



National Western Center Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	August 19, 2021	Time:	9:06 a.m. – 11:02 a.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Liz Adams	Location:	Hybrid Meeting via ZOOM and In Person
Meeting Description			
National Western Center Authority Board Meeting			
Authority Board Member Attendance at Meeting			
Name	Present	Absent	Notes
John Ikard	X In Person		
Lucia Guzman		X	
Steven McCarthy	X Zoom		
John Zapien	X In Person		
Robb Brown	X Zoom		
Kelly Leid		X	

Brendan Hanlon*	X Zoom		
Tony Frank	X Zoom		
Bill Mosher	X In Person		
Doug Jones	X In Person		
Paul Andrews		X	
Ernest House	X Zoom		
*Non-Voting Members			
Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded registration for the meeting.			

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Topic	Owner	Time
1. Call to Order		
Quorum Awaiting quorum to vote. Quorum present	John Ikard	9:06 a.m.
2. Board Business/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes for July 15 A motion to approve the minutes of July 15 made by Director Mosher and seconded by Director Zapien. Motion carried.	John Ikard	9:10 a.m.
3. Chairman Update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On Monday we had a positive vote on the bond. This is a first step in the bond process. Appreciate CSU and NWSS support on the bond effort. This was first step – we still have another vote on Monday, August 23. If the measure passes it will go to the ballot. There has been considerable backlash from the community about the arena but we are working hard to connect. We have lots of work to do on the bond and in our relationship with the community. 	John Ikard	9:08 a.m.
4. CEO Update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> We have been through staff transition. Those are complete. Matt, Andera and Grace have been real assets and understand the clarification of our priorities. Parallel to our budget process is budget process with the city and it is all going well. Proof of vaccination will be required for attendance at board meetings. There will be two choices. Remote appointment to show confirmation of vaccination or with a representative at our meeting. We can help with a Zoom call to confirm your vaccination, Board priorities update: we will give you an update on our 3 goals monthly. We want to make sure we are giving you the information you need. Facilities: SYEC is a big priority – Stock Show prep is underway and we are very involved in the process. 	Brad Buchanan	9:10 a.m.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community: We have had some productive conversations with the community. We are bringing issues to the forefront. More to report in the coming weeks. <p>John: Comment on the vaccine. If you have issues, please contact me. And thanks to remaining staff as they have handled the layoffs professionally.</p>		
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5. Partner Reports		
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<p><u>City and County of Denver:</u></p> <p>Construction Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced Mike Bouchard replacing Stephanie Reed. Mike thanked the board and said he looks forward to meeting in person at the next meeting. Showed construction at-a-glance. NW Drive coming into focus. Temporary closure at Race Ct. Birdseye view of SYEC. West Plaza is getting hardscape. Bison pen work is in progress. In the stockyards – conduit, electrical gas etc. The site is drying out – we were having some groundwater events. Site Access has changed – access is off Race Court (which is currently closed so access from Franklin from the North). Showed progress on SYEC interior. Pond D will hold stormwater/wastewater. CUP is progressing. Bettie Cram taking form. Curb and gutter going in. Pond H stores water until it goes out to the river. The Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE) visited the SYEC and were very excited about the facility. We look forward to doing business with all the council members. Showed ACE video. <p>John Z: Bettie Cram Drive – will there be coordination with Levee work. What is timing of construction for Bettie Cram drive?</p>	<p>Tykus Holloway</p>	<p>9:16 a.m.</p>
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<p>Tykus: Will get back to you on timing. We are coordinating with all the agencies. John Z: That side of the river is in bad shape and needs a lot of work. John I: Bridges are an important demonstration of promises kept and link to the community. We need to show hard evidence. Doug Jones: Update on asphalt for the SYEC. Tykus: West plaza is under construction now through November Doug: Weather dependent? Tykus: Weather is a factor. Doug: Availability of asphalt? Tykus: We have been tracking and have options and plans.</p> <p>Bond Update We have done a lot of engagement with City Council for the 5 bond measures. July 26, August 3 hearings and first reading this past Monday. The proposed NWC ballot measure passed 8-4 and other measures 11-1. Thanks to everyone who testified and supported us in this endeavor. I want to emphasize the community benefits broadly. We need to continue to work. John and Brad have acknowledged we need to advance conversations. Good work has been done by Lucia and Ernest, but we need to publicly demonstrate our commitment. This was evident at the hearing. We need to let people adjacent to the campus and city-wide know the importance of the arena and need meaningful communication. We can't take the need for communication for granted.</p> <p>Second reading on August 23. Upon passage City staff cannot take a stand on the ballot measures but can provide factual information. This will be on November 2 ballot and we will look to a Spring issuance and will work with NWCO to further the financial piece.</p> <p>John I: City staff can't be in favor or against but can Board participate politically.</p> <p>Mark: Mark will bring up the memo that explains what is allowed.</p>	<p>Brendan Hanlon</p>	<p>9:37 am</p>
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<p><u>CSU:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reviewed Vida, Terra and Hydro• Updated on Spur scholarship – 10 people have qualified from 80216.• We are around \$1M in value of work done in the GES neighborhood including 42000 hours of CSU staff time and 900+ volunteer hours.• Sponsor of Posner Center Annual Symposium• Youth Action Team internships now open.• Launching Spur of the Moment podcast.• Water in the west will be in-person with virtual option.• Topping off of Hydro will be after next month’s meeting• Sneak peak into Hydro<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Showed rendering of outside – cross section of a river eddy.○ Main lobby will have a café space for coffee and lunch.○ Conference room and black box theater that seats 250 people. Windows can be blacked out to provide a theater space.○ McConnel interior will be an artist studio/office space○ Numerous art installations. Anthony Garcia (Birdseed Collective) will do mural; Jason Bruges will do an interactive lighting installation (lights will react to building data); Nikki Pike – mural; Eric Tillinghast will do a water feature throughout the spiral staircase. <p>Bill Mosher: Do you have a plan as to how the backyard connects to the river?</p> <p>Jocelyn: we are revising some additional One Water strategies. Pond H is between us and the river. We are trying to integrate that into the landscape.</p> <p>Bill: A long-term vision of how this all connects is important and we need to figure out how the Pond H design can be brought along. We did One Water at Denver Water and it is hard to manage and make attractive.</p>	Jocelyn Hittle	9:43 am
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<p>Jocelyn: Mile High flood district has been in conversations.</p> <p>John Z: Anthony Garcias artwork – when will it be finished?</p> <p>Jocelyn: Building opens in November of 2022 so I can't give you a specific date.</p> <p>John Z; When it is done would it be possible to have community in to visit the art?</p> <p>Jocelyn: Absolutely. Anthony has a plan for community engagement.</p> <p>McCarthy: Do community and City Council have access to renderings.</p> <p>Jocelyn: Public has access.</p> <p>Steve M: I don't know how anyone who sees this can</p>		
<p><u>WSSA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Web redesign is finished. • All operation for rodeo, livestock, horse and tradeshow ramping up. • Grand opening for SYEC on Friday, January 7th ribbon cutting, BBQ and concert. • August complex calendar is going well. • Committed pledges over \$80M for Capital Campaign -- finishing naming rights in legacy <p>John: how is staffing going?</p> <p>Doug: Still challenging.</p> <p>John Z: Is there any chance of getting any federal money to assist in wages?</p> <p>Doug: We have had PPE and state funds. We can check if there are opportunities. We do need to get the word out to the neighborhood.</p> <p>We had a scholarship sendoff – we have 7 students from Denver.</p> <p>Brendan: I wanted to talk about the workforce issue. We have talked about a workforce center at the campus. Right now it is construction but maybe we can make connections with City funds and training.</p>	<p>Doug Jones</p>	<p>9:58</p>

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6. Committee Reports		
<u>Finance Committee</u>		
<u>Financials</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance committee met to review budget numbers and talked about City budget process as well. Budget will be released on September 15. We talked about FA fund waterfall. 3 topics in executive session. • Meghan reviewed budget. Financials package sent to board. We are tracking against the revised budget. • Expenditures for personnel are higher as we have separation agreements in place. We have the district energy loan for CSU temporary energy. That will close in August/September. • We have about 53% of our budget left. • We are transferring some resources to Accelerator program to close that out. 	Brendan Hanlon/ Meghan Sivakoff	10:02 am
<u>Community Benefits Committee</u>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A lot of activity around Community Benefits. We have been talking with groups GES Coalition, Globeville First, CIF Committee. • We are talking about timing of community benefits issues. We want to make sure we are being responsible and responsive. • Ernest commented on the GES Coalition meeting. Felt like it was a good step in the right directions. They opposed the bond but we started where there are strengths. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It was important to hear their perspective on equitable development – Damon Rich and Hector development has been advising them. ○ We as a board need to get serious about how to move the relationships moving forward. 	Brad Buchanan	10:10 am



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<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ I let them know their concerns are not falling on deaf ears and we are serious about building the relationship.○ I understand the skepticism about the process.○ We need to figure out how to increase the community voice on the board.○ GES coalition is looking to how to share their message. Now is the time to have the conversation and bring these issues to the table.○ We need to collaborate – easier said than done but we need to keep working <p>John I. complemented Ernest on his facilitation talents. Ernest and Lucia will hold us responsible. We need to communicate that comments have not fallen on deaf ears.</p> <p>John Z.: Complimented Ernest and Lucia on their work with he community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Brad also mentioned that the CIF Committee has been meeting and will present to Community Benefits Committee and we hope they will come to the board meeting in September.● We have been in conversation about the importance of Technical Assistance funds. This was discussed at the council meeting.● We hope the City will accept a request for CIF funds for TA. <p>John I: We need community support and must continue to work toward that.</p> <p>Brendan: We will need a scope of work for Technical Assistance. We should provide some high-level guidance. We need to set high level guardrails. When we go for City’s transaction of those dollars we will have Brad and Lucia participate to set parameters.</p> <p>John Z.: Funds are important. When we met about the Community Investment Fund a few years ago and it was clear that we need to set up the parameters to help avoid the inevitable conflicts.</p>		
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<u>Campus Services and Partnerships Committee</u>		Brad Buchanan	10:25 am
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report as we will be discussing issues in the 			
7. Public Comment			
No Public Comment			10:26 am
8. Executive Session			
Mark Williams moved the board into Executive Session.		Mark Williams	10:27 am
Motion go into session made by Director Jones and seconded by Director Zapien			
Return to Public Session			10:55
9. Comments/Adjournment			
John Z: Made a comment about the political environment relative to the bond. We are limited as to what we can do as a board, but we can hopefully authorize Brad Buchanan to speak in favor. We all need to work in favor on our own time.			10:56 a.m.
John I: We need to get through the final vote on the bond. And then we will address support at our next meeting.			
Mark: His office is moving. Offering up free furniture.			
Motion to adjourn by Director Mosher and second by Director Zapien.			
Meeting Adjourned.			11:02 pm

11. Next Meeting:					
Date	September 16, 2021	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Zoom Webinar