

## Niwot Local Improvement District Advisory Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, March 7, 2023**

**Present:** Scott Firle, Eric Bergeson, Lisa Rivard, Sarah Cioni, Mary Coonce, Jeff Knight, Heidi Storz, Cornelia Sawle

**Guests:** Deb Fowler, Biff Warren

**Staff:** Natalie Springett and Mark Ruzzin

#### **Call to Order:**

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

#### **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**

The advisory committee considered the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes:

**ACTION:** On a motion from Lisa, seconded by Eric, the committee voted unanimously to approve the January 10, 2023 meeting minutes, as presented.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

Mark noted for the committee that 2022 ended with total collections just shy of \$292,000. With no outstanding reimbursements, total expenditures for 2022 are about \$227,000, bringing the LID's reserve to about \$372,000. It was noted that December 2022 collections in the tech sector were a negative \$4,500, suggesting that the "clawback" in this sector as noted earlier in the year may have been charged against the LID; staff will check with county budget staff that this is the correct interpretation of the revenue report.

The committee discussed the need to appoint a new treasurer in light of Bruce Rabeler's departure from the committee.

**ACTION:** On a motion from Eric, seconded by Cornelia, the committee voted unanimously to appoint Mary as the NLIDAC treasurer.

#### **Funding Requests:**

The advisory committee considered the following funding requests:

##### **1. Niwot Business Association: General Maintenance - \$16,000.00**

Eric presented the funding request for the NBA, noting that this is the annual funding request to "keep the town's lights on" and ensure that basic expenses are being met – street lighting, snow plowing, landscape maintenance, etc. The funding request amount is the same as the 2022 request, which saw expenses of \$11,308.

**ACTION:** On a motion from Mary, seconded by Jeff, the advisory committee unanimously APPROVED the funding request for \$16,000.00.

##### **2. Niwot Business Association: Lucky Niwot Day - \$4,797.00**

Deb Fowler presented the funding request on behalf of the NBA. Deb noted that the 2023 request is \$1,323 more than the 2022 request, as a result of increased costs for sponsoring the event and the

fact that the 2022 event was underfunded. Deb described the event in detail and discussed the new items that will be included in 2023.

**ACTION:** On a motion from Mary, seconded by Jeff, the advisory committee unanimously APPROVED the funding request for \$4,797.00.

**New Business:**

No new business was discussed.

**Old Business:**

**Agenda Planning for March 9 meeting with Kathleen Bracke**

The committee spent time preparing for the March 9 discussion with Kathleen Bracke of Boulder County's Transportation Planning division, including developing a meeting agenda. The committee expressed interest in hearing a Hwy 119 project update from Kathleen and also discussing the opportunity to construct a tunnel under Hwy 119 for bikes, pedestrians, and non-car commuters to access both the Park-n-Ride and Old Town. Other items considered for the agenda included the committee's safety concerns, the connection between the Hwy 119 improvement project and the NLIDAC's Strategic Plan, and the importance of collaboration between the NLIDAC and the county as the Hwy 119 project and other projects move forward.

**Agenda Planning for March 27 meeting with the County Commissioners**

Natalie informed the committee that the meeting will be held on the first floor of the Niwot Grange from 3:30-5:00pm. Regarding agenda topics, Eric stressed the importance of the committee's Strategic Plan and opportunities for the Highway 119 improvement plan to increase ease of access to Niwot and improve noticeability and signage. The committee noted that this Board of Commissioners is new to the issue of the Second Avenue alley and the development moratorium that was put into place back in 2018; Mary suggested that at some point in may be helpful to invite the Commissioners to tour the alley to discuss potential solutions to the challenges posed by the current code.

Mark mentioned that past NLIDAC/BOCC meetings have covered such topics as the State of Niwot and the NLIDAC's Strategic Plan, and have focused on specific concerns and issues that support the Strategic Plan.

Other potential agenda items mentioned included collaboration between the NLIDAC and community organizations, connectivity issues and challenges, and a walking tour of Niwot. Mark suggested looking to the summer to host the commissioners for a walking tour of the district.

Heidi and Mary proposed that the meeting be data driven, to reference such items as number of events, utilization of LID funding, collaboration amongst community organizations, occupancy statistics, how Niwot succeeded through COVID, and other items.

The committee agreed that Mary, Eric, and Scott will pull together a list of meeting topics and will share the list with committee members in the days ahead.

**Public Comment:**

Biff Warren discussed information shared at the morning Niwot Future League meeting regarding the strength of the business district.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:25 PM.