



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Facilitator	Evan Dreyer
Date	May 19, 2025
Time	8-10am
Location	Webb Building, 4 th Floor, Room 4G2

Attendees:

Council President Amanda Sandoval	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Doheny	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christine Benero	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Kayla Garcia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mowa Haile	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Happy Haynes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mary Nguyen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Federico Pena	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Murphy Robinson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Dr. Ben Sanders	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

City Staff:

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Jackson Brockway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Molly Scarbrough	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Agenda Items:

1. Subcommittee Presentations with Q & A
 - a. Arts and Cultural Venues
 - b. Connectivity: Streets, Bridge, Bike and Pedestrian Safety
 - c. Parks, Playgrounds, Trees, Trails and Our Climate
 - d. Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods



- e. Recreation Centers, Libraries, Housing, and Other City Facilities
2. Next Steps
 - a. Meeting schedule
 - b. Additional information needed for next meeting

Action Items:

1. Schedule additional meetings
2. Schedule Mayor's date for Executive Committee
3. Operational impacts on the city budget for a new facility
4. List of community led projects
5. Early data from bike network usage study
6. Unfinished projects in previous bonds
7. Partially funded projects that need dollars to be completed
8. Connectivity spreadsheet
9. Projects that may have some relationship or connectivity to other funding sources (SCFD, Parks Legacy, CASR Climate Fund, Homeless, etc.)
10. List of new projects (not reinvest/deferred maintenance) that require land acquisition
11. Any projects that private developers could assist with (curbs, gutters, streets, intersections and streetlights)

Additional Notes:

1. Arts and Cultural Venues
 - a. Considered 16 projects, more than \$556M
 - b. Requested and received supplemental information on all projects
 - c. Fundraising match important
 - d. Unanimous tier 1 project was the American Indian Cultural Embassy
 - e. Historic Hop Alley also ranked highly by subcommittee
 - i. Tourism, economic impact
 - f. Loretto Heights Parking Garage
 - i. Considered "finishing this project, difficult to reopen the theatre without ability to bring people onto the campus"
 - g. Red Rocks Backstage
 - i. Important asset that generates funding for other DAV venues
 - h. Brief discussion:
 - i. Discussed the populations served by Zoo and Symphony, as they are similar in funding requested
2. Connectivity Subcommittee



- a. Considered 65 projects, more than \$3B
 - b. 18 Tier 1
 - c. Recommended combining, or splitting some projects, or reducing scope
 - d. Focused on Vision Zero and projects in the High Injury Network, priority transit/bicycle streets in Denver Moves and NEST neighborhoods
 - e. Overall recommendations:
 - i. Half of all bond funding should go to Connectivity
 - 1. 30% of that should go towards Citywide Programs
 - 2. 70% to Named projects
 - ii. Citywide programs should prioritize equity, Denver Moves Everyone, and distribution across council districts
 - iii. Exec Committee should focus on major multimodal projects on major streets and those that transform corridors, BRT, bike network buildout
 - f. Brief discussion:
 - i. Santa Fe Streetscape was mentioned as a council and community priority
 - **Santa Fe was misidentified as on the High Injury Network in the presentation – it is not*
 - ii. Inquiries around the use of and placement of bike lanes in neighborhoods
 - iii. Pedestrian safety and how multimodal improvements are included in citywide programs
3. Parks Subcommittee
- a. Considered 73 projects, nearly \$1B
 - b. Climate should be the lens through which the whole of the bond investment is viewed and all projects should be modified to reduce emissions and strengthen climate resilience
 - c. Citywide bundles prioritized as the subcommittee feels DPR knows assets and can best prioritize
 - d. Overall recommendations
 - i. Ensure climate and sustainability lens is used throughout
 - ii. Finish projects started in previous bonds, or have significant community visioning
 - iii. Prioritize high need areas, assets in most aged/poor condition
 - iv. Invest in projects that meet multiple goals
 - e. Projects of note in Tier 3 are important to the city and were discussed at length by the city
 - i. Park Hill Buildout – the subcommittee supports this project but did not feel it was far enough along in the visioning process



- ii. Sloan's Lake Dredging – the subcommittee supports this important regional park, but there was not agreement on the solution, the dredging process will have impact on community
 - f. Brief discussion
 - i. Confirmed the GES Plaza in in the Triangle
 - 4. Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods
 - a. Considered 11 projects, more than \$370M
 - b. Recommended revising projects by scaling/phasing
 - i. Denver Animal Shelter
 - ii. Police Administration Building
 - iii. Combined Training Facility – top recommendation
 - 1. Preference to co-located safety agencies in one place
 - 2. Multiple bonds have not provided funding
 - 3. Hinders recruiting
 - 4. Land acquisition a challenge
 - iv. Tier 3 projects of note
 - 1. Citywide Park Lighting Bundle
 - a. Possible shared responsibility with Xcel?
 - b. Area dependent
5. Facilities Subcommittee
 - a. Considered 55 projects, approx. \$1.5B
 - b. Facilities specific criteria
 - i. Usage
 - ii. Equitable and geographical distribution
 - iii. Aligned with department priorities
 - iv. Revising by creating additional housing and shelter
 - v. Splitting – Central Library
 - c. Overall recommendations
 - i. Focus on Housing
 - 1. Prioritize \$100M Social Housing Project
 - 2. Recommend 2 library/housing projects
 - 3. Recommend 2 family homeless service center and shelter
 - ii. Focused on neighborhood equity and historical disinvestment
 - d. Brief discussion
 - i. The city cannot collocate libraries and parks – need a code or charter change
 - ii. Operational impact of opening new buildings
 - iii. Echo Lake Lodge is significant to indigenous youth, bring it up to code, programming will happen



iv. Balance between new and existing assets