

**Minutes of the Founding Meeting
Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association - UpDoNa
12/07/2021**

ATTENDEES: Lisa Pope, Helen Hedrick, Kristen Deak, Janet Apter, Jan Brown, Jeff Pope, Eric Prosser, Dianne Chowen, Wes Chowen, Rob Squire, Kathy Squire, Pam Kurth, David Kurth, Patricia Burke, Jeff Burke, Sue Townsend, Ines Smith, Garis Smith, Carol Wayne, David Mazzochhi, Wendy Murphy, Sal Tripodi, Mimi Tripodi, Dave Oredson, Pam Oredson, Andrew Weiner, Ken Coleman, Mary Sue Coleman, Adrienne Kraft, Doug Dalton, Bennett Parsons, Lane Parsons, Jeremiah Bebo, Gary Gottesfeld, Melissa Matuska, Virginia Rear, Britt Diehl, Lori Greenly, Mark Sheldon, Dave Mosely, Deborah Friedman, Carolyn Benton, Sheila Dunlavy, Carly Ebenstein, Brandon Fries, John Greene, Jamie Hines, John Kolb

I. Call to order

Lisa Pope called to order the Founding meeting of UpDoNa RNO at 6:04pm.

II. Welcome & Acknowledgements

Lisa recognized and thanked the Spire HOA and Management Team from Centennial who asked for this RNO to be formed She also thanked the Spire HOA who provided \$3,000 in startup funding for the Organization. Rob recognized and thanked Lisa for being a wonderful partner in this effort as well as many of the members who have contributed time and expertise in getting to where we are today. Lisa introduced our guests in the meeting today.

III. Summary of Plans for Meeting

Rob announced the agenda for today's meeting.

IV. Presentation on the history and plans of UpDoNa

Rob made an UpDoNa presentation including a slide deck with the following:

- a) History and Description of the RNO
- b) Progress Leading Up to Today
- c) Active Committees
- d) Current Neighborhood Conditions
- e) Strategic Partnerships
- f) What's Next
- g) What everyone can do

V. Presentation on Safe Clean & Compassionate- Committee founded by LoDoNa

Lori Greenly discussed the reasons the committee was started and the need for action that protects all residents of downtown Denver. Her co-chair Dave Mazzocchi added comments.

VI. UpDoNa Founding Resolution

Sal Tripodi read the resolution:

The Founding Members present at the Founding Meeting held on December 6, 2021, resolve to form the Upper Downtown Neighborhood Association, to be known as UpDoNA. UpDoNA is being founded as an unincorporated association, and will be organized as and will adhere to the requirements for a Registered Neighborhood Organization under Sections 12-91 through 12-98 of the Denver Revised Municipal Code. UpDoNA is being formed with a vision that Upper Downtown will be one of the most sought-after neighborhoods for residents, businesses, and tourists. To achieve our vision, UpDoNA will advocate for residents with the intention of improving the residential experience in Upper Downtown. That advocacy will include:

- a) Working with neighbors, businesses, and city leadership to ensure the Upper Downtown area is a safe vibrant community;
- b) Reaching out to individuals, organizations, and the city to identify problems and propose solutions;
- c) Keeping residents and businesses apprised of any proposed actions of city agencies and departments affecting areas within our boundaries and present the RNO position on actions that are not in the best interest of the residents or businesses in our neighborhood;
- d) Encouraging volunteerism;
- e) Promoting community through social events; and
- f) Identifying common interests with other surrounding RNOs and develop strategic alliances with them to effect meaningful changes.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. There were no objections or discussion and the motion was passed

VII. Election

Rob Squire discussed the Election Process. He then recommended and made a motion for all 7 Board nominees to be elected official Directors.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the recommendation. There were no objections or discussion and the motion was passed.

VIII. Resolution to Certify the Election

Sal Tripodi read the resolution:

The Founding Members present at the Founding Meeting held on December 6, 2021, resolve to certify the results of the election held at that meeting to elect the Founding Board of Directors of UpDoNA. The elected Directors are Kristin Bennett, Ken Coleman, Helen Hedrick, Melissa Matuska, Jack Murphy, Lisa Pope, and Rob Squire. The Founding Members direct the Founding Board of Directors to adopt Bylaws to govern the Association and to commence the governance and operations of the Association, consistent with the vision, mission and purposes described in our Founding Resolution adopted at this meeting. The Founding Board of Directors is to serve until the election of a Board at the first Annual Meeting of Members to be held in 2022. The Directors of this Board, provided they are Members in good standing at

that Annual Meeting, are eligible to run, if nominated, for the Board seats elected at that Annual Meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the resolution. There were no objections or discussion and the motion was passed

UpDoNa Board of Directors:

- a) Kristen Bennett
- b) Rob Squire
- c) Lisa Pope
- d) Jack Murphy
- e) Helen Hedrick
- f) Ken Coleman
- g) Melissa Matuska

IX. Celebratory Toast

Lisa Pope adjourned the meeting at 6:50pm.

Minutes submitted by: Jan Brown

Minutes approved by: