

This meeting was held via Zoom video conference.

Eric Jones, Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:03PM

The following Board members were present: Eric Jones, Christine Takara, Dan McCurdy, Eric Dye, Howard Greenberg, Damon Barone, David Mesa, Justin Apper, and Betsy Brennan.

The following guests were present: Marc Bielas , Steve Kohn, and Angelica Fernandez.

The following DSDP staff members were present: Sean Warner, Marshall Anderson, Aimee Newman, Alonso Vivas, and Morgen Ruby.

Motion to approve September 30, 2020 meeting minutes (D. Mesa, E. Dye). Approved unanimously.

Sean Warner mentioned two seats are still unfilled – VP and secretary, and is seeking nominations.

Warner reviewed FY21 Neighborhood Parking Program updates.

Warner asked attendees about Columbia neighborhood characteristics and branding visions to help define placemaking priorities.

Jones mentioned trash is an issue and advocates for more attractive alternatives and to transition out surface level parking to create more space for people. Jones mentions Columbia is not as defined as Little Italy and there is an opportunity to promote art and music to help build identity.

Warner mentions database for murals and public art and offers folks to send him suggestions to add to the database.

Mesa mentions there is a lack of neighborhood identity for folks leaving Santa Fe Depot and there is an opportunity to provide wayfinding and signage.

Greenberg expressed concerns over neighborhood identity and neighborhood name and provides suggestions for name alternatives, taglines, and introducing more public art and speakers to play music away from residential streets.

Fernandez agrees with Greenberg and suggests more live music events and characteristic art pieces.

Jones agrees with Fernandez about art pieces and suggests pushing for public art requirements for new development and questions neighborhood/city policies on live music.

Newman provides overview for FY20 Financial Report.

Jones asks for list of current placemaking projects to be provided and suggests IQHQ representative to February 3rd Board meeting.

Greenberg asked about office building occupancy and plan of return.

Brennan will provide data once available.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:15PM.