

**West Colfax BID Board meeting
3275 14th Ave.
Denver, CO 80204**

June 12, 2018

Members Present: Cameron Bertron, Dennis Gonzalez, Rene Doubleday and Win King were in attendance. Cameron called the meeting to order at 4:37

There were no conflicts to disclose.

Motion: Cameron made a motion to accept the May 8th minutes. Win seconded. All were in favor.

Financials were read. Cameron questioned the reconciliation discrepancies of \$1,000. Dan will look into it. Cameron suggests tabling approval of the financials until next month.

Contracts/Commitments for Consideration

- a. Resolution to assume maintenance responsibility for Federal bridge mural through a \$3000 set board-assigned fund for maintenance and eventual removal of the mural. Responsibility entails removal of the artwork and restoration of an anti-graffiti coat to match the existing color and finish (estimated to cost \$3000 with traffic control). Possibility of a successor mural prior to removal and restoration of bridge surface, subject to CDOT approval.
- b. WSP consulting on BUILD grant application for design work for reconfiguration of Colfax & Federal interchange, not to exceed \$9,000 (upper estimate for work on application in conjunction with Denver, for \$300-500,000 planning grant due 7/21). Funds from Kaiser Active Living grant.
- c. Michael Baker International design work for ramp crossing enhancements not to exceed \$20,000, contingent on award of additional funding.

Dan shared a design for a proposed mural on the bridge at the Federal & Colfax interchange. CDOT owns the bridge and wants assurance that the mural will be maintained. Dan would like for the BID to assume responsibility for maintenance of the mural and restoration of the bridge to its previous condition if the mural is eventually removed. The mural will be paid for through a Vision to WalkDenver. Dan drafted a resolution agreeing that the BID will assume responsibility for maintenance of the mural in the amount of \$3,000.

Motion: Cameron moved to approve the resolution as currently drafted. Dennis seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Dan would like to earmark no more than \$9,000 out of the Kaiser Active Living grant for the purpose of hiring WSP design and advisory firm to apply for a BUILD grant which would conceivably leverage \$300-500,000 funding for design work for the reconfiguration of the Colfax & Federal interchange. Cameron and Win feel that spending that much money for an uncertain outcome is a bit risky and possibly not a good use of the grant monies. Dan believes it's worth spending the money because it would get more buy in from the city as a viable project. Cameron would be comfortable approving this expenditure conditional on Kaiser's approval as an appropriate use of their money.

Motion: Cameron moved that the Board authorize Dan to submit a BUILD grant for the design and planning of the Over the Clover reconfiguration project utilizing funds from the Kaiser Active Living Grant, and retaining WSP for an amount not-to-exceed \$9000 consulting on the grant application, subject to Kaiser's approval of the use of their funds for this purpose. Win seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Dan applied for a \$26,000 grant from the Gates Family Foundation to pay for design work of ramp crossing enhancements at the Federal/Colfax interchange. If awarded, he would like to engage Michael Baker International to design ramp crossing enhancements to promote pedestrian safety.

Motion: Cameron moved to authorize Dan to negotiate and enter into a contract with Michael Baker International for design work for ramp crossing enhancements not-to-exceed \$20,000, contingent on the award of funding from Gates for \$26,000, and with the caveat that if the Gates grant comes in under that amount, there will be a follow up consultation with the Board to clarify Michael Baker's scope and ability to work with a lesser amount or seek additional funding approval from the Board. **Win** seconded and motion passed unanimously.

Dan presented a conceptual design of a mobile Vape customized trailer. Bart Mowrey, operator of this business, has asked for the BID's permission to operate within the district. Under a new pilot program, the BID has approve such requests. Board unanimously declined to authorize the mobile Vape shop on the grounds that it is not the kind of business which constituents within the district will likely support.

Dan presented pictures from the June 3rd event. The event got good media coverage and while attendance could have been better, Dan feels that those from the community who did attend represented the diversity of the area and were enthusiastic about the proposed changes to the cloverleaf. There was excellent volunteer participation making the event possible. A video of the event is under production.

Old Business

Win mentioned that the city has hired surveyors to investigate various intersections for possible enhancements.

He also spoke with a staff member from Lake Steam Baths who mentioned that Verizon and/or Century Link has been parking trucks and depositing garbage around their property.

New Business

The opening of Re-imagine Play at Paco Sanchez Park is happening at 10am on Monday, June 18th.

Also there is a community meeting on the Stadium District Master Plan scheduled for 6/27 which Dan encouraged Board members to attend.

Discussion of possibly cancelling the Board meeting in July as many of the Board members will be on vacation, pending pressing business.

Jamming on the Jetty is happening on July 7th—the BID will have a table at this event.

Cameron moved to adjourn meeting at 6:10 pm.