

MINUTES
Downtown Development Authority
Regular Meeting of Board of Directors

June 6, 1998
233 S. 5th Street, C.D. Smith Building

Present: Chris Launer, Becky Brehmer, Kathleen Killian, Bruce Bengé, Gene Kinsey, Diana Osborne, Barbara Creasman, Lori Hogan

Absent: Karen Hayashi, Bill Petty, Bruce Hill, Mark Hermundstad, Pat Gormley – Ex-officio, Rich Helm – Ex-officio

Guests: Jeanette Van Goecke – Western Colorado Botanical Society, Lani Duke - Museum of Western Colorado

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by chair, Chris Launer at 7:45 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for May 1, 1998 were approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The May financial report was approved.

DDA New Board Member Recommendation

There were four new letter of interest received from Jill Lynch Lacy, Ted Koeman owner of The Lone Rose Apartments, Mary Crumbaker Attorney At Law and Les Miller President of Advanced Microsystems. Chris Launer also wrote a letter expressing his interest to serve another term. Diana Osborne made a motion to have Chris Launer serve another term on the board, motion carried. After discussion of the candidate's experience and different backgrounds, Chris Launer made a motion to recommend Mary Crumbaker to take Diana Osborne's place. Motion carried. Teresa Kareus will take Karen Hayashi's place.

Western Colorado Botanical Society – Jeanette Main-Goecke

Jeanette Main-Goecke the first Director for the Western Colorado Botanical Society went over the new master plan, final engineering plans are in review. The greenhouse is open and the butterfly house is waiting for the butterflies to arrive anytime. There are also plans for "The Greatest Bird House in the World"; this will be located in the white house in front of the gardens.

The Botanical Society is in the process of kicking off a fund raising project "Buy A Paver". They need to raise money for fencing around the area and to upgrade the parking lot. The DDA has already donated \$10,000 towards the parking lot. The WCBS received a \$20,000 grant from King for their outdoor classrooms.

Two Rivers Consultant Interviews

The consensus was that the interviews went very well. The feeling was that there was not a chance of a new convention center on Horizon Drive. A possibility of the Hilton expanding at a later date? Barbara felt that at her interview the goal was to bring more convention business to Grand Junction, not tourism. The consultants will present their findings to City Council by the first of August.

Representative to the Museum Board

Barbara expressed the need to have a DDA Board member involved with the Museum Board to keep up on what is happening with Dinosaur Valley/Reed Building and the construction. It was discussed that Mark Hermunstad would be a good liaison with the Museum to hold the position of an Ex-Officio.

Parking

The DDA office is having positive feedback regarding the parking issues and the article that was in the Daily Sentinel. Several engineering consultants are calling regarding the project.

DooZoo

The DooZoo was supposed to open in the C.D. Smith building but due to building code problems they will not be able to do so. The present plans are for them to move into the Partners Rec. building located at 248 Colorado Avenue where the MDS wood working shop is located at this time. There will be minimal construction issues to deal with. The tentative move in date will be August 1st. We will keep you updated.

Avalon Theatre

Sterling Smith has offered \$20,000 as a challenge grant for projection equipment for the Avalon Theatre. Zane Grey's Robber's Roost will be shown at the Avalon on Tuesday, June 16th, 2:00 & 7:00 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dinosaur Valley / Reed Building: The assessment grant has been approved. The roof repair is in process, there is no water leaks at this time.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.