

MINUTES
Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting of Board of Directors

December 5, 1997
233 S. 5th Street, C.D. Smith Building

Present: Mark Hermundstad, Diana Osborn, Gene Kinsey, Karen Hayashi, Becky Brehmer, Kathleen Killian, Barbara Creasman, Lisa Nassour

Absent: Chris Launer, Bruce Hill, Bruce Bengel, Bill Petty

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by chair, Karen Hayashi at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for November were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

To date, we have received \$33,900 in TIF reimbursement, but have not received the additional \$16,900, or the balance of TIF charges.

Barbara passed out project time summary for Downtown Development Authority staff and explained to the board how the staff records time for all projects including specifics on TIF projects. The same system is now used for all projects by all staff members.

TWO RIVERS EXPANSION PLAN

Barbara made reference to several articles that have been written in regard to the Two Rivers Expansion; they are attached as a permanent part of these minutes.

LAS COLONIAS

Mark Hermundstad explained to the board the plan alternatives and the discussion from the meeting that was held with Parks and Recreation board and DDA in regard to the master plan for Las Colonias. He showed the board concepts 1 and 2, which would both incorporate a 2000 seat amphitheater. In concept 1, the preferred alternative, there would be a cultural center, recreational center, and the current bike path would need to be moved to accommodate the amphitheater and includes a large area of open space. The project is in the design phase now and is not in the City's current ten-year capital budget plan for development. If funding can be obtained to begin seeding and upkeep of open fields, then the park could be usable soon and more expensive items can be developed as funding is available. Based on discussion and input by board members the Downtown Development Authority will write a response to the consultants on the concept design and a copy will be distributed in next board packets.

PARKING DEVELOPMENT

The Federal Building administration wants to rent six public parking spaces in front of the Federal Building, so they can fill the office space available. The board felt that these spaces are not used often and we should work with the City to facilitate this request. We need to talk to City Public Works. Barbara will contact Mark Relph to discuss options and update the board at the next regular meeting.

CHURCH PARKING

Several adjacent businesses feel that the church parking on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings is causing parking problems for their businesses. The general public sees the high volume of parking and thinks the restaurants are full Wednesday nights and therefore do not go to the businesses. Talley's Sunday breakfast crowd has been hurt.

LIGHTING DOWNTOWN

Barbara Creasman has a call in to the engineers to check the status of this project because we have not seen the results of the lighting demo.

MEETING CANCELLED

The Friday workshop for December 19th has been canceled, as well as the January 2 meeting. The next regular meeting will be January 16, 1998 there will not be a workshop in January.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m. to executive session to discuss property acquisition issues. Executive session was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.