

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY  
BOARD MINUTES  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 2017  
750 MAIN STREET  
8:15 A.M.

**PRESENT:** Kirk Granum (Chair), Duncan Rowley (Vice-Chair), Jodi Coleman-Niernberg, Jason Farrington, Tom LaCroix, Dan Meyer, Phyllis Norris

**ABSENT:** Doug Simons Jr., Vance Wagner

**DDA/BID STAFF:** Vonda Bauer, Allison Blevins, Brandon Stam

**CITY STAFF:** John Shaver (City Attorney)

**GUESTS:** Bennett Boeschstein (Mayor Pro Tem), John Williams (School District 51 Board President), Joe Vaccarelli (The Daily Sentinel)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Kirk called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Meeting of July 27, 2017

***Jason made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting; Duncan seconded the motion. Tom and Kirk abstained. The minutes were approved.***

**PRESENTATION BY CITIZENS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICT 51**

John Williams (School Board President) gave a presentation regarding the Mesa County Valley School District Bond and Mill Levy proposals. John explained the proposed bond projects which included maintenance projects, technology, a gym for Dual Immersion Academy, security improvements, and a supplemental gym for Palisade High School.

There was Board discussion in regards to supporting the proposed bond measure and mill levy override in the November 7, 2017 Election.

***Tom made a motion for a resolution to support the Mesa County Valley School District. Jodi seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.***

Brandon will draft a resolution.

**UPDATES**

**Blue Print Grant**

The DDA received the OEDIT Blueprint 2.0 Grant. The grant is a technical assistance grant that will help provide resources to our community. More information will be available soon.

**R-5**

Brandon met with Jeremy and City Planning staff to begin the entitlement process.

### **AOTC**

The deadline for AOTC submissions is Friday, August 11, 2017. Twenty seven submissions have been submitted to date. Some changes this year include accepting less pieces, changing the award structure, increasing the honorarium to \$800.00 to encourage more quality artists to submit their work, and hiring a curator for the selection process. Avery Glassman (Curator from The Art Center) will review and select the pieces that will be installed for this year's exhibit. The subcommittee will help in the selection process for the awards. The pieces will be installed on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

The Legends committee voted to purchase the Sun Worshippers (Sunflowers in the 7<sup>th</sup> Street roundabout) as a gift to the community from the balance remaining in the Legends of the Grand Valley account. The Sunflowers will become part of the Art on the Corner permanent collection. The sculptor, Jeff Fasnacht, agreed to a price of \$9,000. The Legends will pay \$8,000 and the remaining \$1,000 will be paid from a designated donor. The remaining funds in the Legends account will be used for future maintenance of the Legend's sculptures. The Legends Committee will plan an event to recognize the artist.

### **Play Area Downtown**

Brandon recommended installing shade covers over the play area by Rock Slide due to how hot the gorillas get. Brandon has spoken with Canvas Products regarding the cost to install shade sails over the area. Brian, General Manager of The Rockslide, may be interested in applying for a Special Projects Grant to install the shade sails over his outdoor dining area. A Request for Proposal (RFP) would not be required if the total project is under \$10,000.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **ADJOURN**

***Phyllis made a motion to adjourn; Jodi seconded the motion. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 a.m.***