

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

Lincoln/Broadway Corridor RNO

Date: March 18, 2024
Time: 6:08 PM – approximately 7:32 PM
Location: In-person meeting with one remote attendee
Presiding Officer: Rob Fouhy, President
Recording Secretary: Caitlin Braun
Quorum: Quorum present

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 PM by President Rob Fouhy. One member, Brittany Spinner, attended remotely, and arrived in person mid-way through the meeting

II. ATTENDANCE

Members Present (In-Person)

- Rob Fouhy, President
- Morgan Isaacs, Board Member
- Caitlin Braun, Board Member
- Marlene Nuechterlein, Board Member
- Sarah Gautrad, Board Member
- Brittany Spinner, Vice President

Guest Speakers & Friends of LBCRNO

- Molly Lanphier, Community Liaison, Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI)
- Mike Fitch, Friends of LBCRNO
- Mimi, Friends of LBCRNO
- Christina Noto, WWPNA

III. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

The President noted that meeting minutes from the previous meeting were not yet available for review. Approval of minutes was deferred to a future meeting.

IV. GUEST SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Molly Lanphier — Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI)

Ms. Lanphier introduced herself as a newly reassigned Community Liaison for DOTI, formerly part of the Community Design Team. She explained that due to organizational restructuring and capacity reductions, the team had been reduced from four members to two, splitting the city geographically. This neighborhood is new to her assignment.

Ms. Lanphier stated she would review a list of transportation concerns previously submitted by the neighborhood and provide status updates on each item.

A. Virginia Avenue Protected Bike Lane

Ms. Lanphier reported that a protected bike lane on Virginia Avenue will not be installed. The roadway is too narrow to meet engineering standards, which require a minimum width of 36 feet; the relevant section of Virginia Avenue measures less than 30 feet.

Brittany Spinner, participating remotely, noted that a protected bike lane on Virginia was a priority when the project originated in 2020, and that the community had strongly advocated for it. She reported personally witnessing two near-miss incidents with cyclists at that intersection within the past month.

Ms. Lanspierre acknowledged the safety concerns and offered to obtain further project history, but confirmed the current configuration cannot meet standards for a protected lane.

B. Dakota Street / Lincoln Street Signal Project

Ms. Lanphier provided the following update on the Dakota & Lincoln signalization project:

- The project is entering the design phase. A consultant contract is in the process of being awarded.
- The design process is anticipated to last one year and will include community engagement.
- Approximately \$30,000 has been allocated for community engagement as part of this project.
- The current project scope and budget do not include a protected bike lane, but Ms. Lanphier committed to communicating with the project team to ensure the design does not preclude a protected lane from being added in the future.

Discussion ensued regarding the dangerous conditions at the Dakota/Lincoln intersection, including:

- Cars attempting left turns from Lincoln onto Dakota swinging too wide and striking parked vehicles.
- The bus lane on Lincoln operating as an informal express bypass lane, with vehicles traveling at elevated speeds.
- Inadequate road width for two-way parking and through traffic simultaneously.
- The neighborhood has advocated for converting Dakota to a one-way street since 2020.

Ms. Lanphier requested that the neighborhood provide a written summary of their specific concerns and priorities to relay to the project engineering team. She emphasized the importance of framing requests as problems rather than prescribing specific solutions, to allow engineers to evaluate feasibility.

C. Fourth & Lincoln Intersection

A member raised safety concerns at the Fourth & Lincoln intersection, noting the absence of a traffic signal and proximity to a new hotel development. Ms. Lanphier stated the intersection is not currently in DOTI's active project pipeline but offered to research its status.

In response to questions regarding new development and traffic impact, Ms. Lanphier explained that Community Planning and Development (CPD), not DOTI, handles zoning changes and requires developers to submit traffic management plans. She advised members that such plans are public record and can be obtained through CPD or via a CORA (Colorado Open Records Act) request. Councilwoman Albus Brooks' office was also identified as a resource.

D. Lincoln/Broadway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Corridor

A member inquired about the long-range plan to extend Bus Rapid Transit service to the Lincoln/Broadway corridor, similar to the Colfax BRT project currently underway. Ms. Lanphier indicated that Speer and Alameda corridors are on the docket for future BRT consideration, but she had no specific information about Broadway/Lincoln.

E. Bus Lane Enforcement and Safety

Members raised concerns about the Lincoln Street bus lane being used as an express lane by unauthorized vehicles, contributing to dangerous conditions. Discussion included:

- The elimination of jaywalking laws and its effect on pedestrian risk assessment.
- The utility of speed feedback signs and their diminishing effect when displayed continuously.
- Signal timing on Broadway as a potential contributing factor to traffic backup and aggressive driving behavior.
- The distinction between engineering solutions (DOTI), enforcement (Denver Police Department), and education as the 'Three E's' of traffic safety.

Ms. Lanphier acknowledged these concerns and noted that DOTI can analyze signal timing at individual intersections, which is less resource-intensive than a full corridor analysis. She committed to looking into the signal timing on Broadway.

F. Signage Concerns

Members reported multiple instances of confusing, incorrect, or inconsistently replaced signage in the neighborhood, including directional arrows and one-way/wrong-way signs. Ms. Lanphier offered to conduct a walking site visit with members to document signage issues. She noted that correcting signage is a relatively straightforward task if errors are identified and documented.

G. Scooter Policy and Regulation

Discussion arose regarding the city's scooter contract. Ms. Lanphier noted that a news article reporting the contract outcome may have been published the same day. She explained that the decision to move to a single scooter vendor (rather than two competing vendors) was made in part because a dual-vendor arrangement resulted in scooters being concentrated in high-demand areas and underserved in lower-density neighborhoods.

Concerns about scooters riding on sidewalks and near ADA-compliant infrastructure were raised. Members discussed the possibility of signage directing scooters to bike lanes. Ms. Lanphier acknowledged this as a valid suggestion, though it falls outside DOTI's direct purview.

H. DOTI Communication and Follow-Up

Ms. Lanphier provided her contact information: molly.Lanphier@denvergov.org. She encouraged the neighborhood to:

- Submit a prioritized list of transportation concerns (top 5–10 items).
- File 311 requests for street-level issues, and provide the 311 ticket number to her directly for tracking.
- Contact her when 311 responses are generic, so she can facilitate a more substantive response from the responsible engineer.

The President thanked Ms. Lanphier for attending and expressed that her presence restored confidence in DOTI's willingness to engage with the neighborhood.

V. CORRESPONDENCE

The President reported that a letter was sent to Denver Water, co-authored with Brittany Spinner and WWPNA, requesting action on lead pipe replacement on the neighborhood's side of the system. The President noted that Molly Lanphier (DOTI) was copied on the letter as a courtesy, although lead pipe remediation is not within DOTI's jurisdiction.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Bylaw Amendments — Membership Eligibility & Board Succession

The President presented proposed amendments to the organization's bylaws. The proposed changes were summarized as follows:

- Expansion of membership to include 'Friends of the Community' — individuals who reside outside the formal neighborhood boundaries but wish to participate. This category may hold certain board positions but may not comprise more than 50% of chair positions.
- The President and Vice President positions remain restricted to residents within the neighborhood boundaries who qualify as community members.
- Eligibility for the Presidency now requires prior service in an officer position (Secretary, Treasurer) for at least one full term. Previously, service as Treasurer or Secretary was required; the amendment expands this to include chair-level positions as a pathway to the Vice Presidency.
- A chair position holder may now run for Vice President, whereas previously only officers (Treasurer/Secretary) were eligible.
- An attendance policy was confirmed: board members who miss three consecutive meetings without prior notice may be subject to removal from the board by vote.
- The social media director position was split into two separate roles.

The proposed bylaws have been posted to the neighborhood website for public comment. The President requested that members review the document and submit comments prior to the formal vote, which is anticipated at the next meeting.

Ms. Noto from WWPNA expressed support for the expanded membership model and offered to communicate the changes positively to neighboring residents.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Broadway Improvement District (JID/BID) — Introduction

Caitlin Braun introduced herself as the new Executive Director of the Broadway Improvement District (GID), in her first official week in the role. She provided the following updates:

- A contract with a clean and safe team is being negotiated and is expected to begin rolling out in the near future, with full operations anticipated by early summer.
- A neighborhood survey is underway to gather input from residents, business owners, and visitors. Surveys are available on social media, via email, and posted on Broadway. Results will be used to develop a district identity and marketing strategy.
- In-depth interviews are being conducted with approximately 15 stakeholders, including the President and Vice President of LBCRNO.
- A marketing/branding team with deep ties to the Broadway corridor has been engaged.

B. Block Party Planning Update - End of Summer Festival

Ms. Nuecherlein provided an update on planning for the annual neighborhood block party. A planning meeting is proposed for April 21st. The following items were reported:

- One food truck from the prior year has confirmed participation.
- A coffee cart vendor that participated previously has indicated interest in returning.
- A second food truck with a large social media following is being contacted.
- Two donations have already been received.
- The music performer from the prior year (lead singer, formerly of Handlebars) is expected to be contacted.
- The church venue has confirmed the use of their sound system, addressing a prior issue with audio reach in the parking lot area.
- The inflatable bounce castle will return and will be positioned near the front of the property.
- Event insurance for the organization is being researched.
- The President noted she will be unavailable for the month of June and is working to finalize vendor and logistics arrangements in advance.

C. Upcoming Events

The following events were announced by Ms. Isaacs:

- Candle Making Event: Currently at capacity; waitlist available. Details to be communicated by email.
- Neighborhood Cleanup: Sunday, April 19th, starting at 10:00 AM. A volunteer is needed to lead the south side of the cleanup route. Members were invited to coordinate participation.
- May Social Event: Saturday, May 17th, 12:00 PM, at Luke's. Event will include a barbecue, drinks provided by the host, and a tie-dye activity (bandanas provided; attendees encouraged to bring additional items).
- Informal Lunch: Friday of the current week, 1:00 PM. Open to interested members; details available from the President.

D. Social Media Update

The social media committee reported growth of 27 newsletter subscribers and 22 additional social media followers since the last update. Overall social media following exceeds 1,000. The board confirmed that the organization will no longer post on X (formerly Twitter) due to low engagement; primary platforms will be Instagram, Nextdoor, and Facebook.

E. I-25 / Broadway Corridor — Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) Update

A member noted that plans for the I-25 design project appear to terminate at I-25 rather than extending through the neighborhood's portion of Broadway. It was reported that CDOT has prepared drawings for street modifications south of I-25, which may affect the Broadway corridor. The current status of any DOTI takeover of this segment remains unclear. No formal action was taken.

VIII. MOTIONS

MOTION	
Motion to adjourn the meeting.	Moved by: Morgan Isaacs Seconded by: Caitlin Braun Result: Approved — motion carried

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. Morgan Isaacs moved to adjourn; Caitlin Braun seconded. The motion carried.

X. NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting of the LBCRNO is scheduled for the first Tuesday of April. A block party planning meeting is proposed for April 21st.

Recording Secretary
LBCRNO

Date Approved