

GRAND JUNCTION DOWNTOWN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019
131 N 6TH STREET
7:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Duncan Rowley (Chair), Doug Simons Jr. (Vice-Chair), Dan Meyer, Josh Niernberg, Libby Olson, Maria Rainsdon, Anna Stout, Vance Wagner

ABSENT: Maria Rainsdon, Tom LaCroix

STAFF: Vonda Bauer, Caitlyn Love, Brandon Stam

CITY STAFF: John Shaver (City Attorney) was absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Duncan called the meeting to order at 7:35 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of June 13, 2019

The minutes of the June 13th meeting were tabled until the next meeting.

BOARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS & OFFICERS

Vance made a motion to nominate Doug for Board Chairman. Anna seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Duncan made a motion to nominate Josh for Board Vice Chairman. Dan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The Board appointed the following members for the BID Board Committees:

- Leadership Committee: Libby and Maria
- Creative District Committee & AOTC: Anna and Duncan

UPDATES:

WORKSHOP

Libby and Caitlyn will be providing a training called “Utilizing the Downtown Website” for business owners on Wednesday, July 31st. The class is capped at 20 participants; however, additional classes will be provided if needed.

DOWNTOWNER

The Downtowner will be held at The Palette on Thursday, August 22, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

TRU OPEN HOUSE

The Tru by Hilton Grand Junction Downtown will be hosting an open house party for the Downtown business community on Wednesday, July 31st from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The Tru by Hilton is located at 243 Colorado Avenue.

TWO RIVERS MURAL

The City of Grand Junction and Downtown Grand Junction have opened a Call for Artist. The artist selected will paint a themed mural on a concrete wall on the north side of the Two Rivers Convention Center.

GOCO GRANT

Downtown is working on submitting an application for a \$60k grant available through Great Outdoors Colorado (GOCO) in partnership with the City of Grand Junction. The grant funding would be used to help connect Downtown to the Riverfront through an art line that will start by the buffalo at 4th & Main and go down Colorado to 7th Street to the Riverfront. The funds would provide signage, painting crosswalks, interactive art, and other additional improvements. The deadline for applying is October 24, 2019. Grants will be awarded in March, 2020.

OTHER BUSINESS

The banners for the side poles have been installed on Main Street and Colorado Avenue. Additional banners will be installed next year.

Duncan suggested lowering the dismount bike signage and to turn the signs around to face the correct way. Brandon will discuss the information with City of Grand Junction Transportation Engineer, Paul Jagim.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Duncan made a motion to adjourn; Doug seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.