - CM Hinds would also like to fund a neighborhood mural. Should we pursue that? (J. Mosley)
    - We could do the neighborhood clean-up project we proposed for the DEDO Neighborhood Activation grant. (B. Zick)
    - We could propose the trash receptacle rewinding project. (J. Mosley)
      - Cost is \$500 per trash receptacle, and we have 5 in bad shape. Would also need to pay an artist for a redesign. (J. Larsen)
    - What if we spray painted them instead, to bring them all up to the same level and then applied a sticker or stencil for branding for now? (J. Mosley)



- External Events Liaison – R. Fewell
  - Dia de los Muertos Festival rescheduled to Nov 4 from Oct 28 due to snow event
  - Holiday set up underway in Civic Center Park for Mile High Tree and Christkindlmarket.

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

- Follow up to items shared at October meeting:
  - Dazzle Denver hosted 9 people from our Litter League group for brunch and show on Sunday, October 22. The group had a great time! Thank you to Dazzle for hosting our group.
  - Jennifer, John, and I did a tour of The Acoma House with one of the owners and GTCD member Neil Macey on October 13. It is a gorgeous property! Each of the 24 guest rooms is painted by a different local artist. They are open to hosting a Thirsty Thursday gathering and are also interested in being part of a neighborhood mural tour.
  - Councilmember Hinds' office shared more about their financial support for the GTCD. They are accepting grant applications for neighborhood projects with up to \$2500 in funding available. They are also interested in supporting our trash clean-up program separate from the grant funding. I am working with Liz Orr on a budget to submit.
- New items:
  - CCI 2023-24 1st quarter report submitted yesterday. Included in meeting folder for review.
  - COLORCON trademark letter in meeting folder. I shared with the EC, and we have complied by deactivating the COLORCON website and Facebook page. I'm working on deactivating the Instagram page as well. Comments, other actions?
  - Condition of trash receptacles and lack of funds for pet station bags.
    - Some of the graffiti can't be removed. (D. Maimon)
    - Can engage youth in the neighborhood to paint receptacles. (D. Maimon)

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

- Alice is still working on membership audit with CNDC
- Adam had a conversation with Councilman Hinds. CM Hinds would like to put together a document regarding all 5280 Trail references. It would be helpful to have all this information in one place. Also thinking about how to share with neighbors: special event, meeting, other conversations. Design process for Acoma should kick off early next year.
  - Do we need to engage with the Board regarding how to share the information? (B. Zick)
  - Maybe CM Hinds can produce books to share. (A. Perkins)
  - Maybe next month the Urban Design committee can host this conversation with CM Hinds? (A. Intis). Andrew will assist with effort.
- Sean is working on a good neighbor agreement for micro-communities. (J. Mosley)
- Regarding 1199 Bannock St site. Lots of conversations. Neighbors opposed to this location for a micro-community, and a portion of the basement was left unfilled. The city decided it would take a bit of time to get site up and running. Urban Villages may be approached again regarding this site. (A. Perkins)
- Someone mentioned 10<sup>th</sup> & Broadway parking lot as an alternative site. (J. Mosley)

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

- I'm enjoying my time with the Golden Triangle, keep rockin'. (D. Maimon)

### **Adjourn**