

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2014
248 SOUTH 4TH STREET
7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Les Miller, Chair; Jason Farrington, Vice Chair; Shane Allerheiligen, Martin Chazen, Kirk Granum, PJ McGovern, Jodi Coleman-Niernberg, Stephan Schweissing

ABSENT: Kevin Reimer

STAFF: Harry Weiss, Diane Keliher

GUESTS: Rich Englehart, John Shaver

CALL TO ORDER: Les called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Marty made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 28th meeting; Jason seconded; minutes were approved.

UPDATES: Harry has been having conversations with Hilltop regarding the redevelopment of White Hall. Their subsidiary non-profit board is made up of past chairs and they are interested in the property and the possibility of a partnership with the DDA. The concept has been presented to Hilltop's executive committee and the subsidiary was tasked with further analysis of the property and investment parameters. Carter Bair and Harry will work on a preliminary pro forma in the next week. Harry invited anyone who would like to participate in number crunching to attend the meeting. Kirk disclosed that his father serves on the subsidiary non-profit board and felt that might be, or pose the appearance of, a potential conflict of interest. Les thanked Kirk for the disclosure. Harry said provided the preliminary analysis was encouraging, the next step would likely be to undertake a more detailed architectural and construction analysis, which could be a shared cost between DDA and Hilltop. If the project did not progress beyond that stage, DDA would retain the study.

Shane arrived.

A Graphic Arts professor at CMU contacted Parks Dept regarding painting the west wall of the White Hall building. Marty asked that we make sure we have appropriate liability coverage should we pursue this further. Kirk asked if we could set parameters for the design. Harry will find out what the curriculum is for this class. Jodi is on board but she is concerned that we will restrict creativity. Marty would be in favor of having them make a presentation to the Board of their ideas. The City does not regulate murals at this time. Rich suggested the Arts Commission could be involved in the project. Jodi feels we can get some positive press out of the partnership. Harry will pursue the professor at CMU.

ADJOURN: Jodi made a motion to adjourn; PJ seconded; the board adjourned at 7:46 a.m.