

East Colfax Partners 2025 Q4 Safety Meeting Minutes
December 10th 10am-11:30am
Sarahi's Kitchen
8135 E Colfax Ave Denver CO 80220
Doors open @ 9:45am

Attendees: Monica Martinez (The Fax), Hamid (Famous Buffalo Wings), Alejandra Munoz (The Fax), John Feld (The Fax), Jakelin (El Chalate), Councilwoman Lewis, Wide GM (Avalon Motorsports), Helen and Lidia (EC3), Christie (DPD), Monique (ECNA), Raquel (BRT Outreach), Tiger Kim (Tiger Kim Academy), Alvaro (Chibi Cafe), Lauren (DEDO), Dawne Holden (Resident/Fax Board), Cassie Williams (DDHPE), Veronica Conchas (The Fax), Nicole Rice Collins (The Fax - Shelters), Ryan (CIG), Kraemer, BRT Manager, Rachel Lyons (DEDO), Heather, Priscilla (DOTI), Christian (DOTI), Heather (D@ CRO), Isabela (d2 cro), Borquez (d2 cro), Mcluskey (d2), Commander Aragon (DPD), Paolo (RTD Riders Alliance), Jenna (Quince Coffee House), Sarahi and Jesus (Sarahi's Kitchen), Christina (Laundry Plus Colfax/Quebec), Nicolas (Huntington bank), Jambo (Jambo Motors), Berhane (Colfax Motors), Daniel T. Alemayehu (MD East Colfax Liquors).

1. Introductions	10:00-10:05
2. Recap of Last Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alejandra Recapped prior meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Commander Aragon introduced Christie, Violent Crime down YoY in D2 – largest of any district, recognized that the bench outside of Sarahi (Colfax and Uinta) is still an issue, Safety walk in July. Has 2 yorkies. ○ DOTI Updates: CPTED training underway, streetlights underway, Activation projects being planned, Micro grants delayed ○ R2R: Erin and Chris described R2R 	10:05-10:10

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3. Denver Police Department District 2 Report Out

- PNI Work
- Business Watch Program
 - Commander Aragon: Christie handing out report update, violent crime reduction at 36.6% YoY (so steady relative to last Q)
- PNI still in effect – Colfax/Verbena is the centerpoint
- Just submitted goals to the chief for the district – one of which is partnering with organizations to revitalize abandoned properties along EC. Working with Aurora more as well – both in enforcement but also in community outreach.
- Dawn inquired: what is going on with other crimes?
 - 12% reduction in other crimes
 - Commander Aragon (Please call when you see something – work is data driven so they need to know what's going – will mean more resources)
- Lauren: how can DEDO/City help businesses help DPD?
 - Aragon: Business Watch – this will be tailored to business, area, etc...
 - Business watch is not district dependent
 - There will be training at the beginning of next year
- Monica: What is happening at Regis Motel?
 - No update/change there
- - Ryan: DPD – RTD connection
 - There is a partnership between DPD and RTD as BRT comes to East Colfax/D2. Addressing issues like the bus stop. Partnership is good.
- Paolo: Recognizing the issue of the Uinta bus stop – sometimes buses don't even stop there. The Colfax line (15) has the highest ridership but also highest rate of assault – a driver every other day on average. Other areas have resource offices on buses – is that possible in Denver?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Aragon: That would be great but has to go through the city. Bus stops are owned by RTD so DPD needs a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that would allow Denver to act directly instead of needing RTD present.● Paolo: There have been other stops that removed the shelter to increase safety for riders and businesses. Why can't this be done here at Colfax/Uinta where there is active drug use, guns, etc...<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Monica indicated this is something that has been brought to Councilwoman Lewis' office and she was not in favor of the removal – but Monica offered to connect Paolo to her staff to continue this conversation.● Google “RTD crime stats” – Ryan indicated that this is a new tool that was just released by RTD. If D2 responds to a crime on RTD property, it is counted amongst D2 statistics. | |
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<p>4. City of Denver's Department of Public Health and Environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Roads 2 Recovery<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Cassie introduced herself and what falls under DDHPE:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Calling 991 or non-emergency line (7209132000) will have the call taker make a call on appropriate response – including STAR, or having a mental health clinician join DPD.■ City agencies are working across agencies to assess 311 data. So if you put in a call or online ticket, all that data is reviewed by DPD/DOTI/Park Rangers/Housing/DDHPE, etc... and then teams are deployed to address these issues – mental health and substance abuse matters especially.■ Nicole: Inquired what is the protocol for how STAR responds to matters – residents will be left even when they are going through clear mental distress because they've refused intervention from STAR. How can they be expected to say yes when they are going through extreme mental turmoil at the moment?<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cassie: Rights cannot be violated, services are voluntary, and someone cannot be forcibly moved where they do not want to be. The only time this can be transgressed is if they are posing an imminent danger to themselves or others, or they are entirely incapacitated and unable to complete basic functions, etc...	<p>10:25-10:40</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● STAR does not pertain to criminal activity. If you are being threatened or harmed, that is a call for 911. ● Christian: Is there an outpatient mental health provider? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wellpower – Colfax and Claremont. 	
<p>5. City of Denver's Department of Infrastructure and Transportation Report Out</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Safer Streets 2. CPTED assessments/grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christian: Update on Safer Streets Grant (\$860k total grant size for the area) – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Working with The Fax and EC3 on activation projects to be completed by June 26. ○ There will be 25 street level lights installed by June 26. ○ \$2000 micro grants for business between Yosemite and Quebec – via CPTED assessment. ● Priscila replacing Courtney, introduced herself. 	<p>10:40-10:55</p>

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<p>6. Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Project Updatesb. Timeline Segment 4c. BIO Fund program<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Ryan thanked Sarahi for the amazing food and hospitality, and introduced himself and Heather.● Heather's role is to provide updates about construction● Ryan and his team will be supporting businesses● Now that construction is making it's way to EC, the work will be more concerted● Heather: There is a Colfax BRT website that is updated weekly, includes traffic changes, etc... - Goal is to help keep people informed, keep customers coming in even during construction. There is also a construction hotline – please reach out with any questions. The team can come out to work with RNOs, HOA, BIDs, Businesses, etc...● Heather introduced Todd to provide timeline:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Quebec Station in January○ Flatwork/street level in the spring○ Kraemer can take down the problem station shelters so if they get the go ahead, they can○ Monaco/Quebec/Syracuse/Uinta/Yosemite are the 5 stops east○ The stations will be center median, more lighting, higher security● Ryan: CIG does monthly Chats on Colfax to help businesses, and as the arches go up, they undertake parties to engage press, bring attention to businesses. #Webackthefax enters you into a drawing for Colfax Cash, and there is now a Fax Pass (business passport).<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Tiger Kim asked about parking loss as construction starts. Heather – most on	<p>10:55-11:10</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;">street parking is maintained as long as it is safe to keep it. They will work with businesses to keep as much as possible – will work to find solutions where possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dawn: What's happening RE crime in construction areas. Todd – we are seeing a decrease. Lauren – DEDO is building out trackers for businesses, traffic, crime, etc... ○ If businesses have issues with construction workers parking in business lots – contact construction hotline. 	
<p>7. East Colfax Organizations' Report Out</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tymber introduced themselves from Councilwoman Lewis' office – looking for volunteers for their upcoming seniors event. Reaching out about community panels to start next year. ● EC3 – No update ● ECNA – Monique – Neighborhood Potluck at Sarahi's next week 	11:10- 11:25
<p>8. Wrap Up & Next Steps</p>	11:25-11:30

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