



National Western Center
 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	August 17, 2023	Time:	9:00 am –
Minutes Prepared By:	Anthony Aragon	Location:	Hybrid Meeting via ZOOM and In Person STEAD School
Meeting Description			
National Western Center Authority Board Meeting			
Authority Board Member Attendance at Meeting			
Name	Present	Absent	Notes
John Ikard	X In Person		
Steven McCarthy		X	
Robb Brown	X Zoom		
Diedra Garcia		X	
Kelly Leid	X In Person		
Sandra Ruiz*	X Zoom		
Tony Frank	X Zoom		
Bill Mosher	X In Person		
Doug Jones		X	
Paul Andrews	X In Person		
Ernest House	X Zoom		
Caroline Acha		X	
Margaret Danuser *		X	
*Non-Voting Members			
Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded registration for the meeting. Guest: Tom Lindberg			



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Topic	Owner	Time
1. Call to Order		
Quorum Meeting was called to order by John Ikard, Chair. Quorum present.	John Ikard	9:04 a.m.
2. Board Business/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes for July 20, 2023 A motion to approve the July Minutes was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Paul Andrews. Motion carried.	John Ikard	9:05 a.m.
3. Chairman Update		
John mentioned there is now a new Mayor & new City Councilman for District 9. Mayor Hancock left a legacy & Mayor Johnston seems to be engaged. Great seeing the progress on Livestock Center.	John Ikard	9:05 a.m.
4. CEO Update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing public tours – general interest from around the state • Riverfront maintenance • 51st Avenue connections to Washington Street ongoing • CUP North Parcel update • Equestrian Center updates • Procurements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Janitorial – awarded to Aramark • Snow Removal – awarded to Elite Industries • Campus security – interim contract Advantage Security • Landscaping – awarded to Elite Industries • Concessions Phase I – awarded to SSA Group • Working on Concessions Phase II RFP content and drafts • District Sign Plan RFP is live • DAS almost complete • Events Ops– next • 2024 Operating and Capital Budget processes underway • Project/Office Coordinator – hired Alexi Palazzari - 8/28 start date • COO and Real Estate Development Manager job postings live • Council and Mayor outreach – tours and briefings 	Brad Buchanan	9:08 a.m.



5. Partner Reports		
<p><u>City and County of Denver: Construction Update</u></p> <p>Active Construction Areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Center • Misc. Infrastructure <p>Design and Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48th Ave. Bridge • Pedestrian Bridge <p>Handover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverfront Open Space 	<p>Mike Bouchard</p>	<p>9:25 a.m.</p>
<p><u>CSU: New Programs at CSU Spur:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advancing Colorado's Regenerative Fiber Economy through Transdisciplinary Education and Research ▪ ANGLES: A Network for Graduate Leadership in Sustainability – ▪ Arts Management Graduate Certificate on the Spur Campus ▪ Biochemistry is Elementary: Bringing the Science of Life to Human ▪ Building & Activating a Community Forestry Hub @ CSU Spur ▪ Climate Transitions Accelerator ▪ Design Thinking-- K to Grey ▪ Drone Center - UAV Aviation Pathways Program for Denver Metro Highschool Students ▪ Interdisciplinary Industry Partnerships to Build Career-Oriented Curricula ▪ Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) ▪ Walter Scott, Jr. College of Engineering Summer Camps 	<p>Jocelyn Hittle</p>	
<p><u>WSSA:</u></p> <p>Trade Show and Sponsorship are in high gear for renewals and sales.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are having a HUGE summer. • Livestock entries are going well. - We are worried about the reaction to parking off site but hope they will understand. • Rodeo All-Star weekend is coming up October 6-7. -Best associations in rodeo competing head-to-head. 	<p>Paul Andrews</p>	



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<p><u>COMMUNITY UPDATE:</u> No upcoming community events.</p>	<p>Sandra Ruiz & Caroline Acha</p>	
<p>6. Committee Reports</p>		
<p><u>Finance & Audit</u> No update.</p> <p><u>Campus Services & Partnerships</u> District Sign Plan RFP update Equestrian Center RFP update WSSA operating agreement update</p> <p><u>Community Benefits</u> Community Investment Fund Update * Update from CIF Committee members Liliana- Small but mighty group of volunteers. Trying hard to make progress. CNDC has been providing a lot of help and feedback on hiring. Finalizing a job description for admin/ logistics coordinator. Also gearing up to launch recruitment process to join leadership board. This Fall/ Winter would like to open community grant process/opportunities. We now have the \$80k + from Stock Show and other events. We are creating an FAQ and application process. Will distribute information on job description and recruitment with this group as soon as it's finalized.</p>	<p>Robb Browne</p> <p>Ernest House</p>	<p>10:00 a.m.</p>
<p>7. Public Comment</p>		
<p>No public comment.</p>		<p>10:02 a.m.</p>
<p>8. Executive Session Motion made by Director Kelly Leid & seconded by Director Bill Mosher to enter into Executive Session. Motion passed.</p>		
<p>9. Motion made by Director Bill Mosher & seconded by Director Kelly Leid to exit Executive Session. Motion passed.</p>		
<p>10. Adjourn</p>		
<p>There being no further business, the Chair adjourned the meeting.</p>		<p>10:15 a.m.</p>
<p>Next Meeting:</p>		



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Date	September 21, 2023	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid via Zoom & NWCA Offices
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