

**MINUTES**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**Regular Meeting of Board of Directors**  
**July 17, 1998**  
**233 S. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, C.D. Smith Building**

**Present: Mark Hermundstad, Kathleen Killian, Bruce Hill, Becky Brehmer, Bruce Bengé, Gene Kinsey, Teresa Kareus, Bill Petty, Mary Crumbaker, Pat Gormley – Ex-officio, Rich Helm – Ex-officio, Barbara Creasman, Lori Hogan**

**Absent: Karen Hayashi, Chris Launer**

**Guests: Lani Duke**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes for June 26, 1998 were approved as submitted.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Bill Petty nominated Mark Hermunstad for Chair and Becky Brehmer for Vice Chair. Bruce Hill seconded it, all were in favor, motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Reviewed the financial report and everything looks good.

**BOND UPDATE**

Barbara sent a list of improved properties to Barbara Butler in the Assessors Office, all but two will not be included until next year. There is currently revenue to support approximately \$ 1.5 million in new money. Need to look at adding revenue for new projects. Barbara will contact Ron Lappi with City Finance and review this information. She will shoot for him to attend August workshop to discuss bonds issued. Barbara will get a list of projects and draft a budget for the boards' review.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Dinosaur Valley:** Partners work crews cleaned out the upstairs of the building. There is still some trash removal needed but it looks much better. You can now walk through the building and see the potential for office spaces, etc. The building has been hit with a lot of graffiti lately. Gregg Palmer talked with City Police and was told it was due to the easy access to the fire escape ladder. Will follow up and make sure the ladder is fixed and the graffiti has been removed. Ed Chamberlin will present the findings of the feasibility study at the August 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**DooZoo:** Mesa Developmental Services has moved out. Construction on the new partition walls is expected to begin as soon as the DooZoo can get the materials donated. The building permit should be issued next week.

**Downtown Parking Structure:**

Distributed and briefly discussed memos from Ed Chamberlin regarding the 600 Rood parking lot. Barbara will forward copies to Mark Relph in Public Works.

600 Rood – need to change existing angle of parking, islands and striping. Public Works would like to have the improvements done this year.

400 Colorado – corner improvements only. Board agreed with this.

600 Rood & Colorado Avenue lots – Barbara has asked for cost information for underground utilities. Public Works says that it is too costly and they are working on fixed project budgets. Undergrounding associated with these projects is important. Barbara has asked again for cost.

Parking lot behind Avalon on Colorado Avenue – this lot will be hard surfaced and lighting will be installed. There is still concern that we are not maximizing parking due to perimeter landscaping code requirements.

**Two Rivers Convention Center Study Update:** Have not heard anything from the consultants.

**WELCOME TO MARY CRUMBAKER:** Mark Hermundstad introduced and welcomed Mary, our new Board member.

**COUNTDOWN TO TRANSIT 2000**

Pat Landrum, Director of the Mesa County Public Civic Forum, Cliff Davidson, Director of Mesa County Regional Transportation Planning Office, Jason Williams and John Cross, Mesa State College interns, presented “The Vision of Our Transportation Future”. They discussed how the area’s demographics are changing and the importance of a community public transit system. The “Total Transportation Solution” is to better manage existing transportation resources rather than look for more funding to build more roads. The proposed public transit service would be started in the center of Grand Junction as a sideways Circle 8, making its way from Mesa State College, to Mesa Mall, the Downtown and back to Mesa State. The vehicles would then go the other way to service the Orchard Avenue area, Wal-Mart, Veterans Hospital, the One-Stop Career Center, etc. Actual routes have yet to be designated. The DDA and the DTA are major stakeholders and the Civic Forum would like our input; costs per ride, routes, etc. Barbara will follow up with Pat Landrum and get a schedule of the five year 1998-2002 Transit Development Plan.

**ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.