

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY & BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
SPECIAL PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP SUMMARY
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2019
OLD R-5 BUILDING, 310 N 7TH STREET
7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Duncan Rowley (Chair), Doug Simons Jr. (Vice-Chair), Jason Farrington, Dan Meyer, Josh Niernberg, Phyllis Norris, Maria Rainsdon, Vance Wagner

ABSENT: Tom LaCroix

DDA/BID STAFF: Vonda Bauer, Caitlyn Love, Rykel Menor, Brandon Stam

CITY STAFF: John Shaver (City Attorney)

GUESTS: Alison Bourquin (Community Builders), Cary Sheih (Community Builders), Cascadia Partners Team

CALL TO ORDER: Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

DESIGN AND PLANNING WORKSHOP WITH DDA/BID BOARD FOR DOWNTOWN PLAN OF DEVELOPMENT

The Community Builders Team gave a presentation of ideas and an overview of the strategies developed from the information gathered at the Vibrant Together Design Workshops. Cascadia Partners, a team of experts from Portland Oregon, provided expertise in the design concepts, project management, financial information, and engagement of the project. The Design team presented drawings, sketches, and maps of ideas.

Development Strategies Team – focused on developing strategies on opportunity sites and focused on increasing housing and retail opportunities in downtown.

Connectivity Team – Focused on connecting downtown to the river, increasing bike connectivity, pedestrian connectivity, and the importance of the 7th Street corridor connectivity.

Placemaking and Activation Team – Focused on ways, strategies, and ideas to bring more people downtown through events, improving the breezeways, alley ways, enhancing downtown public spaces, and creating a safer more active downtown.

Alison stated that workshop summary notes will be provided to the board within the next few weeks. The final draft of the Plan of Development document will be sent out to the board for final review this summer. The document will also be required to be approved by City Council and Planning Commission.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Doug made a motion to adjourn; Maria seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:04 a.m.