

Subcommittee Breakout Sessions - Minutes

Subcommittee: Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods

Details: 5/8/2025, Webb Building 4G4, 2:15pm-4:15pm

City Facilitator: Jackson Brockway, Department of Finance



Members in attendance

- Monica Martinez
- Barb Archer
- Mike Somma
- Amanda Sawyer
- Serena Gonzales-Gutierrez
- Nita Gonzalez (virtual)

City Staff in Attendance

- Zarah Levy (virtual)
- Magen Dodge
- Owen Brigner
- Jenny (Olson) Keese
- Jackson Brockway
- Emily Marcus
- Troy Morelli
- Emily Ochoa (virtual)
- Evan Dryer (virtual)
- Aric Thompson (virtual)
- Rodrigo Acevedo (virtual)
- Steve Bohn (virtual)
- Nicole Monroe

Not in attendance: Frankie Lawrence, Steve Foster, Yoal Ghebremeskel, Vernon Jones Jr.

Agenda with Meeting Minutes

- I. [Welcome/Introductions/Favorite Colorado Mountain](#)
- II. [Review of “second pass” surveys and discuss scoring results and tiering for Tranche A and B](#)
 - Only 4 respondents to the survey this round with updated PAB and Denver Animal Shelter breakouts into full scope and Phase I of scope
 - Ability to provide commentary, rubric-level scoring, and additional detail to executive committee
 - Chair will present to executive committee
 - No additional follow-ups on Tranche A and Tranche B projects
- III. [Preview of “Tranche D” projects \(no Tranche C projects for this subcommittee\): \(a\) Combined Training Facility, \(b\) Parks Lighting Citywide Program, \(c\) Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design \(CPTED\), \(d\) Denver Health Westside Clinic, and \(e\) Denver Children’s Advocacy Center](#)
 - Ability to discuss preview of Tranche D projects ahead of finalization and project summaries on 5/9 to enable additional discussion time for subcommittee

- Discussion with regards to bond-eligible project criteria and how it was presented at community meetings and online versus what it actually means with regards to city-owned assets, acquiring land, etc. In order to receive bond funds it must be city owned. Real estate acquisition is allowable; there are many nuances with regards to what is allowable with various restrictions, capital funding, etc.

Combined Training Facility

- High priority from agency perspective, subcommittee member perspective
- Data from the community survey shows a need for better and more training, in addition to more officers, which this would help solve
- Phased approach most likely; project is based on a 2014 master plan with location being at the Roslyn Campus; DOTI would need to move out and water quality work will need to take place
 - DOTI move and water quality is outside the scope of this potential project and cost estimate
- Discussion with regards to the gas station, DOTI facilities, fleet vehicles, fleet repair, etc.
- 2014 master plan potentially outdated due to changes in the geographic area and demographic area – more residential neighborhoods built in that vicinity since the master plan, which will potentially impact training ability (burn building, shooting facility)
- Land near DIA for this project? Follow-up with Real Estate team
 - Important point with regards to this project is Roslyn location vs. larger, farther out location
- Think about a facility that will be there for 20-30 years and for the future trainees – find land that fits the needs versus smaller land with potential impact to neighborhoods and residents. Land solution will be large discussion with project summary

Programs in Tranche D: Parks Citywide Lighting Program and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

- Jackson explained the background with regards to programs in the bond project lists: individual, smaller standalone projects (like one street crossing) wouldn't make it on the bond, however, because so many options and community ideas are presented, a larger package can be pulled together (pedestrian crossings overall)
 - Different ways to package projects – Harvey Park Lighting as standalone vs. program of Citywide Parks Lighting – multiple other projects have been identified and prioritized by the public, council, and agencies – packaging allows for greatest need and want to be reflected
 - Different approaches to how the subcommittee can handle programs
- CPTED will be considered separate from park lighting. CPTED may include lighting but these projects are considered separately because CPTED can involve other areas, such as alleyway lighting, streetscapes, activation, etc.
- CPTED will be for city-owned facilities, ROW, and alleyways – not private businesses
- Citywide Parks Lighting is within Denver Parks and Recreation; CPTED is within the Department of Safety
- Nicole discussed how some PNI efforts are already being captured and wants the committee to think about these items from an equitable and proactive lens
- Councilmember Sawyer discussed two opposing lenses to look through these programs: (1) programs will directly impact the safety of the neighborhood, especially with the value

provided for the cost; (2) citywide projects and programs have historically not been as inclusive to District 5 and wants named projects rather than citywide programs to ensure D5 and other neighborhoods get what is promised for transparency rather than leaving it up to the agencies. Councilmember Gonzales-Gutierrez echoes this point and thinks its good governance to show where the projects are going

- Discussion around commentary with programs in bond ballot language and how this can provide named projects while leaving some of it open but that it can also leave it too open with not enough transparency for where the bond is going in communities

IV. Discussion process for finalizing tiering: (a) Tranche D finalized 5/9, (b) Consider final meeting (can be virtual) on Friday, May 16th for 45-60 minutes

- Councilmembers unable to meet on Friday 5/16 due to retreat
- Discussion around potential meetings week of May 19th if allowable to finish tiering
- Tranche D projects will be sent virtually as soon as ready, including survey for all subcommittee members to take ahead of 5/15 meeting
- Jackson will follow-up with Real Estate, Department of Safety, and other necessary groups to ensure requested additional information is provided to the subcommittees

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

- Presentations for Denver Westside Clinic and Denver Children’s Advocacy Center will be at the 5/15 meeting for Tranche D projects

Action Items

- Follow-up on how subcommittee vs. executive committee were seated, especially with regards to members that were previously on subcommittees and how replaced if so
- Reach out to Real Estate team with regards to Combined Training Facility
- Provide all Tranche D information virtually when ready on 5/9
- Updated survey for all subcommittee members to fill out prior to 5/15 meeting