

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2018
ANB Bank, 131 N 6th Street
8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Doug Simons Jr. (Vice-Chair), Jason Farrington, Josh Niernberg, Maria Rainsdon, Vance Wagner

ABSENT: Duncan Rowley (Chair), Tom LaCroix, Dan Meyer, Phyllis Norris

DDA/BID STAFF: Vonda Bauer, Caitlyn Love, Rykel Menor, Brandon Stam

CITY STAFF: John Shaver (City Attorney)

GUESTS: Tom Parrish (President of Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education), Diana Sirko (Interim Mesa County Valley School District 51 Superintendent), Angela Christensen (Mesa County Valley School District 51 Foundation Executive Director)

CALL TO ORDER: Doug called the meeting to order at 7:42 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of Oct 25, 2018

Jason made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 25th, 2018 meeting. Maria seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

PRESENTATION BY SCHOOL DISTRICT 51

Angela Christiansen (Mesa County Valley School District 51 Foundation Executive Director) introduced Tom Parrish (President of Mesa County Valley School District 51 Board of Education) and Diana Sirko (Interim Mesa County Valley School District 51 Superintendent).

Mr. Parrish gave a video presentation and explained what projects have been underway, where the money has been spent since voters approved 3A and 3B (bond & mill levy), and what the roles are for the Board of Education members. Mr. Parrish thanked the DDA Board and community for their support.

Dr. Sirko has been serving as Interim Superintendent for the past several weeks and stated that the impact of the bond and mill levy has been great.

UPDATES:

Sidewalk Cleaning

Brandon met with Eric, from Avalanche Power Wash, and identified a few problem areas that will be spot cleaned this year. A deep cleaning will be completed on the downtown sidewalks in the spring.

Plan of Development

The first meeting with the Community Task Force was held on October 26th. There were 25 attendees. Some of the talking points were connectivity to Downtown, transportations issues, housing, vacant land,

economic development issues, wayfinding, safety and comfort. The next event is scheduled on Thursday, November 15th, from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm at The Rockslide Brewery and Restaurant.

OTHER BUSINESS

Vance asked if there was any new information on the R-5 property. Brandon replied that REgeneration is in the final subdivision application phase. Jeremy Nelson (President-REgeneration Strategies) will give an update to the Board in January.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

A downtown resident stated that she would like to become more involved in what is happening downtown. Brandon will meet with her to discuss opportunities.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, Jason made a motion to adjourn; Josh seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:28 a.m.