

District 5 Community Cabinet Meeting
Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5
Tuesday, June 4, 2023, Noon-1:05pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES

Councilmember Amanda Sawyer (Council District 5), Nicole Aviles (District 5), Owen Brigner (District 5), Matthew Walter (District 5), Juan Sipion (District 5), Sterling Simms (Mayor's Office), Nicole Taylor (OIM), Ira Frosch (Candlewyck Condos), Besty Rubner (Driving Park HD), Mickey Greenberg (WDCA), David Halterman (WDCA), Chy Montoya (Denver Fire), Judy Baxter (Historic Montclair), Cari O'Shea (Historic Montclair), Lisa Voss (CCN), Steve Silver (CCEA), Kathy Head (LUN), Jeff Aldrich (Winston Downs), Jeff Becker (Winston Downs), Officer Matthew Grimsley (DPD3), Christie Mochoruk (DPD3), Joaquin Cintron Vega (DHA), Mary Carr (LCMA) *Others may have joined during the meeting

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Nicole Aviles welcomed everyone, led introductions, and then Councilwoman Sawyer introduced guest speakers: Sterling Simms

GUEST SPEAKER: Mayor's Office

Sterling Simms (Presentation Attached)

Contact information: Sterling.Simms@denvergov.org

- Our Vision and mission
 - Together, we can build a Denver that is vibrant, affordable, and safe for all
 - Our problems are solvable. We are the ones to solve them.

- Values
 - Listen: We listen with humility to our community, partners, and each other, learning together to drive action.
 - Dare: We dare to be bold and creative, driven by the urgency the people of Denver deserve.
 - Deliver: We take ownership of every problem, deliver breakthrough solutions and never do it alone.

2024 GOALS

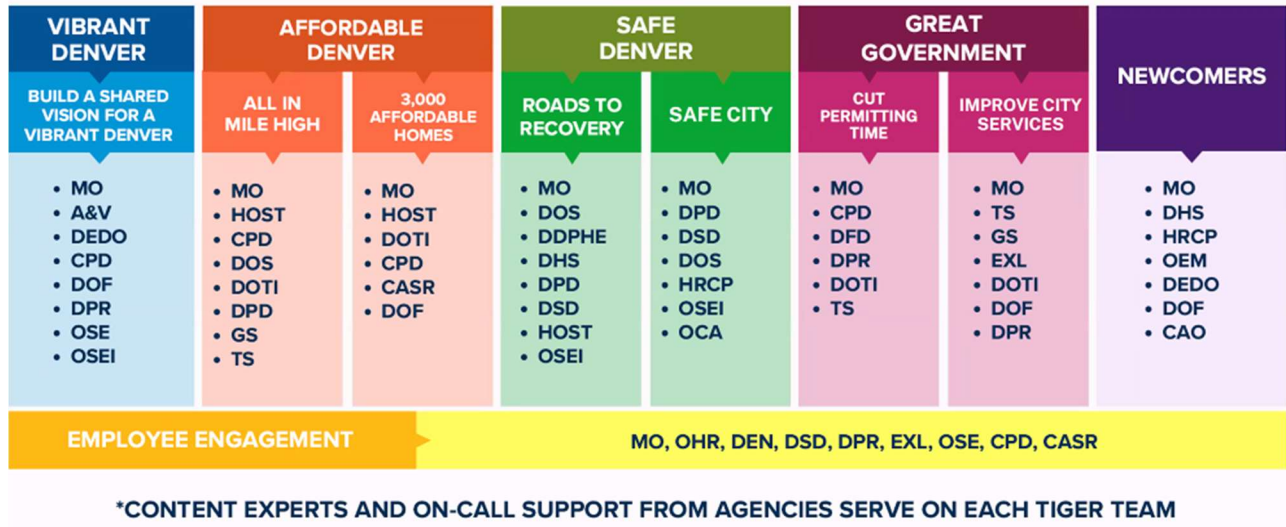


- Vibrant Denver – Engage the public across 11 council districts to envision vibrant neighborhoods and a vibrant downtown, identifying funding by December 31, 2024.
- Affordable Denver – 2 areas which entail:
 - All in Mile High: Engage the public across 11 council districts to envision vibrant neighborhoods and a vibrant downtown, identifying funding by December 31, 2024.
 - 3,000 Affordable homes: Denver currently lacks 70,000 from housing stock. Permit, secure, finance or support the development and preservation of 3,000 long-term affordable housing units by December 31, 2024.
- Safe Denver – 2 areas roads to recovery working with CAO to bring program online.
 - Roads to recovery: Move 200 individuals struggling with addiction or mental health out of the criminal justice system and into a coordinated intervention, treatment, rehabilitation pipeline by December 31, 2024.
 - Safe City: Reduce violent gun crime by 20% and improve customer satisfaction by 15% by December,21,2024
- Great government – This entails 2 areas which are, cutting permitting time and improve services.
 - Cut permitting time - Re-envision the development permitting process and reduce city review time by 30% by December 21, 2024.
 - Improve services – Reduce our response time by 20% to the top three constituent concerns by December 21, 2024.

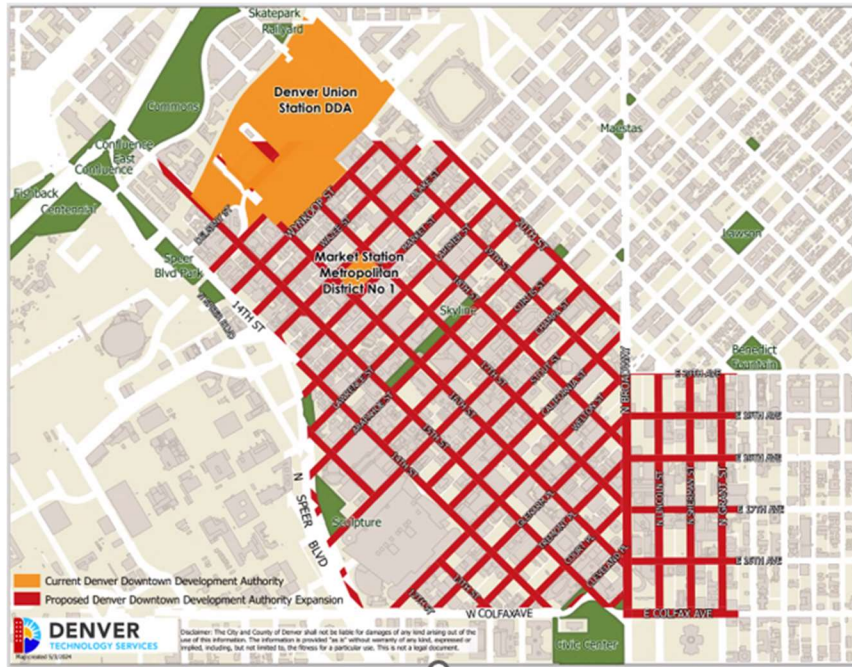
- We would like to increase employee engagement by 5% by December 31, 2024. We are doing meetings once a month with all city agencies.
- Additional priorities include:
 - Newcomer influx
 - Department and individual goals such as
 - Getting them housing stability, ie vision zero
- Operationalizing our goals:
- We will have Tiger Teams, which consist of:
 - Multidisciplinary teams combining critical agencies to advance the work.
 - Every city agency participates in at least one tiger team.
 - Tiger teams meet weekly with the Mayor and the Chief of Staff or Chief Operating Officer.

Below is a diagram of the Tiger Teams

TIGER TEAMS



We would like to expand the Downtown Development Authority, below is a reference:

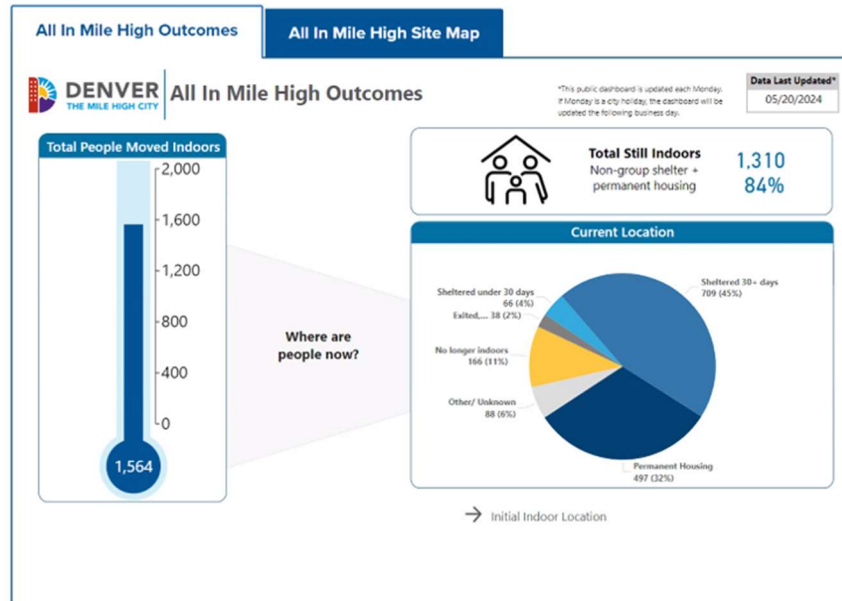


Q&A

Q. What percent of ppl stayed indoors from your program?

- A. Sterling - 87% over the course of 9 months, 1300 are still indoors. The graph below shows how many are sheltered. They are working to move over 750 ppl into affordable housing. Visit the dashboard at: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Mayors-Office/Programs-and-Initiatives/Homelessness-Initiative>

View progress dashboards related to Mayor Mike Johnston's All In Mile High Initiative.



Q. How are you going to engage this larger part of the city and 11 districts? And what role can INC play?

A. Sterling - We are still developing the full engagement plan for this. We welcome folks from across all council districts. I will follow up when that information has been finalized.

PARTNER UPDATES

Denver Parks and Recreation, Meredith Levy, meredithprab@gmail.com

Councilwoman Sawyer gave the following updates about parks:

- Crestmoor Park – This is a rise Denver bond project. \$1.8M is dedicated to the redesign of playground. The southern portion of the walkway was missed in a previous project, and Parks and Rec is aware of this. This will be included in the playground renovations if budget allows. We're working on finding funding for the northern portion of the walkways.
- Mayfair Park – It was rebuilt in 2012 and the contractors did something wrong, resulting in failure of the drainage system. Parks and Rec is working on fixing it. Due to statute of limitations, we cannot go back to the contractor and recoup the money. Legacy dollars are being used for the drainage work and it will be reopened this summer.
- Montclair Park – This is an ongoing conversation. The redesign of the playground is set to happen in 2024. Much of the playground hasn't been replaced due to waiting for this project to happen. The construction is set to happen next year.

- There will be two basketball court renovations, this includes Ben Bezoff Park and Dennison Park. We have moved forward all RISE and Elevate Denver bond projects. All work should be completed for all bond projects by December 31, 2026.

Q: What does the community engagement and outreach for the Montclair Park playground redesign look like?

A. CW Sawyer - Our office has set aside funds to assist with this. They will likely have similar outreach to how Crestmoor Park did.

- Learn more about current and planned DPR projects here: <https://denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Planning-Community-Engagement/Park-Facility-Projects>
- Next PRAB meeting is: June 12 from 5:30-7:30pm. Learn more here: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Planning-Community-Engagement/Parks-and-Recreation-Advisory-Board-PRAB#:~:text=Regularly%20scheduled%20meetings%20are%20open.,gilkinson%40denvergov.org>.

Montclair Recreation Center, Andrew Latson, Andrew.Latson@denvergov.org

- Learn more about Montclair Recreation Center activities here: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directory/Parks-Recreation/Recreation-Centers-Pools/Recreation-Centers/Montclair-Recreation-Center>

DOTI Advisory Board, Joe Levi, jlevi@ozarch.com

Councilwoman Sawyer gave the following updates:

- The next Community Cabinet Meeting will be August 2, at Noon and our presenter will be from the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss sidewalks.
- Joe our DOTI Advisory Board representative will also be present.

Denver Water, Ashley Denault, Ashley.Denault@denvergov.org

- Learn more about the lead replacement program here: <https://www.denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead>
- For more information, contact Denver Water Customer Care at 303-893-2444, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., or visit denverwater.org/Pipes
- links to information about the Lead Reduction Program:
- General info: <https://www.denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead>
- See if you have a known or suspected lead service line (the line from the main in the street to the house): <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/ef02d8aa213c471c81ed834be3f0d056/>

- Community meeting information and recordings of past meetings: <https://www.denverwater.org/your-water/water-quality/lead/events-outreach>
- As a reminder, folks who received a water filter should use their filter for drinking, cooking foods where water is absorbed into the food or is a base ingredient, and when preparing infant formula, and should continue to use the filter for *six months* after their LSL replacement.

DPD District 3: Officer Matthew Grimsley, Matthew.Grimmsley@denvergov.org Christie Mochoruk Christie.Mochoruk@denvergov.org

Christie Mochoruk:

- Youth Art Contest - The For Youth By Youth Art Showcase and Contest is an opportunity for Denver's youth to create safety messages through art, which will later be shared with elementary-aged kids who will learn about safety while having fun coloring the designs. Twelve winners will be chosen by the community and awarded a \$50 gift card – courtesy of the Denver Police Foundation, a tour of the Denver Police Crime Laboratory and a meet and greet with Denver Police Chief Ron Thomas.

Officer Grimsley:

- Our monthly Citizens Advisory Board meeting (CAB) and crime prevention tune up will be tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m. at DPD 3 with Commander Bell. We will also be at the event at George Washington High School on 6/4.

Q. Are you still our CRO?

A. Yes

Q. A question was asked about getting License Plate Reader (LPR) cameras.

A. If you have a HOA that owns land, Denver Police Dept. (DPD) could potentially put a LPR on your own land that would link into the DPD system. It automatically checks on the back end if cars that have been reported stolen. Please reach out to Lt. Troy Sandoval for more information at troy.sandoval@denvergov.org.

Denver Fire Department, Chy Montoya, Chajito.Montoya@denvergov.org

- 28 recruits will be graduating next month.
- Project Ignite is a two day event for women 18 and over, happening this Saturday and Sunday to provide insight to women about the firefighting profession.
- Youth Career Exploration Camp is happening July 15th through July 17th. It is a great opportunity for our youth to learn, experience and recognize the possibilities of a future career as a Denver Firefighter
- The Community Risk Reduction team is out at many community events. Learn more about this team here: <https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments->

[Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directories/Fire-Department/Safety-Information/Community-Risk-Reduction-Unit](#)

Q. Can they have Denver Fire at events and meetings?

A. Yes, you can request it by filling out a **Community Event Request form**. This helps us capture all the necessary details for the event. Anyone wanting to request a rig can complete the form and describe how they would like us to participate/be involved. This is a great way to get things started. Once the form is completed and submitted, it'll be routed to our Operations Division who will follow up with the person directly:

<https://www.denvergov.org/Government/Agencies-Departments-Offices/Agencies-Departments-Offices-Directories/Fire-Department/Community-Outreach/Community-Event-Request>

CW SAWYER UPDATES

- EXL Business License Hearing Fund, Applications will be open 8 a.m. on June 1-30, 2024. Qualifying applicants who participated in a needs and desires hearing for certain types of licenses can get reimbursed for legal costs related to the hearing. For more info visit: <https://bit.ly/3WgYGwx>
- Reminder to apply for the Property Tax Refund Program. The Denver Property Tax Relief Program provides a partial refund of property taxes paid, or the equivalent in rent, to qualifying Denver residents. The average refund is \$1,000, and this program is retroactive to the previous year. Qualifying Denver residents can apply to receive a refund on their 2023 property taxes through April 30, 2025. Find more info at: www.denvergov.org/propertytaxrelief
- The next Community Cabinet Meeting will be August 2, at Noon and our presenter will be from the Dept. of Transportation and Infrastructure to discuss the new sidewalk program and updates to the ordinance.
- There will be a Community Conversation about Safety this evening (6/4) in partnership with CM Kashmann, DOS, OCA, HRCF, OSEI, and the Mayor's office. Round table discussions will follow a presentation on the mayor's initiatives to make our neighborhoods safer. This will take place at GW High School from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/MOcommunity>
- The micro priorities have been submitted for District 5. These include funding for implementation of the traffic studies recommendations (6th Ave, 8th Ave, Dayton St, Uinta Way) An RRFB at 9th & Albion, street lighting, community safety technology, and parks investment.

Q & A

Q. What is being built behind Fire Station 18 on Lowry Vista?

A. CW Sawyer - They are building apartments there, and it is safe to develop on that part of Lowry Vista. There is design review committee (LDRC) in Lowry that enforces the covenants that go with the land. It went through the LDRC process.

Q. Asked about bad patch work when replacing the lines in the ground.

A. Denver Water is responsible for this, we'll get that information for you regarding the lead replacement. Please contact our office as well as 311 when issues like this occur so they can be tracked.

**The next Community Cabinet meeting will be on August 6, 2024, at noon.
Adjourned at 1:05 p.m.**