AND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2026
750 MAIN STREET-GROWL CONFERENCE ROOM & VITRUAL OPTION
7:30 AM

Board Members present: Libby Olson (Chair)-via Zoom, Garrett Portra (Vice-Chair), Dustin Anzures, Steven Boyd, Cole Hanson, Karli Hyland, Afton Neal, Faith Rodriguez, City Council Representative Ben Van Dyke (via Zoom)

Downtown Grand Junction staff present: Brandon Stam, Vonda Bauer, Dave Goe, Jed Willis

Other: Northland Securities, Inc Financial Advisor Troy Bernberg (representing the DDA)-via Zoom

City of Grand Junction staff present: Interim City Attorney Jeremiah Boies

CALL TO ORDER: Libby called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of Minutes:

Meeting on March 26, 2026

Cole made a motion to approve the minutes of March 26, 2026, Grand Junction Downtown Improvement District Board meeting. Karli seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

UPDATES

Downtown Colorado Inc Conference

Brandon reported that attendee feedback from the Conference was very positive. Many participants were surprised by how vibrant and attractive Downtown remains, and the breakout dinners and tours prompted numerous questions about downtown operations, including parks and retail. Brandon thanked board members for their support in showcasing Downtown, noting that the experience is likely to generate return visits. He also shared a blog post from one of the attendees with the board.

Events/Marketing Updates

- **Cinco de Mayo** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026.
- **Rides and Vibes** will take place on Friday, May 8, and Saturday, May 9.
- The **openmarket.co** is hosting a Colorado Avenue Block Party on Saturday, May 9. The event features local vendors and food trucks.
- **The Hog and Hen** will hold sidewalk sales every Saturday throughout May.
- **Triple Play Records** celebrated Record Store Day on April 18, reporting a highly successful event.
- The **Second Annual Deathslope Music Festival** will be held Memorial Day weekend, from Thursday, May 21 through Sunday, May 24, 2026, at the Mesa Theater, featuring multiple bands over four nights.
- Staff will finalize the **Market on Main** details next month. One market each month will include a beer garden and live music under the **Farm to Tap** name.

New Business Updates

Brandon provided an overview of recent business activity downtown.

- New Way Refillery opened next to Kiln.

- The former High Desert Authentiques space will be occupied by a tattoo studio, associated with the Elysium Studios, which also plans to include an art gallery component.
- So MICA Floral is relocating out of downtown to focus on its wedding business; an interior design company is expected to take over that space on Colorado Avenue.
- A new Mediterranean restaurant, The Roost, has opened in the former Bin 707 location and is currently operating with a soft-launch lunch service, with dinner hours planned soon.
- Junct'n Square Pizza is in the former 626 on Rood space and is expected to open soon.
- Moody's underground is nearing completion and expects to receive its certificate of occupancy soon.
- Tiki Bird is also progressing on its location, with an anticipated opening later in the summer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
None

ADJOURN
There being no further business, Garrett made a motion to adjourn. Steve seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 a.m.