

## Workforce Development Board Meeting

Thursday – April 1, 2021 **April Fools!**

Via Zoom

11:00 a.m. **Welcome/Call to Order**

Peter Hancock, **PEG**

11:05 a.m. **WDB Member Announcements (VIA Mentimeter)** Peter Hancock, **PEG**

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- Thomas Hartman- Registration is now open for Reenvisioning Retail 2021. We hope you will join us April 14<sup>th</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> for this no cost, interactive virtual convening. Register now to secure your spot -- all sessions will be limited to the first 300 registrants. [https://whova.com/portal/registration/reenv\\_202104](https://whova.com/portal/registration/reenv_202104)
- Kevin Hougén- we're excited about our Registered Apprentice, Katie Anthony. Katie will be graduating from CSU in early May.
- Peter Hancock- we have two new members, Andrea LaRew with the [Northwest Douglas County](#) and Michelle Jansen with [TJM Technologies](#).
- Bill Gilmore- Littleton Public Schools is developing six education-to-career pathways in the sectors of Aerospace, Construction Trades, Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, and Natural Resources. We are also building a new Career Exploration Center to support these pathways and to create a space for LPS students, Industry Partners, and Higher Ed Partners to work and learn collaboratively. We are looking for interested parties to join one of our six advisory committees to assist with this work to help us develop WBL opportunities through the pathways.
- Sandra Wagner- We are looking to add more folks on our program. 55 or older and meet low income requirements.
- Stephanie Mufic- New Business Rent Rescue Grant opens tomorrow.
- Diana Doyle- Arapahoe Community College's Childcare Center has stayed open throughout the pandemic so our students could study at home without distractions, or have a safe place for the toddlers while the students were in class on campus.

11:15 a.m. **Acknowledgement**

Marcia McGilley, **Aurora SBDC**

- The SBDC created a Small Business Advocate of the Year award in 2019 and named it after Chuck Hahn, who served the city of Aurora and the SBDC for more than 16 years before retiring. This award is presented at the Aurora Business Recognition Awards event annually. This award recognizes an individual who has a positive and supportive attitude toward citizens who own a small business or plan to start one, demonstrates an extremely high level of customer service, is loyal to small business owners, is well respected in the small business community, and is consistently creative in solving problems for small business owners.
- This year's recipient of the Chuck Hahn Small Business Advocate of the Year Award is Stephanie Mufic.
- Patrick Holwell will be the keynote speaker for the award's ceremony. Patrick will address business trends from 2020 and what the future holds for Aurora and beyond. The title of his Presentation is, "Resilience and Recovery." The City of Aurora Business Recognition Awards event will be held virtually on Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. on AuroraTV-8 and Facebook live. An invitation link will be sent at a later date.

11:25 a.m. **Data on Commercial Real Estate**

Patrick Holwell, **ADWI**

11:35 a.m. **COVID Effect on Commercial Real Estate**

Doug Wulf, [Cushman & Wakefield](#)

- Online shopping, like Amazon, will have a significant impact on legacy properties.
- Not concerned about engineering jobs, but there might be job loss in office construction and interior design positions.
- The biggest desire is for developers to build multi-family properties; everyone loves mixed-use like Bellevue Station, but it's not easy with the business component.
- I don't think it's possible to have the same culture with a 1-2 day per week in the office work week, but it could happen with a 4-day work environment.
- Our biggest challenge is convincing tech companies that they can have a fast-moving, culture driven environment in Southeast Denver as they would in Lo-Do.
- Construction is getting more expensive due to products, not labor. It's probably a year or longer away before we see more development in the Southeast corridor.
- We're running out of affordable property in the area, if people are able to augment their property to get income, that could assist with the housing challenge.

12:35 p.m. **County Updates**

Arapahoe-Commissioner Warren-Gully

We are doing a lot of work with Tri-County Health and getting the vaccine released, our goal has been to be as local as possible. We are beginning to see an uptick in our supply and we're getting the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. We're happy to be in the Blue Level of the DIAL, which allows us to open up more. About 30% of residents have had at least 1 vaccine shot and we're close to 80% of people over 70 years old being vaccinated. We're continuing our work with CARES funding and are hoping the State Legislature will extend it. We'll have programming around food insecurity, housing assistance, etc.

Douglas-Commissioner Laydon

We've recently petitioned the State to safely reopen. Colorado lost 260k jobs in 2020; we went from 4<sup>th</sup> best to 4<sup>th</sup> worst in unemployment. 86% of people over 70 years old have been vaccinated. We're talking a lot about distributing a 3-digit number for those who need mental health assistance. Here's the link to the Douglas County rent assistance program, <https://www.douglas.co.us/rent-assistance/>.

12:45 p.m. **Director's Report**

Kelly Folks, [A/D Works!](#)

Action Item: Incumbent Worker Training Policy

Informational Item: WIOA Priority of Service for Title I Adult Programs Policy

- Northwest Douglas County Chamber & EDC selected Arapahoe/Douglas Works as the Large Business of the Year. Here is the YouTube link for the award <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3lfRbc4DhE>.
- Andrew Bercich- moved to approve the Incumbent Worker Training Policy and Andrea Amonick seconded. It was approved.
- Congratulations Dr. Diana Doyle on her retirement. She has been on the board since 2011 and this is her last meeting. Eric Dunker will be her replacement on the board.

1:00 p.m. **Meeting Adjournment**

Peter Hancock, [PEG](#)

**Next WDB Meeting: June 3, 2021 • 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**  
Arapahoe Board Room 6954 S. Lima Street, Centennial, CO 80112

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