GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, 2026
750 MAIN STREET-GROWL CONFERENCE ROOM & VITRUAL OPTION
7:30 AM

Board Members present: Libby Olson (Chair), Garrett Portra (Vice-Chair), Jeremy Arthur, Cole Hanson, Karli Hyland, Afton Neal, City Council Representative Ben Van Dyke

Board Members absent: Steven Boyd

Downtown Grand Junction staff present: Brandon Stam, Vonda Bauer, Dave Goe, Jed Willis, Sarah Dishong

Other: Northland Securities, Inc Financial Advisor Troy Bernberg (representing the DDA)-via Zoom

City of Grand Junction staff present: Assistant City Attorney Jamie Beard

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

CONSENT AGENDA
Approval of Minutes:
Meeting on July 23, 2026
Jeremy made a motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2026, Grand Junction Downtown Improvement District Board meeting. Afton seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

UPDATES
The second **Farm to Tap** is scheduled for tonight and allows participating restaurants and bars to serve alcohol in branded cups, allowing attendees to walk throughout the market. Participating businesses will also offer specialty food and drink options.

The **Downtown Art Festival** will begin on Friday October 2, with a First Friday gallery walk. On Saturday, October 3, installation of the new Art on the Corner pieces will begin early morning, followed by the Artist Expo from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm and the Downtown GJ Porchella neighborhood music event from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., featuring 38 bands. New this year, The Friends of the West Beer Invitational, hosted by Ramblebine Brewing and Base Camp Beer Works, will take place on the 600 block, with 30 breweries confirmed.

The **25th Annual Downtown Car Show** is scheduled for Saturday, September 19, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. There are currently 55 registered participants. The entry fee was reduced from $40 to $25 this year, with shirts and hats available for separate purchases.

The **2nd Annual Downtown Sidewalk Sale** will take place Saturday, September 26, from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm. The business-led event provides downtown businesses with an opportunity to sell summer merchandise and display items outdoors. Downtown is partnering with MBC Grand Radio for two weeks of promotional support.

2026/27 AOTC EXHIBIT
Sarah Dishong, Downtown Project Coordinator, presented this year's temporary Art on the Corner (AOTC) sculpture exhibit. The program received 104 submissions from 52 artists. Curator Pavia Justinian selected 20 pieces, along with

two additional sculptures from CMU students. Installation is scheduled for Saturday, October 3, with an artist reception on Friday, October 2, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Springhill Suites.

OTHER
None

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

ADJOURN
There being no further business, Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Cole seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 a.m.