

Downtown Development Authority
July 19, 1996
Minutes

Present: R.T. Mantlo, Pat Gormley, Glen Dennis, Chris Launer, Jean Sewell, Bruce Hill, Bruce Benge, Karen Hayashi, Barbara Creasman, Gregg Cerveny.

Absent: R.T. Mantlo, Glen Dennis, Bill Petty, Mark Hermunstad, Kathleen Killian, Mike Sutherland

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

Karen Hayashi made a motion to approve the minutes of June 12, 1996. Bruce Benge seconded the motion. Motioned carried.

Financial Report

Barbara outlined the DDA financial report and recommended that the Executive Committee look it over.

Election of 1996/1997 Officers

Bill made a motion to nominate Chris Launer as DDA Chair. Karen seconded the motion. Motion carried with no opposition. Chris motioned to nominate Karen Hayashi as Vice-Chair. Bill seconded. Motion carried with no opposition.

Chris thanked Jean Sewell for her services as Chair of the DDA Board.

Botanic Gardens

Jon Schler and Thelma Barnes (President of Botanic Gardens) reported on the attached plans for the Botanic Gardens. Construction for the greenhouse should begin in the middle of November. For the building itself, the Botanic society is \$60,000 short, but are working with the Lions Club and other groups to raise some funds. Also, roughly \$40,000 is needed for the area around the main building. Some of the amenities include: a butterfly house, classrooms, restrooms, gift shop, plaza area, a waterfall and bridge, and walkway/path. A business plan for the operation has been completed. The whole project has a price tag of roughly \$600,000.

The Botanic Society has been working closely with the City of GJ to get water rights to irrigate from the Colorado River. Safety, vandalism, and fencing are also issues for the project. Contributions to the Botanic Gardens do qualify for the Enterprise Zone (for up to 50%) and is considered and "old project."

Barbara suggested putting the Botanic Society and a possible DDA commitment/contribution on the Agenda for the 1st DDA meeting in August. All were in favor.

GJ Historic Preservation Board

The DDA needs to appoint a Board member as representative to the GJ Historic Preservation Board. This group meets once a month on the first Monday at 4:00pm. Barbara has been attending these meetings. made a motion..... seconded. will attend as the DDA representative.

Directors Report

Resolution attached. Jean made a motion to adopt the attached resolution as amended. Bruce Bengé seconded the motion. Motion carried.

John Groves Property - Barbara would like to finalize an option agreement to purchase John Groves property. Chris suggested that the DDA have a letter or some information regarding the market value of this kind of property. Barbara added that the DDA may want to utilize several different appraisers. Bruce Hill mentioned that the purchase and upcoming street improvements and renovations will enhance the value of all the property in the area. He also recommended some personal contact with John Groves about this matter. Barbara suggested discussing this further at an executive session.

Avalon Parking - Mike from Ciavonne Associates

Mike presented plans for a plaza area, landscaping, and shade trees for the 7th Street side of the Avalon

628 Colorado (Hardy House)

The Hardy House will be demolished. The Carriage House may be moved to Cross Orchards. The Museum decided it was burned too badly to use. The lot next to the Hardy House is parking that we own. The entire lot next to the parking lot is owned by John Groves. This lot would be ideal for the City to purchase for public parking. However, John Groves prefers to hold onto it until he rents his retail space. At that time, he might be willing to sell it. Pat Gormley discussed this possibility with John.

The DDA has expressed a desire for the City to acquire this property as part of the long-term public parking plan. Board members agreed this would be an important acquisition. Mark Hermundstad suggested we do some initial ground work to determine environmental evaluation needed.

Avalon Theatre

The Avalon facade received a statewide Colorado Historical Preservation Award. John Schler made the nomination. There will be a press release going out on the award.

An article on the Longmont Hotel Development attached.

Adjourn

Bill Petty made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Mark seconded. Motion carried.