



National Western Center
 Authority Board Meeting Minutes

Date of Meeting:	September 13, 2023	Time:	9:00 am –
Minutes Prepared By:	Anthony Aragon	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		
Steven McCarthy	X In Person		
Robb Brown	X In Person		
Diedra Garcia	X In Person		
Kelly Leid	X In Person		
Sandra Ruiz*	X In Person		
Tony Frank		X	
Bill Mosher		X	
Doug Jones	X In Person		
Paul Andrews	X In Person		
Ernest House		X	
Caroline Acha	X Zoom		
Margaret Danuser *		X	
*Non-Voting Members			
Other attendees including members of the public are as recorded registration for the meeting. Guest: Mark Williams			



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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	9:01 a.m.
2. Board Business/Action Items		
Approval of Minutes for August 17, 2023 A motion to approve the July Minutes was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Kelly Leid. Motion carried.	John Ikard	9:02 a.m.
3. Chairman Update		
John welcomed two new staff members to the NWCA. Alexi Palazzari & Joe McCullough. Each gave a brief description of their previous work. John mentioned how excited he is to see all the construction. Lots happening in Q4 & with the overall scope of the project.	John Ikard	9:05 a.m.
4. CEO Update		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing public tours – general interest from around the state • Tour for Congresswoman Diana DeGette • Working with NWCO and DOTI on a Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods Grant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bettie Cram Drive Bridge • Ped Bridge • Improve safety at rail crossing • DPS Bus Barn • 51st Avenue connections to Washington Street ongoing • CUP North Parcel update • Equestrian Center updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January Board meeting for selection approval • Brad shared upcoming events with BOD • Anthony provided update on partner meetings, upcoming sponsorships 		9:08 a.m.
5. Partner Reports		
City and County of Denver: Construction Update Active Construction Areas <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Livestock Center • Misc. Infrastructure Design and Planning	Mike Bouchard	9:53 a.m.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 48th Ave. Bridge • Pedestrian Bridge <p>Handover</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverfront Open Space • Brighton Blvd. 		
<p><u>CSU:</u> Upcoming Events at CSU Spur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Economic Empowerment Summit, September 27-28 ○ Women in Design 8x8, October 3 ○ Camille Dungy Author of <i>Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden</i>, October 7 ○ Salazar Center Symposium on N. American Conservation, October 11-12 ○ Latin Fashion Week, October 13 ○ Hispanic Top Chef, October 14 ○ Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services, October 18 ○ Girl Scout Day, October 21 ○ Water in the West Symposium, November 8-9 	<p>Brad Buchanan</p>	
<p><u>WSSA:</u></p> <p>Tickets are on sale now at Nationalwestern.com. Early sales are encouraging.</p> <p>Rodeo all-star weekend October 6-7 is fast approaching. Just announced this rodeo will be a qualifier to the richest rodeo in America called the “American”. Quality of competitor will be amazing.</p> <p>Received and committed pledges over \$107 MM.</p> <p>Beginning to market the Equestrian Center naming rights and developing plans for the NWSS this January for fundraising opportunities.</p>	<p>Paul Andrews</p>	
<p><u>COMMUNITY UPDATE:</u></p> <p>Valdez Perry Library Event – 9/23</p> <p>Collectiva GES Coalition Event – 9/28</p> <p>Tepeyac Gala – 10/5 @ DCPA</p> <p>Walking Tours – 10/6 & 10/13 – Elyria then Globeville</p> <p>Housing Resource Fair – 10/21 @ Johnson Rec Center</p>	<p>Sandra Ruiz & Caroline Acha</p>	



6. Committee Reports		
<p><u>Finance & Audit</u></p> <p>Steven provided a financial update which was included in the board packet sent to board members.</p> <p><u>Campus Services & Partnerships</u></p> <p>District Sign Plan RFP update Equestrian Center RFP update</p> <p><u>Community Benefits</u></p> <p>Update on Community Meetings Oct 14th – GES Fall Festival October 31st – Trunk or Treat Fort Green – break-in but open for business if community can offer support October 21 – Argo Park cleanup event (Parks and Rec) October 15 - 5280 Dines (SYEC) and have some community tickets still available November 30 - XIII Americas Latino Eco Fest (need to double check this and add it to the NWC events calendar)</p> <p>Community Investment Fund Update</p> <p>Alfonso – for the past two months the CIF been looking for CIF Manager. Happy to announce they interviewed and offered job to Shannon Hoffman. Contract still being signed in partnership with CNDC. Thinking about 10 hours per week of work. As a reminder, the funding for this position is coming from \$400k technical assistance funds that were provided by the city. Her contract is short term with the main priority to help set up grant process on how to apply and how to award money.</p> <p>Angela – we’re excited and think Angela is the right person. Looking forward to getting things organized. Already developed work plan that she has shared with Committee.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CNDC Update• Comments and questions from committee members	<p>Steven Biedermann Robb Browne Brad Buchanan</p>	<p>10:12 a.m.</p>



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<p>NWC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on procurement process <p>Brad – cancelled September CAC meeting. We were behind on RFP and wanted to report on that. Will have an update for CAC this month.</p> <p>Steve – recap of community engagement process, what we heard – very close on EQC and next will be CUP North</p> <p>Next steps in outreach process – will need to go into confidential process soon for RFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Including all community ideas in RFP ○ Score proposal based on how developers responded to ideas (community-controlled space, design, community use. CIF use/ rates, jobs/ jobs training. ○ Issue RFP by end of October ○ Update CAC along the way ○ Introduce partners to community in Q1- Q2 2024 		
7. Action Item – Motion to Approve by BOD		
<p>Motion to Approve (by voice vote with the Board’s action reflected in the minutes)</p> <p>RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER AUTHORITY HEREBY RESOLVES TO SEND A LETTER, UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR, TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION STATING THE SUPPORT OF THE BOARD AND THE NWCA FOR THE RECONNECTING COMMUNITIES GRANT THE CITY & COUNTY OF DENVER, COLORADO SEEKS FOR \$36 MILLION DOLLARS.</p> <p>A motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-05 was made by Director Kelly Leid and seconded by Director Paul Andrews. Motion Approved unanimously by the quorum of Board Members present.</p>		10:20 a.m.
8. Public Comment – No Public Comment		
9. Executive Session		
<p>A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Paul Andrews to enter into Executive Session. Motion Approved.</p>		10:25 a.m.



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10. Action Item – Motion Approved by BOD				10:50 a.m.	
A Motion was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Paul Andrews to exit Executive Session. Motion Approved.					
11. Action Item – Motion Approved by BOD				10:55 a.m.	
Motion to Approve (by voice vote with the Board’s action reflected in the minutes)					
RESOLUTION NO. 2023-006 OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL WESTERN CENTER AUTHORITY HEREBY RESOLVES TO SEND A LETTER, UNDER THE SIGNATURE OF THE CHAIR, STATING SUPPORT OF THE BOARD AND THE NWCA OF THE EQUESTRIAN CENTER DESIGN PROGRAM.					
A motion to approve Resolution No. 2023-06 was made by Director Doug Jones and seconded by Director Robb Browne. Motion Approved unanimously by the quorum of Board Members present.					
Date	October 19, 2023	Time:	9:00 a.m.	Location:	Hybrid via Zoom & NWCA Offices
12. There being no further board business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman John Ikard.				11:00 a.m.	