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Become a Member of Our Community

President's Message: Lisa Pope

The last several months have brought many changes to downtown Denver. We have a new mayor, several new city council members, and a lot of new ideas. While the Mayor has only been in office for about 10 weeks, some see improvement while others see decline. Please be assured that UpDoNA continues to represent the interests of residents and businesses in Upper Downtown. We have already attended several meetings with the mayor, and we have introduced UpDoNA to several new city council members. Our work with the Denver Police Department, Department of Safety, and other city agencies also continues. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

[Read the Full President's Message here...](#)

Safety and Quality of Life Committee

By Lisa Pope and Rob Squire

Apologies! We had a misdirected link in last months newsletter. Here is the article with the correct link.

As you are probably aware, the top priority for Mayor Mike Johnston is homelessness. This was his primary campaign theme and he hit the ground running, declaring a Homelessness State of Emergency on his first day in office. He has stood up our Emergency Operations Center, normally used for things such as weather emergencies, and has staffed it with 50 city employees working on the problem.

Safety and Quality Of Life Committee

[Read the full article here](#)

UpDoNA Cares Committee

UpDoNA Cares - September 2023 Update

By Helen Hedrick

UpDoNA continues to support [The Delores Project](#) and [Step Denver](#) in their work to end homelessness. Find out more about

these nonprofits and how to donate at their websites. Collectively, we are making a difference here in UpDoNA! STEP is expanding to Colorado Springs! As we all know, homelessness and troubles with addiction are nationwide challenges!

Wish to join in serving lunch at the Delores Project each week? Email helenkhedrick@gmail.com

[Read the full report here](#)

Scooter Committee Update

By David Kurth

NO SCOOTER RIDING ON SIDEWALK

PLEASE KEEP ME
SAFE
THANKS, GISELE ♡



The Scooter Subcommittee has resumed efforts after a summer hiatus. Our efforts in August and September were focused on enhancing communications with District 10 Council Member Chris Hinds staff, staff from the City and County of Denver Department of Transportation and Infrastructure (DOTI), and staff from the Downtown Denver Partnership (DDP). In our September meeting, Scooter Subcommittee members had an interesting discussion with staff from CM Hinds office, DOTI, and DDP.

[For the full update, click here](#)



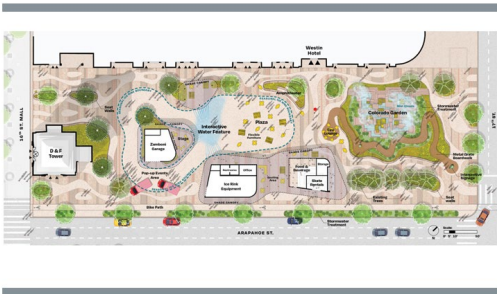
Skyline Park Block 2 Review the Designs and Take the Survey

By Denver Parks and Rec

The design for Block 2 (the central block between 16th and 17th on Arapahoe Street) is the first step in implementing the broader vision for all three blocks that was created with community input in 2020-2021 to transform Skyline Park into a unique outdoor downtown destination.

We would appreciate your feedback on how well this design is reaching its goals. **The survey will close on October 9, 2023.**

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/skyline2>



[Read all the article details here](#)

The Future of Skyline Park

By Jerry Shupe



On Tuesday, September 12th, Downtown Denver Partnership held a community information session to discuss the future for Skyline Park located between 16th and 17th on Arapahoe Street. Renderings of this one-acre strip of land, known as block two, include tree cover for shade, better connections for bikers, a winter ice-skating rink, a summer water play area, and a plaza. This project will transform space for a new era of more accessible and vibrant experiences for Downtown Denver.

[Read the Full Article Here](#)

Click on any of the images below for more information!



*****UpDoNA has been approved and is now a 501c(3) organization! Your donations are tax-deductible and any donations made previously are tax-deductible retroactively to the date of UpDoNA's founding in 2021.*****

Yes, I want to Donate to UpDoNA!



[Clean Sustainable Denver](#)

First Saturday of the month October 7th at 9 AM

Venue: Lobby of Spire at 891 14th St.

Bring gloves, a trash grabber or broom, and a dustpan



Who We Are

UpDoNA is a city registered neighborhood organization formed to advocate for the interests of the residents and businesses in Upper Downtown Denver.

Our Vision

To have an Upper Downtown community that is and continues to be one of the most sought-after neighborhoods for residents, businesses and visitors.

Our Mission

To be a partner and advocate for the betterment of the Upper Downtown community and all those who live, work and play here!

[Randy Rainbow Live](#)

7:30 PM on October 11th

Paramount Theater

[Yes -Band](#)

8 PM on October 26th

Paramount Theater

[Dia de los muertos FESTIVAL](#)

CIVIC CENTER PARK

Saturday, October 28th

[Find Your Inner Rocker](#)

No experience is necessary; Beginner Guitar Musicians Welcome!

Every Wednesday at 7pm

Thompson Denver, 1616 Market Street

[Dazzle Jazz Club](#)

Events weekly

1080 14th Street

For more events, please click [here!](#)

For a complete list of concert and event schedules at the biggest venues around town, visit the following sites:

<https://www.ballarena.com/events-tickets/calendar/>

<https://www.empowerfieldatmilehigh.com/events>

<https://www.paramountdenver.com/event-calendar/>

<https://www.redrocksonline.com/>

<https://www.denvercenter.org/tickets-events/>

For a complete list of Events Around Town, visit [Denver.org](#)

Volunteers Needed!

We need help to do our work. It takes volunteers to make a volunteer organization run. There are opportunities all over.

- Interested in making downtown life safer and more rewarding? Volunteer for the Safety and Quality of Life Committee
- How about helping to improve the lives of the homeless? Volunteer for UpDoNA Cares
- Would you like to help make our streets clean and attractive? Volunteer for our monthly Community Cleanups with our Clean Sustainable Denver Committee
- Have a writing skill? Write articles for our Website/Newsletter Committee
- Or would you rather help by increasing the influence of UpDoNA. There is power in numbers, and you can be a part of our Membership Committee
- Are you good at organizing? Help arrange social events as a part of our Social Committee
- Do you have a skill or interest in managing organizations? Consider running for our Board of Directors. We have an immediate opening and will be holding an election in April of this year.

We can only do our work with the help of people like you! Please consider offering your services to help us be a more effective and influential association. [Click here to get involved as a volunteer!](#) Every committee I mentioned can use help. Please – Get Involved.



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