

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2012
248 SOUTH 4TH STREET
7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Peggy Page, Steve Thoms, PJ McGovern, Les Miller, Stephan Schweissing, Jason Farrington

ABSENT: Jodi Coleman-Niernberg, Kevin Reimer, Bennett Boeschstein

STAFF: Harry Weiss, Diane Keliher, Kathy Dirks

CALL TO ORDER: Peggy called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Les made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 28th meeting; PJ seconded; minutes were approved. Peggy welcomed new board members Stephan Schweissing, an attorney located at 319 Colorado, and Jason Farrington of Monument Oil located at 560 Colorado.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Les made a motion to elect Steve Thoms as DDA board chair and Jodi Coleman-Niernberg as DDA board vice chair for a one-year term; PJ seconded; motion carried.

BOARD LIAISONS & COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS:

Avalon Theatre Foundation: Steve Thoms and Stephan Schweissing were appointed to the Avalon Theatre Foundation Board. Steve would also like to stay on the Avalon Theatre renovation design committee. PJ would like to keep two seats on the Avalon Foundation Board considering the DDA's financial contribution of \$3 million.

DTA Board: Peggy would like to continue as the DDA's representative to the DTA board.

Historic Preservation Board: Jodi agreed to be the liaison to this board.

Real Estate Committee: PJ agreed to stay on this committee and Jason will fill the other seat. Les is willing to serve as an alternate in case of any conflicts.

Façade Improvement Grant Committee: Les and Jason agreed to serve on this committee.

FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD: The DDA's offer was rejected by the Assembly of God congregation by a margin of 128 to 54. PJ and Harry met with a couple of the church directors and executed the contract, but it was not ratified by the congregation.

WHITE HALL: There was discussion of the demolition plan/asbestos abatement and transfer of ownership to the DDA.

UPDATES: There are several façade improvement grant applications being submitted for approval (Heirlooms for Hospice, 625 Main Street; Talley's Restaurant, 619 Main Street; Sabrosa Bar, 122 So. 5th Street; Creative Avenues, 128 So. 5th Street). PJ is concerned about what would happen if a new owner

or tenant came in and wanted to replace the façade. He feels the DDA needs to have a covenant and/or a deed for façade improvements.

Ten Art on the Corner sculptures were installed last month. There are still three pieces that need to be installed. Harry will meet with the director of the Art Center, Camille Silverman, to discuss a possible partnership for the future of AOTC.

Harry has scheduled a meeting with Barb Bowman, VCB manager, regarding a visitor center located downtown. There was discussion of available properties and collaborating with the VCB. Jason asked about moving the DDA office out of the current building. Harry would like to “clean up” the lease with the Museum and make it month to month.

ADJOURN: Peggy made a motion to adjourn; Les seconded; the board adjourned at 8:44 a.m.