

2017 General Obligation Bond Meeting Minutes

Arts & Culture Subcommittee Meeting

Date: Monday, April 10th 2017

Time: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

Location: Boettcher Foundation Office, 600 17th Street, Suite 2210

Attendees

Committee Members:

1. Katie Kramer, Committee Chair
2. Councilwoman Stacie Gilmore
3. Jack Finlaw
4. Bill Myers
5. Yolanda Ortega
6. Mary Helen Sandoval
7. Elaine Torres
8. Erin Trapp

City Staff:

1. Brad Dodson
2. Michael Sapp
3. Kwali Farbes
4. Tom Migaki
5. Sonrisa Lucero
6. Paul Schmiechen

Members of the Public:

None Present

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions

- Welcoming comments by Committee Chair Katie Kramer
- Call for public comment (no attendees)

Project Presentation: Denver Botanic Gardens

- Denver Botanic Gardens, led by CEO Brian Vogt, presented their presentation for the Center for Science, Art & Education

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- Presenters described programing at the gardens and the need for capital investments to continue and expand programmatic offerings. Their proposal includes a new Center for Science, Art and Education and a rehab of the Boettcher Building for a children’s education area.

Project Presentation: Denver Arts and Venues

- Arts and Venues Director Kent Rice provided an overview of the Arts & Venues programming and the various public venues the department is responsible for operating and/or maintaining.
- Capital needs were described at Red Rocks, which included an amphitheater stage roof replacement, a reuse of the north tower for artist and event space, and erosion and concrete repair in the seating area.
- Capital needs were also described at the Buell Theatre which included rehabilitation of public restrooms and the lobby area and a new glass façade. He also discussed a proposal to modernize the security system at the performing arts complex.

Project Presentation: Denver Zoo

- The Denver Zoo presentation was led by CEO and President Shannon Block, who provided an overview of the Zoo’s \$250 million master plan.
- The Zoo described their request for bond funding in support of their master plan, including the need for a new animal hospital to improve animal care and expand education opportunities.
- The zoo described capital needs which included improvements to the Northern Shores exhibit to improve animal wellbeing with a habitat more suited to their needs as well as the conversion of the old feline facilities to a new conservation and education center

Closing Comments

- Committee Chair Katie Kramer thanked committee members for their participation and engagement and adjourned the meeting.