

GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SUMMARY
November 5, 2018

Meeting Convened: 5:30 p.m. in the City Hall Auditorium

Meeting Adjourned: 6:12 p.m.

City Councilmembers present: Councilmembers Duncan McArthur, Phyllis Norris, Duke Wortmann, and Mayor Pro Tem Bennett Boeschstein.

Staff present: City Manager Greg Caton, City Attorney John Shaver, Finance Director Jodi Romero, Assistant to the City Manager Greg LeBlanc, Visit Grand Junction Director Elizabeth Fogarty, and City Clerk Wanda Winkelmann.

Mayor Pro Tem Boeschstein called the meeting to order.

Agenda Topic 1. Discussion Topics

a. Budget Overview for the Downtown Development Authority, Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District (BID), Horizon Drive Business Improvement District (BID)

Vara Kusal, Director of the Horizon Drive BID, noted that the District achieved the following goals for 2018 regarding:

1. Safety – Horizon Drive Crosswalks, I-70 Center Median Barrier.
2. Public Safety Grants – Mesa Inn, Travelodge, Insight Financial Services, and Neighborhood Watch.
3. Phase 3 Curb Buffer Zone Landscaping, Horizon Drive Master Trail Plan, Connectivity – Shuttle Bus to Downtown and Country Jam, Art on Horizon, Drainage-way Clean-up, Christmas on Horizon Drive (lights in the roundabouts).

The Horizon Drive BID 2019 budget was reviewed, and discussion ensued about the Horizon Drive Trail project.

Council expressed gratitude for Ms. Kusal's work.

Brandon Stam, Director of the DDA and Downtown Grand Junction BID, reviewed the following projects/activities: housing, using the building for a resource for the community, Plan of Development (POD) update, and the connectivity of community districts. The DDA was

awarded the designation of a Creative District, which will allow for the application of grants and highlights the downtown. Mr. Stam noted the expectation for special events has risen, which may require sponsorship dollars. A summer concert series is being considered in conjunction with the Farmer's Market (since the streets will be closed). The DDA and Downtown Grand Junction BID are joined together under a partnership model that has added efficiencies to both operations.

Discussion ensued about: a dockless bike share program and a new restaurant opening; representatives from the Creative District traveled to Denver; Marketing efforts for the museum; the downtown is award-winning and a source of pride for the community; the parklet at Las Colonias.

Council thanked Mr. Stam for his work with the DDA and BID.

Mr. Caton noted that tonight's discussion wrapped up the budget workshops and a public hearing will be held on Wednesday and again on December 5.

Agenda Topic 2. Next Workshop Topics

Growth and Development/Transportation will be the next workshop topic to be held on December 3.

3. Other Business

Council expressed support for sending a letter to Senators Bennett and Gardner about the Land and Water Conservation Grant.

Council requested a future discussion with Mesa County about the building inspection program.

Adjournment

The Workshop adjourned at 6:12 p.m.