

ACTION MINUTES

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY SPECIAL MEETING

September 1, 2020

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

ITEM NO. 1 - Meeting called to order and roll call

Christian Henny, Board President, called the meeting to order at 3:01 PM. Meeting Notice and Agenda were posted on the City website with instructions for attending today's meeting via ZOOM.

DDA members present: Christian Henny, Board Chairperson; Chad Lee, Board Vice Chairperson; Laura Kirk, Executive Director; Lisa Nieslanik, Board Member; Jon Zalinski, Board Member; Kevin Brady, Board Member; Greg Keller, Board Member; Kurt Carruth, Board Member

Council members present: Steve Davis, City Council Representative; Charlie Willman, City Council Representative

City staff present: Jen Ooton, Assistant City Manager; Steve Boyd; Yvette Gustad; Terri Partch

ITEM NO. 2 – Public Comment Limited to 3 Minutes Per Contributor:

ITEM NO. 3 – Approve Consent Agenda:

Items may be removed from Consent Agenda for discussion on request of any Board member. Items not removed may be adopted by general consent without debate.

- A. Approval of Invoices for the Following:
 - a. Garfield and Hecht

- B. Approval of Minutes for August 18th

Jon Zalinski made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Kevin Brady.

The Motion passed unanimously

ITEM NO. 4 – DDA Board Budget Discussion:

- 2020 Budget Status
- 2021 Budget for Discussion and Approval
 - Prep for September 27th Council Budget Work Session

The Board reviewed the 2020 budget status and the proposed 2021 budget. The 2021 budget is

lean as a result of reduced sales tax in the downtown area from COVID and reduced activity during the fires. The Board was comfortable using some of the reserve account as proposed for 2021 and setting aside remaining reserves for future uncertainties. The budget will be reviewed with Council at a work session on September 27th.

Kevin made a Motion to approve the 2021 budget; seconded by Greg. The motion passed unanimously.

ITEM NO. 5 – MOVE Discussion:

- Discuss Preferred Alternative – Parking issues and variances were discussed as was corridor congestion. Future development, big projects, the Confluence area, and the need for parking garages was discussed and a desire to understand these impacts before picking transit solution alternatives. The DDA is not in favor of running the BRT downtown on Grand Avenue and removing parking. A transit center at 7th and Colorado was not supported. The DDA is leaning more towards running BRT on Rio Grande Corridor with more study and with reservation. A transit station on the 8th Street RFTA property is more favorable than other locations. Parking solutions should also consider biking and walkability downtown.

ITEM NO. 6 – Future Meetings Relevant to the DDA:

- September 15th, 2:00-4:00. The Arts and Culture Board would like to talk about the DDA Plan update process at this meeting.

Chad made a Motion to adjourn; seconded by Greg.

Adjourned at 4:30 PM