

**District 5 Registered Neighborhood Organization Leadership Lunch**  
**December 1, 2020, noon-1:20pm**  
**Virtual Meeting**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:**

Amanda Sawyer, City Council District 5; Captain Greg Pixley, Denver Fire Department; Cari Ervin, Windsor Gardens; Jenn Gross, City Council District 5; Kathy Head, Lowry United Neighbors; Cat Holmes, Lowry United Neighborhoods; Hughette Scanlon, Park Forest; Mary Carr, Lowry Community Master Assn.; Meredith Levy, Denver Parks and Rec Advisory Board for District 5; Officer Heidi Lewis, Denver Police Department District 2; Officer Matt Grimsley, Denver Police Department District 3; Patricia Mulligan, Mayfair Neighbors; Rebecca Zazueta, Windsor Gardens; Sara Visser, City Council District 5; Wende Reoch, Cranmer Park – Hilltop Civic Assn.; Judy Baxter, Montclair Neighborhood Assn.; Carrie O’Shea, Montclair Neighborhood Assn.; Adriana Lara, Outreach Manager and Legislative Liaison, Denver Fire Department; Deputy Chief Jeremy Vigil, Denver Fire Department; Officer Roby Turner, Denver Fire Department; Alexandra Foster, City of Denver Communications Program Manager; Dan Schiele, Renaissance Apartments; Laurie Bogue, Bellevue/Hale Neighborhood Assn.

\*Others may have joined partway through the meeting.

**Welcome & Introductions – Councilwoman Sawyer**

- Thank you for all you do for the community
- Introductions

**Councilwoman Sawyer Update**

- Citywide:
  - ✓ Group living Town Hall is December 8 at 6pm. Go to [bit.ly/GroupLivingTownHall](https://bit.ly/GroupLivingTownHall) to register. Please publicize to your constituents.
  - ✓ Residential infill coming, unclear when in 2021, next big project from CDP after Group Living
  - ✓ With Ballot Measure 2F passed, we are currently working internally on adding Remote Meetings to Open Meetings policy, will begin work in community early 2021
- District 5:
  - ✓ Still taking responses to RNO and Annual District 5 surveys –
    - RNO Survey link – please share with your RNO Boards:  
[https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-taken/?sm=b2OclRisAhldexLpwDNs3s9DIKPJ3qidCv4pPFR4g0HFXUnv3QIGD6RV1ar0\\_2FB\\_2FbXkZQw2DHE7L\\_2FPTWyyZCc373RdsXJXZcDemvbpI\\_2BoPol\\_3D](https://www.surveymonkey.com/survey-taken/?sm=b2OclRisAhldexLpwDNs3s9DIKPJ3qidCv4pPFR4g0HFXUnv3QIGD6RV1ar0_2FB_2FbXkZQw2DHE7L_2FPTWyyZCc373RdsXJXZcDemvbpI_2BoPol_3D)
    - Annual Survey link – Please share with your residents:  
[bit.ly/D5survey2020](https://bit.ly/D5survey2020)
  - ✓ Near Southeast NPI begins early 2021; will affect Virginia Vale, S. Hilltop, Winston Downs (communities straddling Leetsdale)

- [www.Denvergov.org/nearsoutheastplan](http://www.Denvergov.org/nearsoutheastplan)
- If you have residents interested in joining the Steering Committee, please let our office know ASAP
- ✓ 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue Traffic Study
  - Hired vendor, Fehr & Peers, on retainer to study Colo Blvd – Quebec once typical traffic patterns resume
  - Identifying locations for Traffic calming and best places for pedestrian crossings
  - Will include community survey, community meetings and 3 meetings with DOTI
  - Stay tuned in January for next steps meeting with RNO's that border 8<sup>th</sup> Ave.
- ✓ Blood Drive 1/15/21-2/15/21 with Vitalant – goal is 75 donations, requested help with promotion, partnership, sharing of information – look for information coming to you via email.
  - If you, your family or residents would like to participate, please sign up using this link:  
[https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?drive\\_code=DEN10315&division=MOU%26region=DEN](https://learn.vitalant.org/LP=148?drive_code=DEN10315&division=MOU%26region=DEN)

#### DPD Updates

- **DPD District 2 Officer Lewis** [Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org](mailto:Heidi.Lewis@denvergov.org) 720-913-1094
  - ✓ Toyshop giveaway at National Western Complex 7:30-5:30pm, Saturday 12/5
  - ✓ Christmas in the City toy giveaway at Coors Field parking lot Saturday 12/19, noon-9pm
  - ✓ For both events, unwrapped toys can be donated at each DPD precinct through Saturday 12/12, events will be giving away hygiene products in addition to toys and sundries
  - ✓ Councilwoman Sawyer mentioned the tote bags for the unhoused that Team D5 is preparing to drop off on 12/11 for both DPD2 and DPD3
- **DPD District 3 Officer Borquez** [Mike.Borquez@denvergov.org](mailto:Mike.Borquez@denvergov.org) 720-913-1183, and **Officer Grimsley** [matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org](mailto:matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org) 720-913-1218
  - Community advisory board meeting tonight, 12/1, 6pm, information is on Nextdoor.com
  - Neighborhood Watch training 12/2 at 6 pm online. Information is on Nextdoor.com
  - Reiterated two holiday events listed above
  - Crime prevention flyers available on Nextdoor.com, encouraged RNOs to use and share and to check nextdoor.com for D3 information, especially as “porch pirates” become an issue during the holiday season
- **DFD Updates, Captain Pixley**, [Greg.Pixley@denvergov.org](mailto:Greg.Pixley@denvergov.org), 303-503-7490, **Dept. Chief Jeremy Vigil**, [Jeremy.Vigin@denvergov.org](mailto:Jeremy.Vigin@denvergov.org), **Adriana Lara**, [Adriana.Lara@denvergov.org](mailto:Adriana.Lara@denvergov.org)
  - Please reach out to Capt. Pixley or Adriana with any fire related questions

- Fire safety is very important during the holidays (be mindful with trees and extra lights)
  - COVID shut down community events, DFD is putting together plan to re-engage in 2021
  - DFD is supplying mobile COVID testing [DFD partnership with DDPHE with free mobile COVID community testing --- How to Access and FAQs](#)
  - Two firehouses will be providing flu vaccines [Free Flu Shot in the Community at DFD Fire Station 9 and 11 for the month of December](#)
  - Adriana will supply information/resources for D5 December newsletter, so look for that on December 15.
- **Parks & Rec Advisory Board, Meredith Levy, [meredithprab@gmail.com](mailto:meredithprab@gmail.com)**
    - Robinson Park exceeded fundraising goal and will break ground early 2021. Playground will be ready later 2021, likely fall.
      - ✓ Movie night area shouldn't be affected, other than needing to move food trucks to 3<sup>rd</sup> avenue
      - ✓ CW Sawyer's office will facilitate a meeting with Project Manager and RNO when construction schedule is set to discuss any needed changes
    - Roller rink sponsored by the Avalanche in Lowry at Jackie Robinson field is open to the public, even though Grand Opening was cancelled. Hoping for event at some point. Location is on Lowry Blvd., east of Fairmount.
    - Crestmoor Park – projected start to playground rebuild spring 2021
    - Montclair Park capital improvements beginning January 2021
      - ✓ Tennis courts – trace asbestos in adhesive layer requires 2-month remediation, with fully closed tent, then rebuild
      - ✓ Parking and picnic area along Newport to be rebuilt
    - Projects neighboring District 5 include
      - ✓ Cook Park playground
      - ✓ Congress Park pool
    - Parks and Rec game plan can be found here [2019 Game Plan for a Healthy City Annual Report](#)
    - Details on DPR projects, including updates on Crestmoor park paths, can be found here <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/planning/park-facility-projects.html>
    - PRAB monthly meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (12/9) 5:30-7:30 online, sign up in advance and comment publicly <https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-parks-and-recreation/planning/community-relations-outreach/advisory-board-prab-.html>
  - **Community Planning & Development, Alexandra Foster, [Alexandra.Foster@denvergov.org](mailto:Alexandra.Foster@denvergov.org)**
    - RNO renewal period begins today, please update information online. Deadline is 1/31/2021. [2021 Registration renewal form](#)

- RNOs are required to hold a meeting at least once per year, and many facilities where these meetings are held are currently closed - libraries, rec centers, etc. CPD wants to address this difficulty by providing the City's Zoom account for virtual meetings for free.
  - ✓ Equivalent to library or rec center room meeting
  - ✓ City license allows for up to 500 attendees
  - ✓ The RNO page has the link to sign up for free meeting [www.DenverGov.org/RNO](http://www.DenverGov.org/RNO)
    - [Meeting request form](#)
  - ✓ This is a Meeting format, not Webinar, as a webinar needs a denvergov.org email holder to run it. Working with tech services to see if making sharable denvergov.org email address for webinar format is possible.
  - ✓ Contact Alex for assistance, if needed (email address/link above)

### Questions & Open Conversation

- Parks & Rec acquisition team formed with two PRAB members, real estate manager, new effort to acquire land for parks so that everyone lives within a 10-minute walk of one. Email Meredith for more information, links to maps. [meredithprab@gmail.com](mailto:meredithprab@gmail.com)
- Please email Sara Visser, [Sara.Visser@denvergov.org](mailto:Sara.Visser@denvergov.org) all changes in names and emails for board members as elections are completed.
- RNO reform movement – Councilman Kashmann is leading that effort in Denver to update and better support RNOs. He will hopefully attend February RNO Leadership Luncheon. (As of 12/2/2020, CM Kashmann is scheduled to attend on 2/2/2021. Zoom link: Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82510444716> Invitation will be sent ahead of the meeting.)
  - To serve RNOs better (and how to)
  - To help RNOs be more inclusive
- Conversation about updated Group Living amendment and next week's Town Hall
- Request for Team D5 to be a repository for documents, templates, etc. This will be implemented once we switch to Open Cities platform in 2021 and we have a new, more user-friendly website.
- Request to hear from Denver Public Library at an upcoming luncheon – thank you for the input!
- Next RNO Luncheon scheduled for 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of February 12-1 pm

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