

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023
555 UTE AVENUE-GJPD TRAINING ROOM
7:30 AM

DDA Board Members present: Cole Hanson (Chair), Steven Boyd, Dan Meyer, Doug Simons Jr., Vance Wagner

DDA Board Members absent: Libby Olson (Vice-Chair), Garrett Portra, Maria Rainsdon, City Council Representative Abe Herman

Downtown Grand Junction staff present: Brandon Stam, Dave Goe, Kyra Seppie, Vonda Bauer

City of Grand Junction staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Police Detective Tim Janda, Commander Shawn Hasty

CALL TO ORDER: Cole called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting of March 16, 2023

Vance made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2023, Downtown Development Authority Board meeting. Steve seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Special Meeting of March 24, 2023

Vance made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2023, Downtown Development Authority Board meeting. Steve seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

REGULAR AGENDA

NOLA CAMERA PROGRAM-GJPD

Grand Junction Police Detective Tim Janda and Commander Shawn Hasty provided an update of the Project NOLA camera program. GJPD has partnered with Project NOLA, a non-profit organization based out of New Orleans. The organization provides Wi-Fi crime camera kits and cameras. Video is transmitted via the internet to the Project NOLA Crime Center and then provided to the GJPD Information Center.

GJPD worked with several departments within the city to determine where cameras were needed with the focus on intersections and high crime areas as well. The goal was to install 250 cameras throughout the city; however, with public partners that amount will increase. Currently 133 cameras have been installed including approximately 10 cameras in the Downtown area. Signage will be provided where the cameras are located to help deter crime.

DDA Board members and staffed toured the GJPD Information Center.

SB23-175 UPDATE

Brandon stated that Colorado Senate Bill 23-175 Financing of Downtown Development Authority Projects concerning the use of tax increment financing by Downtown Development Authorities was passed by the Senate Finance Committee and House Finance Committee. There were some amendments; therefore, the bill will have to go back to the Senate after it passes the House. Janice Rich and Rick Taggart are representing and sponsoring the bill.

There was discussion regarding the Mesa County Commissioners and Mesa County Valley School District School Board wanting to have a seat on the DDA Board in the next TIF cycle year 2051. The current statute requires that a board member is required to be a property owner in the DDA boundaries to be eligible to serve on the DDA Board.

A meeting has been scheduled with representatives from the City of Grand Junction, Downtown Development Authority, Mesa County Commissioners, and Mesa County Valley School Board Members to discuss the requirements to serve on the DDA Board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Western Colorado Community Foundation moved to their new location at 128 N. 5th Street. They will be hosting an open house from 4:00-5:30 pm on Wednesday, May 3.

The Boettcher Foundation requested additional budget information for the bridge loan of \$500,000 for predevelopment costs for The Terminal Project. In addition, John and Brandon made some initial revisions to the agreement. This item will be brought back to the board when finalized.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Doug made a motion to adjourn. Vance seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.