

HORIZON DRIVE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 14, 2009 – 10:00 am
HUB International

A meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Horizon Drive BID, was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2009 at the offices of HUB International.

Board Members Present

Dale Reece – Clark Atkinson – Richard Tally

Also Present Were

Bill Milius - Teri Cavenagh – Shawn Cooper – Diane Hatfield

Board Members Absent

Eileen Blanchard – Chuck Keller

Call to Order

Dale R. Reece, President, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, and Diane Hatfield recorded the minutes. Discussion was held as to Bill Milius' acceptance by the City to serve on the board; three serving board members were in attendance, so a quorum of board members was not present. However, Chuck Keller cast his written absentee vote on any issue discussed with the President of said board, Dale Reece. Thus, having been duly convened, the board was ready to proceed with business.

Introduction of New Board Member

Dale Reece introduced Bill Milius as one of our new board members. Bill then spoke briefly about his history in Grand Junction, and specifically his interest in, and qualifications to the Horizon Drive BID.

Update by City of Grand Junction

Shawn Cooper presented an updated cost estimate since his last meeting with the board, which included drawings of the proposed project. Included in the new bid were curbing and guttering, extended rock treated areas, and boulders and trees. The cost went up a bit, but remains flexible depending on the color chosen for the boulders. Discussion was held regarding permanence, maintenance, tree establishment, and shrubbery. The concepts for potential future improvements are to be posted on the website.

Minutes

The December 3, 2008 minutes of the Board Meeting of the Horizon Drive BID were previously distributed for review. The motion was made by Richard Tally, seconded by Clark Atkinson, and unanimously passed that the minutes be approved.

Agenda

Discussion was held regarding the planned agenda. It was decided that because of low attendance, the election of officers, sub-committees and other important matters would be postponed until the February 11th meeting.

Interim Director

A proposed job description for an Interim Director was previously distributed for review. In light of the extensiveness of the job description, the question arises if the position requires a part-time employee or a full-time employee. With that came the question if this was the right time to hire someone if we have reduced monies coming in next year. Clark's opinion is that with the latest report on current reserves, and assuming no revenue growth, we should be able to support a Director for at least a year. Dale pointed out there is still grant money to be had, and that if a Director could find those funds, it would more than pay their salary while keeping up the momentum of development. The board realizes that it will take many years to effect changes, but the 2020 Vision and some individuals are keyed into our goals, so this is a good time for the City to work jointly with us, rather than us slowing down.

Clark emphasized that a unanimous decision be required regarding the Director, as the Director will be serving the entire board rather than one or two individuals or working completely alone. Decisions as to if we need a Director, will they be full-time vs part-time, office space, salary, and responsibilities, and establishment of communication – need to be made by the entire board. Comments regarding the job description are welcomed and encouraged by Clark, and at the next board meeting we can make modifications and decisions. Conclusions from our September 2008 workshop dovetails right into what we want to get accomplished in the next ten years. It also shows that we need someone who has much more time and are more focused than the Board Members are able to be. The objective of the board members is to provide direction rather than function! Getting routine work done will be the Director's delegated position.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dale R. Reece - President". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Dale Reece, President