

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MINUTES  
Thursday, March 26, 2009  
248 S. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Junction, CO  
7:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Scott Howard, Bill Wagner, Harry Griff, Peggy Page, Bonnie Beckstein, Scott Holzschuh, Bill Keith, Steve Thoms, PJ McGovern

STAFF: Heidi Hoffman Ham, Diane Keliher, Kathy Dirks

GUESTS: Alison Sarmo, John Shaver

CALL TO ORDER: Steve called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Steve welcomed PJ McGovern to the DDA Board. Heidi announced that there is an opening on the Historical Committee which she will fill as needed unless someone else wants to attend. Peggy made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting; Scott Holzschuh seconded; motion passed.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT: Heidi has begun the process of condominiumizing the Scheisswohl Building. Asbestos removal has also begun in the basement.

Heidi and Kathy have organized a meeting to show the media the plan for Main Street. Scott Howard emphasized the need for getting the project done quickly.

Heidi met with City staff regarding breezeway designs. They have two designs in mind. One is rather traditional and the other a little more modern. Theresa Mays has asked for a week extension to her lease. The building will be vacated by April 7. Demolition will begin in mid April.

Heidi attended a public meeting on Tuesday night regarding the Strategic Plan with area residents. There was discussion of zoning and design. Surveys were handed out and Heidi will report on the findings when they become available.

The Human Resources Department has received 125 applications for our Administrative Clerk position. Staff will conduct six interviews next week.

Heidi is putting together a plan for a temporary office. The RFP for 401 Colorado received three proposals: the Blythe Group and Shaw Construction, LLA Architects and J. Dyer Construction, and Chamberlin Architects. The most comprehensive proposal was from Shaw/Blythe. After some discussion it was decided that Heidi will do some more research regarding Downtown office space and the Board will table this action item for now.

AOTC 2009 PURCHASES: The Art on the Corner Committee has suggested the following 2009 DDA purchases:

Flutterby (People's Choice); Crucible of Creation 2 (Best of Show) ; Billy; Uncomplicated Moon; and Great Heron. Harry made a motion to purchase the sculptures that were chosen by the AOTC Committee; Bill W. seconded; motion carried.

Peggy made a motion to buy the Gene Adcock piece, I'm Glad We're Still Together, for the parking garage breezeway; Bonnie seconded; motion passed.

Bill K. had to leave the meeting at 8:30 a.m.

DOWNTOWN PLANNING AND CATALYST PROJECT: The City has received 33 proposals for the catalyst project. Kathy Portner is going through the proposals. Due to their involvement with the investment group purchasing the church property, Bill Wagner and Scott Howard will have to recuse themselves from decisions made by this board regarding this project. Heidi is on the RFP review team.

ADJOURN – Harry made a motion to adjourn; Bill W. seconded; the Board adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

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