

**MINUTES**  
**Downtown Development Authority**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Friday, April 2, 1999**  
**C.D. Smith Building, 233 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

**PRESENT:** Mary Crumbaker, Chris Launer, Mark Hermundstad, Gene Kinsey, Bruce Bengé, Becky Brehmer, Barbara Creasman, Jean Morgan, Chuck Rose, Sue Gormley, Joe Stevens.

**ABSENT:** Pat Gormley, Kathleen Killian, Bill Petty, Teresa Kareus, and Bruce Hill.

**JUSTICE CENTER PLAN:** Barbara introduced Sue Gormley and Chuck Rose from the County. Sue and Chuck brought building and site plans for the new Courthouse, which will begin construction in early July with completion scheduled for the end of December 2000. The courts will then begin moving in 2001. Total estimated cost for the project \$22 million.

Demolition of the Incubator Building will begin later this month. They will begin to move out April 12<sup>th</sup>. There is a plan in place to recycle all materials possible.

The new Justice Center building is 120,000 sq. feet and 288 feet long. Total of 12 courtrooms. It is designed to keep the staff, judicial personnel and prisoners separate. All prisoners will be brought from the jail through an underground passage in the basement. There are two elevators to then take the prisoners directly to appropriate courtrooms. The first floor will house the basic county staff to assist the public. Also kiosks and customer service representatives will be situated to provide information and schedules on which courtroom cases will be held. The second floor will house the District Attorney's offices.

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Mark Hermundstad at 8:05.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for March 5<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup> were approved.

**LAS COLONIAS:** Joe Stevens presented an update on Las Colonias and the Jarvis Trail. The tour by the Go-Co Board has been postponed because half of the board members were not re-appointed. The tour will be rescheduled for April 9<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup>. The contract for the Jarvis Trail has been awarded to RW Construction and the trail should be completed mid June with an expenditure of \$64,000. The Phase I development of Las Colonias includes the amphitheater and is due to be completed in 2002 or 2003. This is the phase requiring that \$50,000 match from the DDA.

**ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER:** The dinner is scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>. Most of the board members will be available to attend. Due to the Awards Dinner the May 21<sup>st</sup> board workshop will be canceled.

Chris suggested we give an award to the Parks and Rec. Board for their support of the Two Rivers project, the rest of the board agreed.

**TWO RIVERS:** Planning work on Two Rivers redevelopment is scheduled to start this summer with construction in 2001. A task force needs to be formed for this project. Joe discussed the hiring process for the new Two Rivers manager. Barbara Creasman and Becky Brehmer attended the interview of several candidates. Two more candidates are scheduled for Friday April 9<sup>th</sup> and Becky and Barbara will attend.

**TRANSIT 2000** A meeting is scheduled for April 13<sup>th</sup> to learn about the Grand Valley Transit system starting February 2000. Downtown merchants and businesses need to attend this meeting and provide their ideas. Bus stops and the route will be discussed.

**HOTEL PROJECT:** Barbara handed out a draft press release on the hotel project which was approved with one small edit. This will go out to the media today. The board discussed transfer of the city property which will be by resolution or ordinance. City Council will review this issue during the Agenda Review at the April 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop. Chris and Mark will attend.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** New reports for the DDA budget were presented and Barbara explained each fund.

**REED BUILDING:** Construction is going well. The FCI crew is ahead of schedule. Dinosaur Valley is scheduled to reopen May 4, 1999. The DDA applied to Bacon Foundation for project funding and will give them a tour on Monday with an explanation of long term project.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:00