

ACTION MINUTES

DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MEETING

January 5, 2021

ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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

Christian Henny, Board President, called the meeting to order at 2:00 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; Greg Keller, Board Member; Kurt Carruth, Board Member; Kevin Brady, Board Member.

Council members present: Charlie Willman, City Council Representative; Shelley Kaup, Council Member, Mayor Jonathan Godes

City staff present: Jen Ooton, Terri Partch, Debra Figueroa.

Public present: MOVE consulting team; Kurt Kravenschlag and David Johnson with RFTA; Rob Garvell with the Transportation Commission, other members from the public

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. DHM Design
 - b. Debra Bullock
 - c. Taylor Van Zyl
 - d. Community Office of Resource Efficiency
- B. Approval of Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2020 and December 15, 2020.
- C. Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for the DDA Lot

Chad made a Motion to approve the Consent Agenda; seconded by Kevin.

The Motion passed unanimously

ITEM NO. 4 – MOVE Update:

- Discussion – Terri presented a PowerPoint review of the MOVE study. Kurt Kravenschlag noted that as part of the early analysis, Midland Avenue was a possibility that was heavily discussed. David Johnson told the Board that a bike share study was being started with an optional component to expand to electric scooters and other modes. The Transportation Commission supports the short-term parking recommendations in the MOVE study. Parking and alternative ideas should be submitted to Terri. The Board would like to know the time difference between sitting in traffic in 2020 and 2040. Terri has this information.

Overall, the Board had significant concerns and were not in support of using the Rio Grande Trail. They are interested in making sure all alternatives have been investigated and travel/ time savings with BRT on Grand is meaningful. The Board has less reservation about BRT on Grand if it is turning at 9th Avenue instead of 8th. The Board would like to see an emphasis on intercepting commuters before they reach Glenwood and are in favor of increasing parking in West Glenwood instead of bringing cars into downtown. A more favorable location for a transit location would be West Glenwood. The Board would like to make sure an emphasis on bike sharing and pedestrians are part of the transit and parking alternatives. Because parking is a larger problem in the downtown, the Board encourages a holistic review of parking supply and demand to identify parking structure locations on both sides of the river. Short-term solutions are recognized as important but the board feels that those should be considered within the larger context. The Board is concerned that short-term parking solutions will not be enough to address the problem.

ITEM NO. 5 – Other Items Relevant to Board Discussion:

- Discussion– No discussions

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

- February 16th, 2:00-4:00 – Regular Meeting
Meetings for 2021 to fall on the third Tuesday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00.

Chad moved to *adjourn at 3:58 PM seconded by Kevin*