

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 9, 2020
7:30 A.M.
VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Doug Simons Jr. (Chair), Josh Niernberg (Vice-Chair), Tom LaCroix, Dan Meyer, Libby Olson, Maria Rainsdon, Anna Stout

ABSENT: Duncan Rowley, Vance Wagner

DDA/BID STAFF: Brandon Stam, Dave Goe, Vonda Bauer, Rykel Menor

CITY STAFF: John Shaver (City Attorney), Greg Caton (City Manager)

CALL TO ORDER: Doug called the meeting to order at 7:49 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of June 25, 2020

Libby made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 25th, 2020 DDA meeting. Anna seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

DDA COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

The Board appointed the following members for the DDA Board Committees:

- Real Estate Committee: Tom and Vance
- Grants Committee: Dan and Libby
- Design Phase for the Plaza (Temporary): Libby & Maria

Doug will continue to serve as the DDA Board Chair and Josh will continue to serve as DDA Board Vice-Chair.

UPDATES

REVITALIZING MAIN STREET GRANTS

Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is offering a grant program called “Revitalizing Main Street Grants”. Downtown Grand Junction will be submitting applications for three different grant requests for the plaza space, to expand outdoor seating, and the Art Line. Each grant is \$50k and will require a \$5k match. Applicants will be notified within a week if they will receive funding. One of the requirements for the funding is to be able to implement the projects within a month of notification.

Brandon explained that Downtown Grand Junction previously applied for an Art Line grant through Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO); however, Downtown was not awarded the grant.

Tom made a motion to approve the \$15k to secure the grants as Brandon stated above as what they were for. Josh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

EXTENDED LIQUOR AREA

Brandon explained that at the last board meeting, there was discussion regarding two options that the City of Grand Junction could pursue to extend food and dining areas as well as liquor licenses for outdoor dining leases. After receiving feedback from the Board, the Leadership Committee, and Downtown businesses, the recommendation was for City Council to pass a resolution that designates a public consumption area and outdoor dining area.

Brandon presented a Resolution to the Board authorizing public consumption and communal dining areas in the Downtown Development Authority boundary within the City of Grand Junction. The Resolution will go before City Council for approval on July 15, 2020. Brandon explained that the Resolution is fairly broad; therefore, additional details will need to be addressed (hours of operation, trash collection, etc.).

Brandon will write a letter to City Council, on behalf of the Board, in support of the Resolution.

OTHER BUSINESS

Downtown Grand Junction staff and Ted Ciavonne will look into creating outreach groups and talk to businesses for design concepts for the Downtown Plaza space located in the parking lot between 4th & 5th Streets on Colorado Avenue.

A Joint City Council/DDA meeting will be scheduled in August.

S2e Technologies Inc. is moving forward with their housing project located at 630 S. 7th Street. They are considering financing through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). There are options available for the noise concerns from the railroad crossing close to the project. Parking concerns have also been addressed as there is sufficient private parking that can be utilized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business; Josh made a motion to adjourn. Anna seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 a.m.