

Berkeley Regis United Neighbors

Virtual Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2021

1. Call to Order
2. Open Microphone Topics
 - a. Notice of Public Feedback Session for proposed legislative changes to the Denver Marijuana Code. Community Feedback Session scheduled on Wednesday, 02/17, from 5-7pm via Zoom.
3. Old Business
 - a. Outreach on proposed Marijuana License Transfer of Location at 3609 W 49th Ave.
 - i. Two Excise and Licenses Hearings were held on Jan 29, 2021 (9am & 1pm)
 - ii. BRUN representative, Steven T, was in attendance and offered survey results into evidence that BRUN had gathered. Survey results consisted of comments from several adjacent property owners that were both in support and in opposition to the 'License Transfer of Location'. The majority of responders were opposed.
 - iii. At Hearing #1-Retail License, the 01/29, 9am, the survey results were not admitted because it did not include names and addresses of the responders.
 - iv. At Hearing #2-Medical License, the 01/29, 1pm, after a sworn statement of legitimacy by BRUN representatives, the survey results were admitted into evidence.
 - v. Inconsistency between the Excise and Licenses Hearings held virtually on Zoom were pointed out. Though the officers in charge of Hearing #1 & #2 verbally asked for further comments from attendees, they did not check for people in the chat section asking to speak. This resulted in a number of people being left with no ability to comment.
 - vi. Both License Transfer actions were recommended to move forward by the officers in charge. Some errors in hearing documentation have been submitted for appeal by BRUN. 1) Asking for the BRUN survey results to be admitted into evidence for both hearings & 2) Asking that hearing procedures be reviewed to better respond to a virtual hearing format.
 - vii. BRUN is asking Excise and Licenses to provide clarity on their standard procedures. This may take the form of an online meeting on the topic to explore and understand.
4. New Business
 - a. Discussion on prior recordings of BRUN Board of Directors virtual meetings.
 - i. Should BRUN Board meeting recordings be posted on the BRUN website and made available for download?
 1. All BRUN Board meetings are open to the public and there's nothing in the BRUN bylaws that would prevent the release of recordings online.
 2. If approved, all BRUN Board meetings should begin with an announcement that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted online.

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- ii. Should recordings of Zoning and Planning (ZAP) Committee meetings be posted?
 1. Topics presented and considered in ZAP meetings may be confidential in nature. Property owners and developers frequently attend to show conceptual information that may not yet be approved for official release.
 2. Some committee members have expressed concern about releasing recorded information.
 - iii. BRUN Board Vote: Post ONLY recorded BRUN Board meetings to website?
 1. 8 in favor; 0 in opposition
5. Bylaws Review – Thad T.
 - a. Suggested Change 1: Add statement to support diversity and promote awareness of potential inequality in our neighborhoods.

Text change suggested:
'BRUN is committed to represent the demographic diversity of our neighborhoods.'

Discussion:

 - i. Denver INC has recently made adjustments to their bylaws that may be more acceptable to the BRUN Board.
 - ii. Text from Denver INC will be forwarded to the BRUN Board via email. An online discussion and potential vote will be conducted through email.
 - b. Suggested Change 2: RE: Article II, Members and Meetings, No. 7. Quorum. "At any member meeting, 10% of BRUN's membership shall constitute a quorum."

Text change suggested:
Is 10% of membership for a quorum setting a low bar for attendance? Currently, membership is only asked to vote on Board of Director's positions. As this is an important function, should the percentage for quorum be increased?

Discussion:

 - i. What defines a member? Traditionally, membership voting privileges require membership dues to be paid. However, with the current no barrier (FREE) membership policy, all contacts in the database are technically considered members.
 - ii. Should section in bylaws be changed to remove quorum requirement for yearly membership meetings?
 - iii. Discussion tabled for next BRUN meeting.
6. Regis University Alliance
 - a. Regis SEED Institute (Sustainable Economic and Enterprise Development)
<https://www.regis.edu/academics/colleges-and-schools/anderson/seed-institute/>
 - i. Very good speaker series being developed.
 - ii. Looking for ways to improve participation with small business.
 - iii. Facing difficulties with participation due to Covid-19 and virtual only access.

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7. Sustainability

- a. Northside Sustainability Alliance is reviewing Denver's Climate Action Report that was published last year.
 - i. Looking for BRUN membership participation.

8. Zoning and Planning

- a. No BOA (Board of Adjustment) cases this month.
- b. Active Centers and Corridors Design Overlay - UPDATE
 - i. Proposal was passed through Denver Planning Board and Land Use Transportation & Infrastructure Committee in January and early February.
 - ii. Expected to be considered by Denver City Council in March 2021.
- c. Rezone Outreach
 - i. Applications for two properties within the BRUN boundary are currently being considered for a rezone to allow for the construction of an accessory dwelling unit.
 - ii. ZAP notification letters have been sent to properties adjacent to the rezone applicant.
 - iii. Discussion on intent and efficacy of outreach.

9. Committee Updates

10. Conclusion

Next Meeting: TUESDAY, March 16, 2021 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Board Member Attendees (9)

J. April

M. Cherveney

S. Danenhauer

B. Killam

E. Madden

K. Scott

J. Stine

T. Tecza

S. Teitelbaum

Plus 4 Guests