

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

April 9, 2019

Members Present: Cameron Bertron, Rene Doubleday, Win King, and Dennis Gonzalez were in attendance, with Dan Shah and Angie Varela. A quorum was present. Cameron called the meeting to order at 4:35.

Guest: Dianne Thiel Denver Right to Survive Initiative Committee.
There were no conflicts to disclose.

Minutes from the March 12th meeting were read.

Motion: Win made a motion to approve the March minutes. Dennis seconded. All were in favor.

Financials from March were read. The pass-through grant co-op grant is going away because they are giving their grant money to related projects, including a producer food co-op drop point, cooking classes, and food entrepreneur development.

Motion: Dennis made a motion to approve the financials. Rene seconded. All were in favor. Financials were accepted.

Dan presented the accountant's compilation report put together by Simmons & Wheeler. Dan noted that the report computes with the books.

Motion: Cameron made a motion to accept the 2019 compilation report. Dennis seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Denver Right to Survive Initiative—pro perspective (con presented prior month)
Dianne Thiel attended the meeting to offer a proponents' perspective of the Denver Right to Survive Initiative (Denver Ballot Initiative 300). Ms. Thiel refuted the opposing points of view while noting that John Parvinsky from the Colorado Coalition for the Homeless supports this Proposition.

There was a discussion regarding whether the BID should take a position on this initiative or not. There was general consensus among Board members that if asked, the BID would oppose 300 because it does not adequately address homeless issues and would ultimately create more problems than it solves, especially given the BID's responsibilities in the public Right-of-Way.

Motion: Cameron moved that the BID oppose Denver Ballot Initiative 300. Win seconded. All were in favor.

Contracts for Consideration & Spending Authority

Denver BID Forum MOU

The MOU allows the BID to join the Denver BID forum. The potential exists for organizational expenses borne by members of the organization. There was a discussion

about the benefits of joining this organization, and a decision to table for further discussion based on further information on costs.

Old Business

Result from Public Outreach on the Over the Colfax Clover

73% of participants from in-person and on-line surveying favor the Federal West design with the Federal bridge remaining.

West Colfax Co-op Outcomes

Bus Stop & Shelter Location Updates

RTD is deleting the Raleigh stop and moving it to Perry which means the shelter will have to be moved. The BID will need a license from 7-11 to install the shelter at that location.

New Business

Median landscaping contractor options

Dan solicited proposals for upkeep and maintenance of the medians from a couple of contractors available whose mission is to provide employment for disadvantaged individuals (including homeless). These included Denver Day Works, which members noted was quite expensive and Ready to Work. The BID has been working with Front Range Services and has been able to stay within budget, but Dan likes the idea of working with more socially minded contractors, but with cost estimates are substantially higher, board consensus was to stick with Front Range.

Upcoming meeting noted: DPW Community Task Force on West Colfax Enhancements (2nd of 3 sessions) will be held on April 23rd at 6pm at the Corky Gonzales library.

Meeting adjourned at 5:56.