TWO RIVERS CONVENTION CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES 31 October 2003, 11:45 AM Two Rivers Convention Center

Attendance:

Kelly Arnold, Lena Elliott Bruce Hill

Tillie Bishop Joe Stevens Michael Brophy

Debbie Kovalik David Varley

Avalon Board Members: Ed Lipton & Pat Gormley

Guest of Tillie Bishop: Mike Nykos

- Discussed the Avalon Theater with the two Board Members present. Discussed items such as the future of the Avalon, capital improvement properties and possible use by the Symphony.
- Also volunteered use of City staff to help coordinate the use of a grants writer to help secure capital grants for the theater. This would entail assistance such as and RFQ and help coordinating the selection of somebody to use for this purpose.
- It was noted that many of the grants that could be applied for require a certain match of dollars.
- Discussed various items about TRCC. Need to fix the microphones. They were not operating properly at yesterday's economic forum meeting. By next Tuesday Mike Brophy should have some more information about options and costs to fix the problem.
- Could still use some better signage to show people where their meeting room is when they enter the building.
- It was mentioned that there could still be better use of the underground parking. Many people still don't know how to get there.
- The facility is mostly booked up for the holiday season. They are promoting the holiday share party. The Casa Blanca from Mesquite, Nevada booked an event which will bring in around \$35,000.
- It was suggested that one of the first needs of the Avalon is to get people there and do this by better informing people about the facility.
- Will see how things go for the next six months with regard to capital fund raising by the Avalon Board.
- Rising utility costs are a big concern for both facilities.
- TRCC now carries many local Colorado wines.
- The next meeting will be scheduled for some time in the beginning of 2004.