

DOWNTOWN GRAND JUNCTION BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR BOARD MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
(Rescheduled from September 12, 2019)
131 N 6TH STREET
7:30 A.M.

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

ABSENT: Tom LaCroix, Maria Rainsdon, Anna Stout

STAFF: Vonda Bauer, Caitlyn Love, Rykel Menor, Brandon Stam

CITY STAFF: John Shaver (City Attorney)

GUESTS: Jeff Reid, Ray Rickard (property owners)

CALL TO ORDER: Doug called the meeting to order at 7:32 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Meeting of August 8, 2019

Josh made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting. Dan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

UPDATES

Event Updates and Recap

Rykel explained that farmers do not have enough produce to sell at the market in the middle of June; therefore, there has been discussion to start the Market on Main in July, instead of June. Additionally, due to the number of events produced in the fall, the BID is considering moving the car show or art festival from fall to spring.

Market on Main

- 136 vendors were approved for the Market with an average of 92 vendors participating each week. Of those vendors, 44 were farmers
- This is the 3rd year SNAP and the Double Up programs were offered. \$7,600 of SNAP and Double up benefits were distributed
- Added Rhythm & Brews (a four concert summer series)
- Sponsorship and vendor fees were increased this year
- Total vendor fee revenue received was \$41,000 compared to \$31,000 last year
- Business owners expressed their support of the event

Car Show

- This year is the 18th year of the Downtown Car Show
- There were 156 cars that participated in the event
- Winefest was same weekend; however, didn't seem to affect our event

Art Festival Weekend October 4th-6th

- First Friday Art Walk will begin Friday at 5:00 pm-8:00 pm. A band will perform on the plaza at 6:00 p.m.
- This year is the 35th Anniversary of Art on the Corner. A Welcome Reception will be held on Friday from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm at the Springhill Suites. The installation of the seventeen temporary exhibit sculptures, as well as the new Dave Davis piece, will be installed on Saturday beginning at 7:00 am. Art on the Corner awards will begin at 2:30 pm.
- The unveiling of the mural at Two Rivers Convention Center will also take place on Saturday.
- The City of Grand Junction agreed to allow painting the crosswalk at the 5th Street and Colorado Avenue intersection. Painting will begin on Saturday, Oct 5th, at 10:00 am. The community is encouraged to participate.
- The Art Expo will start at 11:00 am on Saturday. A jazz band and Aerial Arts group will perform on the stage at 4th & Main. There are 65 vendors participating in the event.
- The Grand Junction Film Festival will begin at 1:00 pm on Sunday at the Avalon Theatre.

BID PROPERTY INCLUSION CONSIDERATIONS

701 Main Street

The property at 701 Main Street is currently in the Downtown Development Authority boundaries; however, it is not in the Business Improvement District boundaries. A petition for inclusion of property into the Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District was submitted for approval for 701 Main Street. An upscale tequila will be opening at this location.

Dan made a motion to recommend to City Council approval of the petition for inclusion for 701 Main Street into the Business Improvement District. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

330 S 2nd Street

A petition for inclusion of property into the Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District was submitted for approval for 330 S 2nd Street. Jeff Reid, owner of the property, explained that a small brewery and tap room will be opening soon at this location.

Dan made a motion to recommend to City Council approval of the petition for inclusion for 330 S 2nd Street into the Business Improvement District. Duncan seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

805 Struthers Avenue & 879 Struthers Avenue

A petition for inclusion of property into the Downtown Grand Junction Business Improvement District was submitted for approval for 805 Struthers Avenue and 879 Struthers Avenue. Ray Rickard, representative of both properties, explained that both properties are by the Riverfront. The property located at 805 Struthers Avenue has a tenant; however, future plans are to add condominiums. The property at 879 Struthers Avenue will include a restaurant and retail office space.

Duncan made a motion to recommend to City Council approval of the petition for inclusions for 805 Struthers Avenue and 879 Struthers Avenue into the Business Improvement District. Vance seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The petitions will be submitted to City Council for approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, Dan made a motion to adjourn. Vance seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:54 a.m.