

Niwot Local Improvement District Advisory Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Present: Scott Firle, Eric Bergeson, Lisa Rivard, Keith Waters, Jeff Knight, Heidi Storz, Cornelia Sawle

Guests: Commissioner Ashley Stolzmann, Sergeant Michael Hill (Colorado State Patrol), Catherine McHale, Biff Warren

Staff: Natalie Springett and Mark Ruzzin

Call to Order:

Scott called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM.

Presentation from Sergeant Mike Hill from Colorado State Patrol

The NLIDAC invited Sergeant Hill to discuss crash data and his experiences with traffic safety at the Diagonal Highway and Niwot Road intersection. Sergeant Hill noted that he has been a State Trooper for over 18 years and has served 10 years in Boulder County. In reviewing the crash data provided by Boulder County, he noted that the Diagonal Highway and Niwot Road intersection is #2 in Boulder County for accidents, adding that because the Diagonal Highway is divided, crashes tend to be less severe than the types of accidents seen on Hwy 287. He mentioned that he is impressed by Boulder County's proactive approach to improving safety.

Sergeant Hill and the committee discussed various aspects of the Highway 119 improvement project, and potential implications for pedestrian and bicyclist safety. In response to a question from Heidi, Sergeant Hill noted that bus lanes have not historically caused safety concerns and that bicycle lanes are typically well protected.

Commissioner Stolzmann commented that the Hwy 119 improvement project is prioritizing the Park-n-Ride as the primary improvement at the Niwot Road intersection. She noted that an underpass from the median to the east is likely too costly for the project, though it is possible that an underpass could be constructed in the future.

The committee also discussed the speed limit on Hwy 119 and the major congestion point at Highway 52 and Highway 119; Boulder County's Vision Zero plan to eliminate traffic fatalities in the county; and plans to use photo radar enforcement in the effort to reduce speeding.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

The advisory committee considered the December 6, 2022 meeting minutes:

ACTION: On a motion from Heidi, seconded by Scott, the committee voted unanimously to approve the December 6, 2022 meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Scott reviewed the Treasurer's Report in Bruce's absence. Mark referenced the 2022 funding request approvals and reimbursements page, noting that all 2022 reimbursements have been processed and paid. Through November 2022 the LID had collected about \$263,000 in revenues; if \$20,000 is collected in the month of December, then the LID's reserve will grow by roughly \$80,000, bringing it to about \$380,000.

Funding Request:

The advisory committee considered the following funding request:

1. Niwot Business Association: Economic Development Director Salary - \$7,500.00

Eric presented the funding request for the NBA, noting that Catherine McHale will be stepping away from her position as the NBA's economic development director at the end of March to pursue new opportunities. The funding request is to cover 3 months of EDD work.

ACTION: On a motion from Keith, seconded by Cornelia, the advisory committee unanimously APPROVED the funding request for \$7,500.00.

New Business:

Niwot Business Association 2023 Annual Budget

Eric presented the NBA's 2023 annual budget to the committee and answered questions about the NBA's plans and strategies for the year, noting that the NLIDAC does not approve the NBA budget, but is provided an opportunity to provide feedback on it. Scott clarified that the NBA budget is in essence a "wish list" and that there are no expectations that the NLIDAC will fund all of the items included in it. Heidi requested clarification for the additional administrative and communication support that was discussed at the January 2023 meeting. Eric noted that he expects a funding request to be submitted to the NLIDAC in the next couple of months.

Scheduling Annual NLIDAC/ BOCC Meeting

Natalie confirmed that the NLIDAC/Board of County Commissioners annual meeting has been scheduled for Monday, March 27 from 3:30-5:00pm. The meeting will take place at the Niwot Grange.

Old Business:

Mark provided an update on the county's annual Boards and Commissions recruitment process and the tentative timeline for appointments.

Public Comment:

Commissioner Stolzmann thanked the committee members for volunteering their time to make the Niwot community and Boulder County a better place.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:15 PM.