

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2024  
750 MAIN STREET-GROWL CONFERENCE ROOM & VITRUAL OPTION  
7:30 AM

**Board Members present:** Libby Olson (Chair), Faith Rodriguez-via zoom, Cris Silverberg-via zoom, Doug Simons Jr., City Council Representative Abe Herman

**Board Members absent:** Garrett Portra (Vice-Chair) Steven Boyd, Cole Hanson, Maria Rainsdon

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

**City of Grand Junction staff present:** City Attorney John Shaver

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

**Guests:** Mesa County Commissioner Cody Davis-via zoom

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Approval of Minutes:**

August 22, 2024

***Abe made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 22, 2024, Downtown Business Improvement District Board meeting. Libby seconded the motion. The motion was approved.***

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**EVENT UPDATES**

Kyra provided an events update.

- Market on Main wraps up tonight with the final event, featuring the Rhythm & Brews concert series, sponsored by Bray & Co Real Estate. The market was well attended.
- The Downtown Car Show took place on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, featuring approximately 150 cars. The event received a great deal of positive feedback.
- Art Festival will be held on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. Following the festival on Saturday, a Porchella Music Event will run from 4-9 p.m., featuring 16 bands performing across downtown neighborhoods. Kyra expressed appreciation to Dave for his excellent outreach efforts for the Porchella event.
- Art on the Corner-This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Art on the Corner. A reception will be held on Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Springhill Suites. The temporary sculpture installations will begin at 7:00 am on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Abe mentioned that he selected the mayor's choice award at the car show. He received a lot of compliments from participants saying they loved the event being on Main Street instead of a parking lot. He thanked Kyra and her team for doing a great job.

Kyra also thanked Abe for helping announce the winners at the event.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Mesa County Commissioner Cody Davis provided some history and an update on the 29 Road project, highlighting its benefits, including improved local and regional connectivity, better access to I-70, and enhanced bike and pedestrian safety. The project is expected to cost approximately \$80 million. To fund it, the

Mesa County Board of Commissioners approved a ballot measure (1A) for the November election. This measure will allow the County and City to bond for up to \$80 million without raising taxes.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ADJOURN**

*There being no further business, Libby made a motion to adjourn. Doug seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 a.m.*