

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
Thursday, February 23, 2006
248 S. 4th Street, Grand Junction, CO
7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Karen Vogel, Harry Griff, Scott Howard, Peggy Page, Mike Mast , Jim Doody, Doug Simons, PJ McGovern , Harold Stalf

ABSENT: Bill Wagner

GUESTS: Dave Varley

CALL TO ORDER: Karen called the meeting to order at 7:41 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Karen turned the meeting over to Councilman Jim Doody. Jim thanked Mike Mast for his service on the DDA Board and presented him with a token of the City Council's appreciation.

The purpose of this special meeting is to clarify some issues regarding a couple of resolutions that are to be submitted to City Council.

Parking Garage – The DDA is willing to help out with the cost of the firewalls up to \$250,000. The DDA would like to expand the garage to four levels. The DDA would prefer that the ownership of the land be in the DDA's name. The DDA will make a commitment to buy 60 spaces. And, finally, the DDA asks for the on-site preparation to not exceed \$411,000. John Shaver is drawing up the resolution. PJ McGovern excused himself from the meeting and abstained from voting. Scott made a motion to support this resolution; Harry seconded; motion carried.

7th Street Project – Karen would like to go over the discussion with Council this week. The significant areas where we didn't see eye to eye were on the 7th Street packet. Jim agreed to phases 1 and 2 only. City staff is on hold waiting for City Council to make a decision. The DDA would like the 7th Street Project completed in 2007. The DDA would also like to continue its cooperation with the City on future projects. PJ recommends that we do phases 1,2 and 3 now and wait for the next two-year plan for phase 4. We are willing to accommodate phase 4, but we would have to pay for it. The DDA would like to ask for participation in Colorado Avenue upgrade and Main Street refurbishment.

Karen handed out new projections with the City participation being .5 million. PJ and Harry think we need to have something on paper that says we are pledging to do Colorado Avenue. Jim agreed that we should include phases 1-3 as well as Colorado Avenue in the resolution. Harold reminded everyone that the resolution is the City's to make. Harry feels that in the resolution we should pledge to cooperate in funding future projects. PJ pointed out that we cooperated with the city on the sale of Cheers. PJ made a motion to accelerate 7th Street thru phases 1-3 and in the spirit of cooperation make a commitment to upgrade Colorado Avenue and Main Street; Harry seconded; motion carried

ADJOURN: The Board adjourned at 9:00 a.m.