

## Niwot Local Improvement District Advisory Committee

### MEETING MINUTES

**Tuesday, October 17, 2023**

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

**Guests:** Kathy Trauner, Dave Lee, Chad Fletemeyer, Biff Warren

**Staff:** Nick Robles

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

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

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

There were no meeting minutes for the committee to consider.

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

Mary Coonce, NLIDAC treasurer, provided a brief review of the Treasurer's Report that she had shared with committee members in advance of the meeting. Mary noted that through July 2023, LID sales tax collections were down 3.6%, or just over nearly \$6,000, in comparison to the first nine months of 2022. Remote sales tax revenues have decreased 29%, or nearly \$10,000, over 2022.

#### **Funding Requests:**

There were no funding requests for the advisory committee to consider.

#### **Event Report: Flower Fest**

Kathy Trauner provided a Flower Fest event report to the committee, describing the event and outcomes. Held in August, the event had excellent attendance, with the nature of the event seeing attendees focused more in Cottonwood Square than Second Avenue. The Cottonwood Square businesses and the flower vendors that were located there had a strong day of sales. There were a number of lessons learned, but amongst the vendors and businesses, there is strong interest in bringing the event back in 2024. Eric noted that the high level of interest in the event was a bit unexpected, which may lend Flower Fest to being a larger event in 2024. Sarah noted that she spoke with attendees visiting from Littleton and Centennial and from around the Denver metro area.

Kathy and the committee discussed options for improving the event in preparation for next year's event.

#### **New Business:**

##### Community Organizations Meeting

The committee spent some time discussing preparations for the November 6 community organizations meeting. Eric noted that invitations have been sent out and he is expecting strong attendance at the event.

NLIDAC 2012 Transportation & Connectivity Plan Update Project

Eric kicked off the conversation and noted that the Connectivity Update is the primary topic of discussion for the November 6 community organizations meeting. The meeting will start with a general presentation on the connectivity plan, with some focus on the plan's priority areas.

Dave Lee and Chad Fletemeyer of Fletemeyer & Lee (F&L) presented the plan to the committee members, asking the committee members for input from the view of how the plan intersects with the constituencies that the committee members represent. The connectivity plan should be considered a Master Plan for Niwot – a long-range vision for the community.

Dave and Chad noted that F&L began the plan development process by creating an inventory of community assets and challenges facing Niwot – areas that if improved will make the community more livable. Ultimately the goal of the effort is to surface the needs and desires of the community and its residents.

F&L has identified some big ideas and opportunities that can be implemented on public and private land in and around the community.

Dave noted that while most of the ideas and opportunities will be ready for presentation in time for the November 6 community organizations meeting, the plan will be presented as a “work in progress” at the event, as one major goal of the meeting is to collect community feedback.

F&L has identified 10 areas for improvement, starting with the Niwot Road and Diagonal Highway intersection and moving east. Dave and Chad walked through each opportunity area, summarizing what is working in the area, what's not, what possibilities exist to make improvements, and how the improvements could be accomplished.

Throughout the discussion, the committee members, Dave, and Chad spent time discussing various aspects of the draft plan and how the plan can be presented at the community organizations meeting.

The committee members and F&L spent time discussing strategies for collecting and processing the community feedback provided at the community organizations meeting. The committee and F&L settled on creating a survey that meeting attendees would fill out during the meeting and leave behind for review and evaluation. The committee felt it will be important to communicate out to the community how the feedback influences, generally speaking, the master plan planning process.

**Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM.