



National Western Center
 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	April 21, 2022	Time:	9:00 am – 10:17 am
Minutes Prepared By:	Jenna Garcia	Location:	Hybrid Meeting via ZOOM and In Person LEB
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		
VACANT			
Robb Brown		X	
Kelly Leid	X Zoom		
Sandra Ruiz*	X In Person		
Brendan Hanlon*		X	
Tony Frank	X In Person		
Bill Mosher			
Doug Jones	X In person		
Paul Andrews	X Zoom		
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 Meeting was called to order by Chairman Ikard. Quorum present.	John Ikard	9:02 a.m.
2. Board Business/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes for March 17 A motion to approve the March minutes was made by Director Tony and seconded by Director Paul. Motion carried.	John Ikard	9:03 a.m.
3. Chairman Update		
Chairman Ikard provided comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Community engagement – remain actively involved 	John Ikard	9:03 a.m.
4. CEO Update		
Brad provided the Authority update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ribbon Cutting – 4/20 – big day and celebration Vida Building currently hooked up to system Community solar – signing agreement with city for SYEC and M&O – reduced and free energy for community, further sustainability goal. VE process on Livestock. Vendor Open House – 50 attendees, lots of MWBEs, working through procurement processes will bring community into that process. Next Community Meeting next Wednesday. Request for them to come to board so will have them attend next month. Working through appointments process now. Concerned that when John left that we didn't have a voting member for community on board. We moved Sandra into voting position. Community requested to be involved in creating 	Brad Buchanan	9:04 a.m.



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<p>more formal process. The Mayor’s office welcomes the opportunity to hear from the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments and reappointments were in council process. Cannot make changes to it once in the process. Will need to vote it down in order to pull it and amend it. Then, we will re-submit. • Events: seeing a lot of interest beyond Jurassic. Board meetings, festivals, food/ ag events for venue. Could book multi-year agreements (arts) for the Yards. • Learned a lot from experience with Jurassic. • Tours – VISIT Denver and other.s • First month results from Jurassic –little higher than expected. Will ebb and flow through remaining five months. Concessions not great and looking at how to improve those numbers • Partner Day on 13th – free tickets given to partners • Vouchers have been printed and will be distributed to community via partners and neighborhood orgs. • Liz departure – June 1st helping identify facilitator for community meetings • Budget 2022 was identified before Jurassic. Workload has been substantial. Plan to post for two additional positions Dir of Finance and Contracts/ Procurements, Ops 		
5. Partner Reports		
<p><u>City and County of Denver:</u></p> <p>Construction Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction at a glance • Lots of activity around campuswide coordination, Authority staff, campus energy, IT, etc. • Looking at handover strategies • Lots of time on Livestock Center. Series of workshops. Design development, hopefully wrapping up this summer. • Putting finishing touches on NW Drive – benches, landscaping 	<p>Mike Bouchard</p>	<p>9:20 a.m.</p>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Riverfront Open Space – work underway, 51st Ave Bridge making major progress. Vehicle and ped lanes. Working with artist <p>Questions: Paul – is it funded to the west? Yes, bridge will be done 4-6 months, rest of it will be funded by parks and rec Doug - What type of grass? Native seed and turf Brad – what is timing for connection to 51st – working on that now with DOTI Parks and MO. Tykus working on that now. High priority. John- when will we have clarity on timeline? Tykus – by next month.</p>		
<p><u>CSU:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photos of status on Terra and Hydro Grand opening June 8,9,10th Service Day recap Staffing – update several new hires Thanks for CUP grand opening yesterday. Really glad we got that over the finish line. <p>Questions: none</p>	Tony Frank	9:30am
<p><u>WSSA:</u></p> <p>Paul: Rodeo All Stars last weekend – good attendance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of free events coming up in late April and May. Capital campaign - \$95M hoping to get to \$100 by ground breaking in September. <p>Questions: John – what will groundbreaking entail? Paul – more ceremonial in nature</p>	Paul Andrews	9:33 am
6. Committee Reports		
<p><u>Finance Committee</u></p> <p><u>Financials</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee met on Monday – no major updates to share, used 28% of budget to-date Financials are provided in packet 	Meghan Sivakoff	9:36 am

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<p><u>Campus Services Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met twice in April • Focus service procurements over next few months. Janitorial and supplies. • Looking at catering and concessions now • Main focus – how to integrate MWBEs and hyperlocal businesses • Handful of strategies we’re reviewing. Meeting next week to determine path forward. 	<p>Robb Brown/ Meghan Sivakoff</p>	<p>9:38 am</p>
<p><u>Community Benefits Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met on 13th • Spent lots of time on community representation • Developing framework – process, education, engagement with the city to better understand process. Need transparency • CIF – Jurassic update • CBC topics – meeting space so community knows it’s available • Walking tours – would like to have Board Members participate in tours in the community to better understand issues. Would like to get that scheduled ASAP. • Farmers Market – accessibility for residents very important • Sandra – going to start tours this Saturday with CSU. Let us know if you want to sign up. We borrow van from NETC to go through community. Talking through vendors for Farmers Markets (local) community involvement. 	<p>Ernest House</p>	<p>9:40 am</p>
<p>7. Information Item – Introduction to Land Acknowledgements</p>		
<p>Ernest</p> <p>Get questions about what LA are and when to use them. Good example: tribal elder representing tribes in CSU Spur groundbreaking. All land we’re on was tribal land at one time. These tribes were relocated to other states. Point is to recognize and acknowledge the history of this land and their relationships to tribal nations. Acknowledgements are really intended to start conversations. Commitment to talk with tribal nations and including them in our processes.</p> <p>Recommends getting subcommittee identified. What’s the intent of what we’re trying to do? Once we have that identified, can go from there. Getting tribal nations involved directly.</p>		



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8. Information Item – Update on LEB Design and Landmarking		
Steve		
Preliminary design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to building: challenges – none of the floors align, How to we make efficient changes while meeting codes. Proposing to use infill space to create new building core, new bathrooms, fire escapes, elevators – combine buildings into one. Regulatory designation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landmark process – been submitted. Will need to go through the Denver City Council process 		
9. Public Comment		
Motion to adjourn Tony and Paul dissent.		10:17 am

Next Meeting:					
Date	May 19 , 2022	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid and Zoom Webinar