

Gateway to Grand Junction

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District

July 16, 2014

Horizon Drive District Conference Room 2764 Compass Drive #205, Grand Junction, CO 81506 10:30am to 12:30pm

Attendance:

Clark Atkinson Brenda Brock Jay Moss Jan Rohr Darshann Ruckman

Others:

Vara Kusal, HDD Manager Mike Russell, HDD attorney Jody Kliska, Walking and Biking Trails Committee Julie Sabin, Walking and Biking Trails Committee

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:35 am by Brenda Brock. Meeting was recorded. A quorum of board members was present.

Consent Agenda: The consent agenda, consisting of emailed documents (Minutes of Board Meeting of June 18, 2014; Treasurer's Report of June, 2014; Manager's Report July, 2014; Summer 2014 Newsletter) were received by all board members. Approval of the entire consent agenda was moved by Jay Moss, seconded by Darshann Ruckman, and unanimously passed.

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Discussion and Action Items from Prior Meetings:

<u>Corridor Improvement Plan (CIP) Update.</u> Vara gave an update on the CIP from Trent. An RFP for a right-of-way acquisition consultant is being issued. Trent believes the consultant should be on board in early August. A meeting has been scheduled July 30th with the DoubleTree to show parking lot reconfiguration. Soon thereafter, Trent, Lee, Ted, Vara, and a board member will meet to discuss the more detailed design of the CIP.

<u>Open House Recap.</u> We had a nice turnout to the Open House on June 26th. Appreciation was expressed to Darshann for her help arranging the event at the Clarion Inn. Comments gathered were positive overall, and it appears stakeholders are realizing the corridor improvement project is actually going to happen.

<u>Bike to Work Recap.</u> Bike to Work numbers were up 50% over last year. The DoubleTree venue worked out well with increased visibility to those travelling on Horizon Drive. Per Nilsson has offered to make it an annual event.

<u>Call for Artists.</u> The national call for artists through CaFÉ is going live today with a deadline for entry of August 31, 2014. The composition of the recommendation jury was discussed.

New Business:

<u>Walking and Biking Trails Summit 2015.</u> Jody Kliska and Julie Sabin gave a PowerPoint presentation about the trail summit scheduled to take place on March 13, 2015 at Two Rivers Convention Center. The summit is still in the planning stages. HDD can have a table at the event to display the improvements to the corridor and how safety for pedestrians and bike riders is being addressed in the project. The Trail Summit committee is interested in input from the lodging industry in particular. Better access to safe walking and biking trails is an amenity visitors to the area often request. Economic benefits in addition to health and safety benefits from a more walkable and livable community will be topics at the next summit.

<u>Communication</u>. Clark Atkinson proposed development of a communication plan to be used before and during construction. Vara will work on this, most likely utilizing the newsletter and our email contact list.

Next meeting. The next meeting will be held on August 20, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjournment:

All business before the Board being concluded, and with thanks to all, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Horizon Drive District

By: _

Jan Rohr, Secretary

Date: _____