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Thank yous to everyone who has been active board members throughout the past two years.

Jesus Gonzalez- TruA Program

East Colfax Collective- TruA helps people apply for housing assistance (rental and mortgage)

Still available through the end of the year as moratoriums expire

East Colfax Community Collective

Call/Text: 720 295 0152

Email: [eastcolfaxtrua@gmail.com](mailto:eastcolfaxtrua@gmail.com)

Introductions of those running for board positions

Emmanuel Kamabela- At-large board member. Volunteer at East Colfax Collective Community. Lives in the neighborhood for more than 5 years. Looking forward to contributing more in the future.

Isaac Schloss- 30 years in the neighborhood. At-large board member.

Abraham Seswan Michael???- At-large board member. Barber, has lived in the neighborhood for 2017. Wants to help his neighbors. Working with the East Colfax RNO since ~2018.

Lara Durand- At-large member. Grant management, IT, agriculture, natural resources. Equity, D&I (focused last year on including more verbiage in bylaws, but more to do).

Climate change- Lack of trees in our neighborhood, consider partnering with city/state agencies/non-profits

Covid- Expand job skills. How to help others expand their careers; workshops for youth, trainings for adults

\*specifically consider how to reach all members of the community\*\*

Brendan Greene- At-large board member. Grew up in East Colfax corridor, has lived in the East colfax neighborhood since 2013. Love the elements that make this neighborhood what it is. Speaking to the power and asking for real and meaningful representation for our neighborhood. Wants to be sure that we're bringing resources and programs into the neighborhood to make sure that everyone who lives here can stay. Many strides with the current board and looking forward to seeing how we can grow.

Ma Kiang- Could not be on the call, but would like to continue current status as an At-large Board Member.

Danielle Shepard- Secretary.  Has lived in neighborhood since 2017. Coaches the DSST: Montview high school robotics team and has had increased involvement in ECNA and the East Colfax Collective's crime and safety sub-committee over the past few months. Looking forward to helping the community work towards its goals.

Megan Tortorelli- Treasurer, on the board the last two years. Excited about the work over the past few years and the direction that this organization is going. Outreach program to unhoused neighbors, would like to keep that idea on the table. Center anti-displacement in any way possible.

Maya Thomas- Vice President, communications specialist for The Fax Partnership. From East Colfax at 17th and Roslyn. Grew up taking the 15 to and from school, genuinely loves East Colfax. Would be an honor to serve on the board and to be of service to ECNA.

Christian Steward- President, current Secretary. Denver native, went to DPS schools, went to CU-Denver. Started serving on the committee for the Martin Luther King Jr.\_\_\_\_\_\_ and was promoted to deputy. Christian sees himself as a servant  and community advocate. As Secretary, has had to listen more and be more mindful and intentional. Consider renaming Secretary as Information Officer.

Moving into 2021:

Breaking board members into other Neighborhood Associations. Should be listening into what our neighbors are saying and working with them.

Sub-committees- Crime and Safety, Food Bank, Community Engagement, Database of what our capabilities are, Workplace Development, Childcare and Education

Colfax Safety Patrol- Resources and trainers

Kickboxing for the most vulnerable (2x week trainings)

Wellness Winnie- help to address mental health, therapy, food, showers, etc.

Next two years will be really important. Wants to be ready and to ensure the community is ready.

**\*\*\*\*John Neal moves to confirm all board members above. Susan Neal seconded, as did Tim. No objections and elections are closed.\*\*\*\***

Questions for the team:

Lara- Thanks to Tim for being the president and the board last year. Looking forward to Christian as president and the new board.

Thanks to Amanda Sawyer for her involvement in meetings.

Christian- additional thanks to Bonnie Guillen from District 8, Councilperson Herndon's office for being on each call as well.

Bonnie- Not sure yet if there's a redistricting. Will depend on the census results. Checking in for us and will confirm via email.

Janet- Will Tim stay on the board at large?

Tim- Will attend the meetings and will stay involved, will not vote on anything. Committing to the transition to ensure everyone is familiar and ready to assist as needed. Counterpath will stay open to neighborhood-oriented events and meetings.

Additional chat notes:

Thanks so much to the outgoing board for all your great work this year, and welcome and congratulations to the new board members. I look forward to working with you in the coming year. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I have to run to another meeting but wish you all well and will see you in 2021! Please don’t hesitate to reach out to [DenverCouncil5@denvergov.org](mailto:DenverCouncil5@denvergov.org) if you need anything!  - Amanda Sawyer

Food bank continuing at Counterpath? - John Neal

5-6 on Fridays.  Tim will be away for a bit, but has organized with a few volunteers to assist.

Possible grant for tree planting or infrastructure changes. This is a good and easy grant. Take a look and lets talk about it. - Christian Steward

<https://www.denvercalc.org/post/spread-warmth-through-the-holidays-with-calc-s-winter-micro-grant?utm_campaign=99f2864d-53b3-4e19-9719-03715a7335d7&utm_source=so&utm_medium=mail&cid=03aaf5ef-1fcd-4e89-96d0-ed8a9b7b9af4>

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Fax Aid 2.0 - Maya Thomas

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