

District 5 Registered Neighborhood Organization & Homeowners Association Leadership Lunch

Hosted by Amanda Sawyer, City Councilwoman for District 5

Tuesday, August 2, Noon-1:30pm

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: CW Amanda Sawyer (Council District 5), Amanda Lighthiser (RMHS), Roger Miller (Rangeview), Lieutenant Chism (DFD-PIO), Patricia Mulligan (Mayfair), Joe Levi (DOTI Representative), Jimmy Luthye (Denver Water), Wendi Moeder (DFD), Officer Matt Grimsley (DPD3), Carrie O'Shea (Historic Montclair), Sandy Stone (RMHS), Shelly Pawlowski (DPR-Montclair Recreation Center), Dain Schiele (Lowry), Wende Reoch (Hilltop), Leslie Renner (BHNA), Libby Smith (Park Forest), Mary Carr (LCMA), Meredith Levy (PRAB), Owen Brigner (District 5), Felicia Rodriguez (District 5)

*Others may have joined during the meeting.

Welcome & Introductions, CW Sawyer

CW Sawyer welcomed everyone, led introductions, and then introduced Guest Speaker: Amanda Lighthiser, Deputy Program Officer, Rocky Mountain Human Services.

Guest Speakers, Amanda Lighthiser (Presentation attached)

Contact information: alighthiser@rmhumanservices.org

- Rocky Mountain Human Services – Who we are and what we do: A non-profit human services agency that supports more than 17,000 Coloradan through case management and direct services. Services individuals with Intellectual and Development Disability
- Mission Statement: Simplify access. Celebrating individuality. Bridging communities.
- Mill Levy Funds
 - Client & Family Directed Funds
 - RMHS Enhanced Services
 - Community Initiatives
- Supporting Infants & Toddlers
 - Colorado Early Intervention Services
 - Denver Early Steps
 - Children's Clinical Services.
- Support for babies not developing basic skills as expected.
- Trained professionals work with families to meet goal and milestones that they create.

- Clinical Staff bypass waitlist for autism diagnostic testing for kids 3+ year.
- Supporting Families
 - Providing Families and children with support they need to grow and thrive.
- Supporting Adults
 - Long term services to support living in their community of choice.
 - Behavior health crisis intervention services for adults with I/DD.
- Supporting Veterans
 - Outreach, case management, and support accessing resources for Veterans that are experiencing homelessness or at risk of losing their housing.
- Contact Information
Intake Services: intakereferrals@rmhumanservices.org, 303-636-5862

Q&A: None

Community Partner Information Sharing

DOTI: Joe Levi, jlevi@ozarch.com

- DOTI Citizen’s advisory committee ROW discussions
 - Looking at expanding battery scooters and bike sharing to more neighborhoods
 - Discussing ways to keep sidewalks free of scooters & bicycles
 - Providing more parking corrals at street grade to avoid congestion on sidewalks
 - Signing preferred routes to keep scooters off congested & high-speed roads
 - Increasing training & education on operating vehicles
- Camping on ROW
 - This continues to be an issue and the Board is looking at potential options for how better to balance the needs of property owners and enforce without them using rocks to stop camping
- 14th & 13th traffic calming
 - Both streets continue to be a safety issue
 - DOTI cannot find a contractor to accept the bid to construct the planned improvements, and is working to solve that challenge. Council office is waiting for an update on whether a contractor has been hired

Q&A:

- Carrie O’Shea – Concerns about 13th & 14th. How soon are the treatments and updates going to take place. A: DOTI has been communicating since 2020 and we are still waiting (see notes above).

DPD District 3: Officer Matt Grimsley, matthew.grimsley@denvergov.org (720) 913-1218 or Officer Mike Borquez, michael.borquez@denvergov.org (720) 913-1183

- Tonight is National Night Out. D3 will be at Cook Park starting at 6p

Q&A: None

DPD District 2: Officer Wilbur Murray, wilbur.murray@denvergov.org or Officer Christopher Matlock, christopher.matlock@denvergov.org (720) 913-1400

- No Updates

DFD: Lieutenant John “JD” Chism, john.chism@denvergov.org (720) 913-3482; Wendi Moeder, wendi.moeder@denvergov.org

- Personal updates JD Chism, new PIO
- Adriana Lara – no longer on staff, they are currently recruiting a new outreach coordinator. Contact JD Chism for event questions or outreach until new position is filled.

Denver Water: Jimmy Luthye, jimmy.luthye@denverwater.org

- Cooler weather at the end of July, dropped demand in the city but conditions remained on the same draught level. Still pushing message of watering rules for the summer.
- Water use going up with lawns being dry = water bills going up. Providing tools to watering and making payments. Residents should continue to make payments or partial payments.
- Construction updates at Leetsdale and Oneida, anticipate completion within the next week.
- Completed pipe replacement in Hilltop/Virginia Vale, finishing street repaving now
- Clairmont St. from 13th to Colfax will be replaced this fall (Hale) but may be delayed to early 2023
- CW Sawyer gave product information for RACHIO Product/app that has a rain sensor to help reduce water usage

Q&A:

Roger Miller – concerned about the dead foliage near highline canal. Denver Water will assess and clean up as needed.

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

- Four Mile - Flamingo Ct. House Roof and Siding: June Proposals received exceeded available budget. Project manager is working to secure additional funding for project.
- Four Mile House Parking Lot Renovation: June project was put out for bid -- waiting for bid responses.
- Lindsley Park Picnic Area Improvements: June RFP for design was sent out early July to on-call consultants -- waiting on responses. Construction is anticipated Summer 2023.
 - Community Visioning Meetings upcoming (November & December)
- Lowry Sports Complex Picnic and Pavers: June in design phase. Construction is anticipated to begin Summer 2023.

- Verbena Park Playground, Court, and Field Improvements: June in bid process for construction contractors. Anticipated construction to begin Fall of this year.
- Crestmoor Playground: DPR have submitted a scope of work and budget request for the 2023 budget. We will have a better sense of the project timeline for this once the 2023 budget is approved.
- Montclair Rec Center-Shelly Pawlowski, Recreation Supervisor
 - Natatorium repairs are almost complete. Pool to open at the end of August. Anticipating August 22.
 - Montclair Fall Activity Sheet: https://www.denvergov.org/files/assets/public/parks-and-recreation/documents/recreation/centers/montclair/fall2022-montclair_1.pdf
 - Registration opened on July 26- still some availability for reserved programs. The next round of swim lessons registration is September 20 Pool & October 25. Winter Basketball Registration is November 9.

Q&A:

- Carrie O'Shea – How do we request additional picnic tables at Kitteridge Park? A: Will add this to the improvements list. Will flag it for future budget request.

CW Sawyer Updates

- Citywide
 - Historic Preservation
 - Owner & Applicants will be able to present their case at Council hearings. This is particularly important for owner-opposed designations as to why their property should not be historic.
 - Diaper Ordinance
 - State sales tax exemption will start January 1. Denver's will start October 1st.
 - Gun Buyback Program Dates: Has collected over 600 weapons to date, with three more events to go
 - August 20th - Aurora, Living Water Christian Center
 - September 17th - Denver, New Life Christian Church
 - October 15th - Aurora, Colorado Community Church
- District 5
 - D5 Traffic Studies: Final presentations with recommendations will be **August 30**
 - 6th Ave. New Traffic Study - Colorado Boulevard to Quebec Street
 - S. Dayton St. New Traffic Study - Alameda Avenue to Mississippi Avenue
 - Urban Camping Concerns
 - Private Property Owners – work directly with DPD to sign a trespass agreement if you do not want people camping on your property.

- Public Right of Way Concerns – report to D5 office and 311/pocketgov. Process takes a bit longer due to legal requirements, but we will have city service providers respond.

Other Q&A:

Wende Reoch – 50 S. Colorado Church Property. When is demolition and there are urban campers.

- The Council Office will reach out to the property owner to connect them with DPD to sign a trespass agreement so DPD can move the campers, and also ask them to have the trash cleaned up
- The Council Office will report the trash to ZNIS for investigation

Wende Reoch – Belview Hale welcome to the neighborhood signs should be moved to the north of 8th Avenue.

- Discussion moved outside of this meeting
- Council Office will look into it and follow up with more information

The next RNO-HOA Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 4th, noon - 1:15 pm**. Scheduled Guest Speaker is Office of Emergency Management and Denver Fire Department to discuss fire potential in East Denver and what residents can do to be prepared.

Adjourned at 1:05pm