

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017
750 MAIN STREET
8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Jason Farrington, Dan Meyer, Phyllis Norris, Doug Simons Jr., Vance Wagner, Aaron Young
(via skype)

ABSENT: Duncan Rowley (Chair), Jodi Coleman-Niernberg (Vice-Chair), Tom LaCroix

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

CITY STAFF: John Shaver (City Attorney) Greg Caton (City Manager)

GUESTS: Thaddeus Shrader (CEO and Owner of Bonsai Design), Steve Jozefczyk (GJEP Business Development Manager)

CALL TO ORDER: Jason called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of October 26, 2017

Doug made a motion to approve the October 26th minutes; Phyllis seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

BONSAI & GJEP PRESENTATION

Thaddeus Shrader of Bonsai Design gave a presentation regarding the Las Colonias Business Park project. Bonsai Design is a Grand Junction based zipline and aerial adventure course business. Their team has designed and installed aerial adventure systems in the throughout the country and abroad.

The business and recreational park will be developed through a public-private partnership between the City of Grand Junction, Downtown Development Authority, Bonsai Design, as well as other potential outdoor recreation manufacturing businesses. Bonsai Design will serve as the anchor tenant of the new business and recreational park called Riverfront at Las Colonias.

There will be the creation of an entity of a Development Corporation to oversee the Las Colonias Development. The five-member board will include one member each from Bonsai Design, the Director of the Downtown Development Authority, the Director of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership, a Grand Junction City Councilor and an at-large individual. The LCDC would manage all aspects of the development.

UPDATES

Wifi

The equipment for the Downtown Wifi has been ordered and is scheduled to be installed by the middle of December.

Project Report List

Brandon distributed a list of capital project updates regarding the Endcap Project, Train Depot, R-5/White Hall, Two Rivers, and Las Colonias. A timeline was also distributed from Senergy for the Endcap Project.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN

Phyllis made a motion to adjourn; Dan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 a.m.