

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions - Minutes

Subcommittee: Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

Details: 5/12/2025, Webb Building 4G4, 2:15pm-4:15pm

City Facilitator: Jackson Brockway, Department of Finance



Members in attendance

- Barb Archer
- Yoel Ghebremeskel
- Mike Somma
- Amanda Sawyer
- Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez
- Nita Gonzalez (virtual)
- Vernon Jones Jr. (virtual)

City Staff in Attendance

- Zarah Levy (virtual)
- Megan Dodge
- Owen Brigner
- Jennie Olson
- Jackson Brockway
- Emily Marcus
- Jamison Brown
- Troy Morelli
- Emily Ochoa (virtual)
- Evan Dryer (virtual)

Not in attendance: Frankie Lawrence, Steve Foster, Monica Martinez
Members of the public were in attendance.

Agenda with Meeting Minutes

- I. [Welcome/Introductions/Favorite Park3](#)
- II. [Equity Overview with Dr. Ben Sanders, Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity and Innovation \(OSEI\)](#)
 - Background on OSEI, evolution of the agency, including being involved in the annual budget
 - Equity strategies and innovations and community facing programs in the Office of Neighborhood Safety
 - Equity for the City and County of Denver: “We envision a Denver where race and other social identities no longer predict life outcomes. Our mission is to cultivate an equitable and inclusive city by dismantling systemic barriers and creating targeted solutions for historically marginalized communities”
 - Remember that the decisions being made in this subcommittee and process will help shape Denver for the next 10+ years
- III. [Review Survey results and initial tiering of Tranche A/B](#)
Survey Discussion

- Using anonymous results to drive the discussion and looking at an average of the scores to analyze how the subcommittee is doing on the tiering of the projects based on the evaluation rubric and criteria being used
- As of this meeting there were 5 respondents who had taken the survey, and the results being looked at are an average – without weighting – of those scores and then translated into high (Tier 1), medium (Tier 2), or low (Tier 3) ratings for the projects
- Discussion on what is going to the Executive Committee: Tiering of projects and levels, can also provide commentary/notes through a forthcoming standardized form.
 - Decision made by the subcommittee to potentially include the evaluation criteria rubric scores as well as final tiering for more granularity
- Scoring/tiering can be done at a project phase level, so long as the subcommittee decides – and comes to an agreement on – what level and scope the project is being looked at
- Reminder to pay attention to the fact that some phases in projects are not necessarily public facing even if the project was originally community driven

Denver Animal Shelter

- Background: Consultant on board did overarching assessment to bring the shelter up to current and future needs – this is the cost estimate presented in the tranche list and project summary
- Phase I is a third of the total cost estimate; phases II and III are not even splits of the remainder estimate due to what is needed
- Animal Shelter staff priority is Phase I – greatest needs
- Reason for shelter expanding up not out is cost efficiency and land caps
- Discussion and decision around how to scope and score the project as a subcommittee: Will look at it in two ways and add this to the survey for next week
 - Phase I only
 - All phases/whole project
- Sawyer explained how important animals are to her constituents and the constant feedback she gets from the community about how much they love animals and how much help the shelter needs
- Discussion on “need” vs. “want” for the scope presented in the summary

PAB

- Jennie discussed the three phases of the project:
 - Phase I: Live safety, HVAC improvements, refurbishment, 6th floor; ~34% of total project estimate
 - Phase II: Demo PADF, refurbish the plaza, structural fixes to lower parking structure; ~53% of total project estimate
 - Phase III: refresh law enforcement memorial plaza; ~13% of total project estimate
- Project can be phased in order
- The site conditions and location make construction more difficult; the site itself is important due to central location and proximity to CCD, courts, etc.
- Necessary improvements for community-facing side of building for victims, prisoner transport (broken-down elevators for example), structural concerns (parking structure)
- Discussion and decision around phasing of this project and new survey details:
 - Phase I only
 - All phases/whole project

- Action item: New PAB write-up with clearer phasing details

Safety Evidence Storage (DOS Storage)

- Discussion around this being a bond vs. CIP project since it seems like general maintenance of the City and County of Denver as opposed to a project that would benefit residents directly
- Currently partially funded in 2023 budget year – design completed
- Discussion around deferred maintenance not high priority for bond for some subcommittee members
- Survey showed low scores on evaluation criteria and overall lower score than other projects based on criteria and rubric

IV. Next steps: No Tranche C, but Tranche D will be provided around 5/8

- No Tranche C projects for this subcommittee
- Anticipate Tranche D projects

V. Next meeting: Thursday, May 8th, 2:15-4:15pm at the Webb Building, Room 4G4

Action Items

- New survey link with same projects with the addition of Phase I and “all-in” projects for Animal Shelter and PAB
- New PAB write-up with updated information