

# National Western Center Authority Community Benefits Committee Meeting Minutes

<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	December 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2025	<b>Time:</b>	4:00pm – 5:00pm
<b>Minutes Prepared by:</b>	Lori Laurita	<b>Location: Hybrid</b>	In person/Zoom

**Meeting Details**

In Person: 5115 Race Ct. Denver CO 80216  
 Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_VYOBqFtGRdmHjp4ETr4Xtg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VYOBqFtGRdmHjp4ETr4Xtg)

**Attendance at Meeting**

Name	Present	Absent	Notes
Ernest House	x		
Brad Buchanan		x	
Lori Laurita	x		
Jenna Garcia	x		
Steve Nalley	x	x	
Kathrine Archuleta			
Angela Garcia	x		
Sandra Ruiz	x		
Shannon Hoffman	x		
Carolina Acha	x		
Candi CdeBaca		x	
Lillian Flores Amaro		x	



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## Key Updates and Discussions:

The Zoom meeting primarily focused on updates and discussions related to the National Western Center and its Community Benefits Committee. Key points include:

### 1. Community Benefits Committee Updates:

- Ernest House Jr., chair of the committee, led the meeting and introduced attendees.
- Updates were provided on the Community Investment Fund (CIF), including the second grantee gathering, interim grant reports, and plans for the Cycle 3 grantmaking process, which will launch in January with \$90,000 in grants. Applications for the grant review committee will also open.

### 2. National Equestrian Center Update:

- Steve Nalley discussed ongoing discussions with Sage Hospitality regarding hotel operations, community benefits, and workforce programs at the Equestrian Center. Topics included local business promotion, contributions to CIF, apprenticeships, internships, and job programs.
- Emphasis was placed on the importance of ongoing dialogue to ensure community benefits evolve over the 35-year development agreement.

### 3. Community Engagement and Events:

- Lori Lareda shared updates on community activities, including partnerships with local organizations like Birdseed, Project Angel Heart, and We Don't Waste. Donations of \$5000 were made to Birdseed and Project Angel Heart, and Globeville First.
- Upcoming events were mentioned, including an open house and celebration for the new Livestock Center.

### 4. Public Comment:

- No public comments were made during the meeting.

