



Cheyenne Downtown Development Authority/Main Street

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

May 11, 2017

3:00 pm, WBC Becker Board Room

Board:

~~Wally Erickson~~

~~Gabriel Pina~~

~~Dave Teubner~~

Will Hardin

Dave Ohde

Alane West

Sam Galeotos

Jeff White, City Council Liaison

Ex-Officio: Linda Heath, Laramie County

Staff:

Desirée Brothe, Program Manager, Interim E.D.

Andy Hogan, Marketing and Communications Manager

Guests: Glen Garrett, Blithe McAndrew, Pete Laybourn, Wayne Hansen

Vice President called the meeting to order at 3:00.

Jeff White moved to approve the consent agenda, this was seconded by Alane West. None Opposed.

New business- Wayne Hansen is introduced to give a presentation on the Friends of the Atlas.

Wayne stated that he got involved with the Atlas many years ago, and today he is interested in preservation. Stated that the Cheyenne Little Theatre players were created to sustain the Atlas.

Video: Lady Emerald of the Atlas gives a tour of the Atlas Theatre. States that the Friends of the Atlas are dedicated to sustaining and restoring the theatre, which was built in 1887. Still has original tin ceiling, but the bar and air conditioning has been installed. The façade was recently painted, and the preservation of some of the old movie posters is important.

Wayne Hansen thanks the DDA for the grant work on the façade. Next steps are the lead paint to be abated. Hansen states that public input is always welcome. The 2008 study will be redone and a new engineering study will be done to see what can be done to use the 2nd and 3rd floors.

Sam G. stated that the next item is the budget. The new city budget might create some issues for the DDA. Asks Desiree for some updates on what the DDA can do.

Desiree stated that in the board packets is an original budget from Lois and some documents that she put together about what can be done. Desiree stated that they could cut things like plaza events and bike share. The other option is to cut the increase for staff positions.

Sam suggested that we take those two options and put them on the same spread sheet. Dave O. asked if the budget was final. Jeff W. stated that the committee of the whole meeting will take place on the budget over the next six weeks.

Sam G. asked if we could try and get a budget meeting scheduled. Suggested calling an executive session. Sam asked Desiree to send out a Doodle Poll. Desiree asks the board to contact her with any questions.

Standing Committee:

Program Director Update: Desiree states that Judy has been appointed. Desiree also states that we recently returned from the Main Street Conference, but will give updates later.

U.P. will meet next week to talk about parking. Safety and operation change is going well with CPD, the new grant would put 5 new officers downtown. Conversations are still occurring for the West Edge. Alley Modernization schematics should be moving forward soon. Property database will be moving forward in June. Lights are currently going up on 17th street. Cheyenne Creative is closing at the end of the month. Military mural will begin work very soon. Ice Rink has gathered some estimates for new rink. Rock the Block marketing has gone out.

Sam G. stated that the executive committee has no update.

Historic Preservation: Blithe stated that the state archives destruction has been stalled. Delicate plans will be digitized. The Dubois award will be given out this month to a house on Carey. Historic Houses were moved successfully.

Sam G. asked Councilman Jeff White about the West Edge. Jeff stated that the council passed an ordinance that would create an oversight team. City met with officials from FEMA and stated that the meeting went very well.

Pete Laybourn stated that the sales tax election was very good.

DDF: Alane West stated that they would like to see another DDA board member join the DDF.

DCBC: Desiree stated that they are still planning the lot party in July.

CPD: no report

Linda Heath stated that they are very happy about the election results, but disappointed about the two failures.

Committees:

Design: Jack stated that last month was the CIG grant for the candy store, they are planning gold leaf on the windows. Hoping to open before frontier days. Jack also stated that the architects presented to committee for FIP and the SOIS meeting is coming up soon.

Glenn Garret asked which projects were approved and when do they start?

Jack stated that Flydragon, 2 buildings on 17th street and the Majestic building were approved.

Economic Restructuring: No Report

Organization: Desiree stated that we will be hosting the DDA Road Show on May 24th, hopefully at Anong's.

Promotions: Desiree stated that Mikki Munson is out, but promotions is focusing on Ice Rink details.

New business: Pete Laybourn holds up the Curb and Gutter book. Pete states that this is important and that no property owner participated in the Curb and Gutter Program. States that he has seen several people trip and fall because of broken curb and gutters.

Sam asked if they are planning an ordinance or change in the code. Pete says that this is in the plans, and they will be discussing it in the Committee of the Whole. Pete also stated that there have been positive moves being made with broadband internet downtown.

Sam called the meeting to a close at 4:03