



National Western Center
 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	June 18, 2020	Time:	9:00 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.
Minutes Prepared By:	Liz Adams	Location:	Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

1. Meeting Description

National Western Center Authority Board Meeting

2. Authority Board Member Attendance at Meeting

Name	Present	Absent	Notes
John Ikard	X		
Lucia Guzman	X		
Steven McCarthy	X		
John Zapien	X		
Robb Brown	X		
Kelly Leid	X		
Gabriela Acevedo*	X		
Brendan Hanlon*	X		
Tony Frank	X		
Amy Parsons	X		
Doug Jones	X		
Paul Andrews	X		
Ernest House	X		

*Non-Voting Members
 Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded in any sign-in sheet(s) collected for the meeting.

Topic	Owner	Time
3.Call to Order	John Ikard	9:06 am
Quorum Present		
4. Board Business/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes		9:06

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Approved by:

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<p>A motion to approve the May 21 Board Minutes was made by Director Frank with a second by Director Guzman - passed with no objections</p> <p>Transmittal of Letter from WSSA</p> <p>Transmittal of Mayoral Appointees</p> <p>Committee Appointees</p> <p>Motion to approve committee appointments: Ernest House and Gabriela Acevedo to serve on the Community Benefits Committee Lucia Guzman to serve as chairman of Community Benefits Doug Jones to serve on the Finance and Audit Committee.</p> <p>Motion by Director Guzman – second by Director Frank Passed without objection</p>		<p>9:06 am</p> <p>9:07 am</p> <p>9:08 am</p>
5. Chairman Update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduced new board members. Gabby Acevedo shared a little about herself. Ernest House Jr. also shared some information about himself. Doug Jones shared information about himself. • Thanked Kelly Leid for stepping up for reappointment • John Z. commented on his relationship with Pat Grant and expressed his welcome to Doug. Doug let the group know that Pat Grant is going to be Chairman Emeritus of WSSA board so will still be available to advise. 	John Ikard	9:08 a.m.
6. CEO Update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcomed new board members. • Bondadosa and Denver Metro Emergency Food Network are using the LEB as a staging space for distribution of food in GES and other neighborhoods. • Matt will be presenting the Food Vision Prize today. • Walk and talk next Friday – let us know if you’d like to connect. • Thank you to City of Denver – deferral of rent for LEB 	Brad Buchanan	9:10 a.m.



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7. Partner Reports

City and County of Denver:

- Brendan Hanlon
 - Asking departments to reduce by 7.5%
 - With little restaurant and hospitality revenue we are implementing 5.4% of the 7.5%.
 - Asked city agencies for 11.5% reductions for 2021
 - Continues to be challenging – when an agency is 90% staff they are may have to furlough employees or reduce services
 - The city has done this before when we faced challenges during the Great Recession.
 - Question from Paul: What impact is there to NWCO office? Brendan said they will examine program impacts. Agencies look for easiest ways to reduce budget including professional development, travel and discretionary spending
 - Tykus said that for 2020 NWCO reduced discretionary services, travel, supplies etc. Have also looked to reduce consultant fees.
 - NWCO has not had to cut FTE but 2021 will be razor thin.

- Tykus Holloway, Exec. Director, NWCO, reviewed the NWCO presentation.
 - Updated on the construction on Phase 1&2
 - Discussed roles of partners; showed site plan and video of the water tower being dismantled.
 - Discussed creating a low carbon resilient campus
 - Highlighted the components of the workforce program and procurement currently in progress.
 - Showed photos of sitework including building demolition, rail, maintenance and operations facility, Stockyards Events center.
 - Working with Denver Water regarding water taps for the project and have come to an agreement about reuse of the taps.

Brendan Holloway

9:20 a.m.

Tykus Holloway

9:27 a.m.



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<p><u>CSU Report:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction is in progress – finding a lot of underground obstructions in Vida site. • Have selected artists for their buildings. <p><u>WSSA:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paul Andrews reviewed Legacy building • Extending homeless shelter contract until August 15 • Have been given permission to do horse shows with limitations. Will do temperature checks, limit indoor attendance; no spectators. • Will not make a decision on Stock Show until September. Are looking at alternatives including a smaller show with a focus on events. 	<p>Amy Parsons</p>	<p>9:35 am</p> <p>9:45 am</p>
<p>8. Committee Reports</p>		
<p>Finance and Audit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Finance Committee met on Tuesday and reviewed monthly financial statements. • Explained the financial format to new board members. • Discussed the budget cuts Authority is making in response to COVID. Noted we are on budget and trying to bank account. • Brad mentioned that Authority has been working hard to cut. Salary cuts were made, one layoff and will not be hiring a procurement position. • Energy, LEB and Operations were discussed in Exec. Session <p>Community Benefits</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Community Benefits Committee has been on hold while we await our new board members. • Welcomed new members • Will be scheduling a planning meeting and will develop a plan for 2 areas – immediate GES neighborhoods and a 	<p>Brendan Hanlon</p> <p>Lucia Guzman</p>	<p>9:55a.m.</p> <p>10:00 am</p>



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<p>greater statewide rural community. Matt has already connected us to a lot of those people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have to build community trust in GES. Lucia has met with some of the community. They feel out of the loop and we will meet with them moving forward. • The neighborhoods will need assistance and facilitation within the neighborhood who is a specialist and can help them process through this process. <p>Campus Services and Partnerships</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee met today to discuss Food Ethos and Concessions. Meghan commented on the feedback from the committee. Committee members have challenged staff to create a unique mission/vision view of concessions. 	<p>Robb Brown</p>	<p>10:06 am</p>
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<p>9. Programming & Partnerships Update</p>		
<p><u>Matt Barry</u></p> <p>Matt noted that Grace has just received news that NWC has enterprise status to</p> <p><u>Food Vision Prize: How the West Was One</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NWC is one of 77 semifinalists for the Rockefeller Foundation’s 2050 Food Vision Prize. • Set the context given COVID-19: disruptions in the food chain, food and farm workers, hunger and food insecurity. • Reviewed the Systems Map that will paint a picture of what this food system will look like in Colorado in 2050 and currently identifies what needs to change in the current system to start to turn into virtuous circle on how do we secure a better food system. • Food vision will position us to take steps to design a food system that is more resilient. We are working now on funding, convening to drive solutions along the food chain. 	<p>Matt Barry</p>	<p>10:10 a.m.</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is helping us to build reputation and relationships in the community. • Reviewed the vision of a connected culture, holistic policy, leading technology, shared prosperity, a regenerative environment and nourishing diets. • Reviewed milestones and building relationships. • Discussed implementation programs for retailers, consumers, producers, distributors, processors through an “Agrihood” concept on a local level. • Discussed Food System Resilience Fund on a statewide basis. Moving from respond to rebuild. • Agrigator – bringing together groups who are interested in regenerative agriculture in a co-working environment. • Next step is to go from local to global – the semifinalists are from all over the world and this gives us a chance to connect with them. • Steve McCarthy commented on how encouraging it is to see staff being proactive and capitalizing on the broader need. 		
10. New Business		
None		10:40 a.m.
11. Public Comment Periods		
No public comment.		10:40 a.m.
12. Executive Session		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Announcement of Executive Session The Board desired to go into Executive Session pursuant to §§ 24-6-402(4) and (4) (a) and (e), C.R.S. to discuss, various matters related to: the purchase, acquisition, transfer, and sale of real property interests (§24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S.); and to determine positions relative to matters that may be subject to negotiations, developing strategy for negotiations, and instructing negotiators (§ 24-4-406(4)(e), C.R.S.) related to the purpose of the meeting. The Board may also confer with the attorney for the Authority on specific legal questions related to these topics (§ 24-6- 		10:45 a.m.

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<p>402(4)(b), C.R.S.). The Board will not adopt any proposed policy, position, resolution, rule, regulation, or formal action during this Executive Session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to go into Executive Session: Motion to move into executive session. No opposition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Counsel Mark Williams read the statutory requirements for Executive Session, reminded all that the session was – pursuant to statute – being recorded and the recording kept in the books and records of the NWCA, and stated that no policy or other decision or vote would occur in the Executive Session. • No further discussion by the Board. • Vote was unanimous to go into Executive Session. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion to go out of Executive Session: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Motion: Director Leid. ○ Seconded: Paul Andrews ○ Discussion. ○ Unanimous vote to go out of Executive Session. 		11:00 a.m.
13. Action Items (ongoing)		
None		
14. Adjournment		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Chair Ikard adjourned the meeting. Motion by Frank, second by Jones – Motion carried. 		11:56 a.m.

15. Next Meeting:					
Date	July 16, 2020	Time:	9:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.	Location:	Zoom Webinar
Description:	Regular Monthly Meeting of National Western Center Authority Board				