

LINCOLN / Broadway CORRIDOR REGISTERED NEIGHBORHOOD ORGANIZATION (L/BCRNO)

Minutes of the Monthly Membership Meeting

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Held via Zoom videoconference and in person at Natural Grocers

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair, Rob Fouhy, called the meeting to order at approximately 6:04 p.m. after brief technical delays connecting via Zoom.

II. ATTENDANCE

Presiding: Rob Fouhy, President

Members/attendees identified by name in the recording: Caitlin Braun, Brittany Spinner, Mike & Mimi, Catherine

Guest presenters: Porch Fest; James, staff of the Front Range Passenger Rail District.

Also present (departed after the police report): Officer Sanchez and Officer Silva, Denver Police Department, District 3.

III. POLICE REPORT — Officer Sanchez, DPD District 3

- A traffic-signal study for Lincoln Street and Dakota Avenue is underway in response to concerns about the RTD bus lane on Lincoln Street.
- Upcoming District 3 community events: CAP Meeting, Tuesday, September 2, 6:00–7:00 p.m., District 3 Station (1625 S. University Blvd.), featuring Detective Young.
- Hero Fest, Saturday, October 3, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m., South High School (1700 E. Louisiana Ave.).
- Halloween Festival/Carnival, Sunday, October 25, 1:00–3:00 p.m., District 3 Station.
- A member asked DPD to research a report of a body found some 5–7 years ago behind a Broadway business (near a dumpster/alley). Officer Sanchez agreed to check call history and follow up, noting records are typically retained about five years.
- Officer Silva had no additional updates. Both officers left the call following this report.

IV. GUEST PRESENTATION — PORCH FEST

Porch Fest presented, a volunteer-run, grassroots-funded festival in the Baker neighborhood.

- Date: October 3, 12:00 p.m.–7:00 p.m.
- Features local artists, community members, and a vendor market sourced entirely from local vendors.

- A lead-up fundraiser event is planned this Saturday in partnership with the Sanchez Baker Garden, including a block party with three local acts.
- Sponsorship, donation, and neighborhood-band hosting opportunities are available; interested members were invited to reach out directly.

V. COUNCIL OFFICE UPDATE (Councilwoman Alvidrez's office)

A. Budget season

Members were asked to email the Council office with budget priorities for the coming cycle — e.g., public safety, street/road infrastructure, and library investment.

B. Street racing / illegal off-road vehicles

- Members reported nightly (approximately 9:00 p.m.) unlicensed dirt-bike, motorcycle, and off-road-vehicle activity on Broadway.
- DPD is assembling a task force drawn from multiple precincts to patrol specifically for this activity on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.
- The Council office encouraged residents to report every incident via 311 or 911 to build a documented pattern.
- A member noted having previously located and reported organizing groups for these rides on TikTok and Instagram; the Council office indicated this detail would be shared with DPD's ongoing check-ins.

C. Constitution Building Club

An event was announced for the following day at 5:00 p.m. at the Habitat for Humanity site near Ruby Hill Park off Navajo Street; further information was posted to the Council office's Instagram.

D. Broncos/Burnham Yard community event

A Broncos-stadium-related community event for the Baker neighborhood is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8; the Council office asked that L/BCRNO members be included as active participants given the area's proximity to the stadium site. Details were not yet finalized. In discussion, a member asked whether a nearby street is being considered for conversion into a through-thoroughfare connecting to the stadium area; the Council office confirmed this is under discussion by the stadium redevelopment team and encouraged members to attend and provide input if they have concerns.

E. Denver Public Library

The Council office is corresponding with Denver Public Library regarding restoring service in the area following the closure of the Ross-Broadway branch, including bookmobile access. Members may contact the Council office directly for bookmobile scheduling information.

VI. GUEST PRESENTATION — FRONT RANGE PASSENGER RAIL DISTRICT ("COCO"/Colorado Connector)

James, staff of the Front Range Passenger Rail District (FRPRD), presented on the district's proposed intercity passenger rail service between Fort Collins and Pueblo ("COCO"), noting that the FRPRD board is scheduled to vote the following Friday on referring a ballot measure to voters. As the district's rules restrict staff from advocating a yes/no position once the board acts, this was described as a narrow window for informational outreach.

- Route: approximately 190 miles between Fort Collins and Pueblo, covering roughly 85% of Colorado's population.
- A "starter service" of 3 round trips/day between Fort Collins and Denver is already funded (via RTD FasTracks sales-tax reserves plus new state rental-car and oil-and-gas fees) and is targeted for 2029, independent of the ballot outcome.
- The proposed ballot measure is a permanent 0.333% regional sales tax (~\$300 million/year) intended to fund expansion to 10 round trips/day (Fort Collins–Denver) and 8 round trips/day (Denver–Pueblo) within 5 years of passage.
- Comparison cited: first phase of California High-Speed Rail is approximately \$120 billion, versus roughly \$300–332 million for FRPRD's first phase.
- Two special-event-only stations are being contemplated near the new Broncos stadium (Burnham Yard) and at South Broadway; members and the presenter discussed the case for making South Broadway a permanent, full-time station given existing RTD light-rail connectivity, and the presenter confirmed L/BCRNO is not alone in raising this and that the feedback is being shared with the FRPRD board.
- Local infrastructure around stations (parking, pedestrian/bike connections, last-mile transit) would be funded through a 25-year "local return" intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with each municipality; Denver's allocation was cited as approximately \$247.5 million over 25 years. Members raised concerns about ongoing station-area maintenance and cleanliness responsibility, which the presenter said would be defined in the IGA with host municipalities.
- Fare integration with RTD and other regional transit agencies (a state-mandated common-fare study) was discussed, with an estimated base fare around 19 cents/mile.
- Several members urged the presenter to frame the ballot campaign around job access, affordability, and opportunity for transit-dependent residents rather than discretionary/event travel, citing risk that a "novelty" framing could undercut voter support.

No motion was made; this item was informational and for stakeholder feedback.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Letter of Support — D4 Urban / Broadway Park Royal Metropolitan District Greenway Project

Rob Fouhy relayed a request from Dan Cohen, President of D4 Urban, to convert the fenced stormwater detention pond at I-25 and Broadway into a landscaped last-mile pedestrian/bicycle greenway connecting the Baker neighborhood to the Alameda and Broadway RTD light-rail stations. The project would be designed, built, and maintained by D4 Urban and the Broadway Park Royal Metropolitan District using previously collected Regional Build Levy funds already restricted under an existing city IGA to Broadway Corridor multimodal and Alameda Station connectivity uses, at no cost to the City or to neighborhood residents. D4 Urban requested a letter of support to present to the City and County of Denver.

MOTION: To send a letter of support for the D4 Urban / Broadway Park Royal Metropolitan District greenway project connecting the Baker neighborhood to the Alameda and Broadway light-rail stations.

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Discussion: A member noted the project would also help deliver a previously promised (and never completed) bicycle connection along Exposition Avenue.

Vote: Carried without objection (voice vote).

B. Co-Sponsorship — At-Large Council Seat B Candidate Forum

Caitlin reported that the GID planned "South Broadway Sessions" candidate forum is being combined with a similar effort by the West Wash Park and Athmar Park neighborhood associations into a single joint forum for the special election to fill the vacant citywide At-Large Council Seat B, scheduled for September 22 at Bar 404. As of the meeting, 18 candidates had filed to run, with the filing deadline the following day. Caitlin confirmed that co-hosting a nonpartisan, moderated forum without endorsing any candidate is permissible for the organization, consistent with prior research on this question.

MOTION: To add the L/BCRNO logo in support of, and co-host, the September 22 At-Large Council Seat B candidate forum at Bar 404.

Discussion: None raised.

Vote: Carried without objection (voice vote).

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. End-of-Summer Festival

- Approximately 45 vendor booths confirmed to date — described as a record; organizers are also trying to coordinate space with the Broadway Fleet vendors.
- Layout revised to add a second row of booths down the middle of the parking lot.
- "Junk Rangers" will provide on-site trash and recycling service at no cost in exchange for parking space for their truck and trailer.
- Sponsorships confirmed to date: Urban Paw (\$300), Bowman Law (\$300), Denver Health/Import Mechanics (\$250), Luke's (\$300), and Council District 7 (\$1,000).
- Two food trucks confirmed, including a new vendor serving Mexican food.
- A bounce castle has been secured along with special-event general-liability insurance, obtained at roughly half of last year's cost after a lengthy search for a carrier willing to cover it.
- A yard-sale/garage-sale table will run alongside the auction and stage areas to benefit the organization; unsold items will go to Goodwill. A prohibited-items list (including weapons and knives) will be circulated and posted at event entrances.
- Street-parking permits were filed late this year; organizers plan to reserve space informally (cones/tape) as a workaround.
- Promotion expanded this year: roughly 750 postcards for a two-block radius beyond the normal newsletter distribution area, plus posters for local businesses and community boards.

B. South Broadway Sessions — Public Safety Edition

Scheduled for next Tuesday, 4:00–6:00 p.m. Panelists will include the Executive Director of Public Safety, the Denver Sheriff, the Fire Chief, and the Police Chief. Members were strongly encouraged to attend (even partway through) and to submit questions in advance, as the moderator needs member-driven questions for the panel. An L/BCRNO update on the End-of-Summer Festival is also planned for this session.

C. Placemaking and Streetscape Strategy RFP

The GID has posted a request for proposals for a corridor-wide Placemaking and Streetscape Strategy, available on its website under the About Us section. The scope includes tree-well and planting standards, seating and trash-receptacle upgrades, and a welcoming corridor gateway/identity treatment, along with a phased funding and rollout plan (e.g., financing versus a multi-year phased approach). Members were asked to share the RFP with any urban-planning contacts.

D. DOTI Bus Lane Planning

Following earlier outreach to the Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI) and DPD, DOTI is developing bus-lane concepts for the corridor and plans to present its proposal at next month's meeting.

E. "Northbridge" Pedestrian Bridge (I-25 crossing)

Members reported that planning funds — approximately \$4 million, including a federal contribution — have been secured for the Northbridge pedestrian bridge project; this covers planning only, not construction. A follow-up conversation specifically addressing I-25 crossing issues is expected.

F. Halloween on Broadway

- Parade: October 17.
- Bar Crawl: October 24 — returning after a successful prior year (approximately 500 attendees).
- Approximately 55 floats already committed as of the meeting date; members were asked to refer anyone interested in sponsoring or entering a float to sign up promptly.

G. Membership

A brief membership update was raised but deferred/left incomplete within this session.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and carried without objection. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:01 p.m.

Minutes prepared from the Zoom recording/transcript of the August 19, 2026 meeting.