Nederland Downtown Development Authority Minutes for March 3, 2011

Board members present: Bunny Spangler, Steve Culver, Director Paul Turnburke, Jonathan Beggs, Teresa Warren, Udo Sille and Ken Adler (by remote voice link).

Absent: Rob Joseph.

Also present: Beth Davis, Pam North, Alisha Reis and Roger Cornell. Meeting called to order at 8:15 A.M.

There wasn't any public comment.

1. Teresa Warren said she has been helping Paul Turnburke put out ballots for the crosswalk flag logo contest. The deadline for votes is March 15th. Teresa said she attended the Planning Commission meeting with Paul and the Envision 2020 Business meeting with Paul and Steve Culver.

2. Paul Turnburke said he has loaned out some of the pedestrian flags to the parking people for Frozen Dead Guy Days to use.

Paul said he has presented the sidewalk enhancement concept plans now to PROSAB, the Planning Commission, the Fire Dept., the Peace Gardeners, Mutual of Omaha Bank, Best Western Lodge, Roy Young and Off Her Rocker. Paul said he still needs to go before the Sustainability Advisory Board. Paul said he hopefully be able to take the comments and letters of support of the concept plans before the BOT on March 15th, where he hopes to get a thumbs up to take the concept plans along with ideas for changes from the various groups and the BOT and fold them into a revised plan that he can present to the Planning Commission and BOT for approval so we can begin planning for construction. Paul said he would like to put out a call to local artists and artisans to see if any are interested in participating in the enhancement plans for the one block area we are working on. Paul said if the NDDA Board approves, he will put out an invitation to contact us, the NDDA, so that we may gather a list of people who are interested in this project. Paul said that we have always wanted to make this project local.

Paul updated us the insurance and maintenance agreement with the Town. It has been signed and Paul said that it is a good plan. Paul said that under this agreement, our tractor drivers, Dan Glasser and Keith Larson will become Town employees and once we know that Worker's Comp. Insurance is in place on the Town's end then we can drop the NDDA coverage for Worker's Comp. for Dan and Keith. Paul said the question of does the NDDA Board and its Director have any liability insurance for people who might wish to sue us. Paul said we already have indemnity, which is inherent in this agreement, but it is also inherent in that we are an arm of the Town. Alisha Reis said that under CIRSA, (the government insurance), the NDDA Board and Director are treated just like the BOT, Public Works and the Police Dept. and that any protections the BOT has the NDDA Board and Director also have. Paul said because of that he will not become an employee of the Town and will remain an employee of the NDDA and will be covered for Workers Comp. through the NDDA.

Teresa Warren said that she will sign the Maintenace Agreement and that she will need someone to attest to her signature. The Maintenace Agreement has already been approved by the NDDA Board.

Paul Turnburke said that the "Citizens' Resolution for Preservation of Nederland's Character and Sustainability of Its Community", will probably come before the BOT on their first meeting in April. The resolution is on the Town's website and can be commented on by email. Paul asked the Board if they would like to send their comments on this issue to him so he can compile our comments into a letter that would represent our collective viewpoints.

Teresa Warren asked Town Administrator Alisha Reis if the people behind the resolution have to go through the same Advisory Boards as the NDDA. Alisha said that with policy you have to go before the boards the BOT directs you to and the BOT directed this group to go before SAB. Alisha said this is a citizen project and not a SAB project, but that most people are associating this with the SAB. Comments were then given by the NDDA Board on what they each thought of the wording and content of the resolution. The discussion was then opened up to others in attendance and Beth Davis asked the NDDA Board to realize there are other and different points of view of why people moved to Nederland and that the two sides need to respect these differences and come to a compromise on future development and growth.

Teresa Warren said that we should create a document for our next meeting that would state the NDDA position on the sustainablity resolution. Paul Turnburke said we could all email him individually with our comments and he would assemble those comments into a document that we could talk about at our next meeting. Paul continued with his Director's report and said he had been contacted by Boulder County Transportation and they said they have some "FASTER" funds available for enhancements to bus stops in Boulder County and they have already identified three or four stops in the Nederland that are on the potential list.

Paul then showed us a B-Cycle he has on loan from the bike sharing program. He has been riding it around town for a few days to check it out and see how it holds up. Paul pointed out some of the features on the bike. The B-Cycle bike sharing program is all over the country and is already in Denver and will be coming to Boulder in May. If we join the program, B-Cycle annual account users in Denver and Boulder will be able to use the bikes in Nederland and Nederland account users could access the bikes in Boulder and Denver. Paul said he will bring us more details on the program as he gets them.

3. Roger Cornell mentioned to the NDDA Board about some of the problems he has been observing in the parking lot in front of Town Hall. He has noticed that people would park at all angles and even though striping the lot helps the stripes don't last long. Roger thought that by adding parking bumpers or other types of barricades this problem could be minimized. He asked the NDDA if this might be a project we would be interested in. Teresa and Paul both said that if the Town is interested in the NDDA helping them with this project to send us a proposal of what they would like us to do.

4. Alisha Reis updated us on the BOT meeting Tuesday night. There was a resolution to give revocable encroachment permits to the Food Coop and Bella's Deli on First Street for their properties that encroach upon the First Street right of way. She said the BOT would also like to see large delivery trucks removed or time limited on First Street. Alisha said the bids for the cost of the Waste Water Treatment Plant; that the engineer projected at 3.3 million dollars, came in significantly higher than projected. They ae negotiating scope and billing with the lowest bidder, but there will likely be some changes in the plans. Alisha said hopefully construction on the plant will begin in early April.

5. There was not a NACC report today. Bunny Spangler had nothing new to report on the Public Art Project.

6. Nothing has changed on the NDDA finacial report. Teresa Warren said we got a check from Boulder County in Feb. for around \$800.00. The NDDA issued a check to Nederland Feed & Supply for the last payment of \$700.00 for clean-up of the planters throughout town and planting 1000 daffodil bulbs around town. This expense had already been approved by the NDDA.

7. Next up was the approval of the minutes from our last meeting. Steve Culver mentioned the additions and deletions from the draft minutes that were sent to the NDDA Board and asked if anyone had any other comments. Bunny Spangler made a motion:

To approve the amended minutes from the Feb. 17, 2011, NDDA Board meeting.

Udo Sille 2nd the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. #030311-1.

8. Teresa Warren said we have missed the deadline for applying for an Our Town NEA, (National Endowment for the Arts); grant that we might have used to begin planning for enhancements to a Town Square.

9. Under new business Teresa Warren said we should look into setting up a work session with the BOT to discuss our goals and future projects for the NDDA and the planning grant for the Riverwalk, due this fall. Teresa said the NDDA doesn't want to be doing anything unless we think the BOT wants us to be doing it. Alisha Reis said that the mayor is the one who sets up the BOT work sessions.

10. Paul Turnburke said that there is a legal matter that the NDDA needs to discuss.

Bunny Spangler made a motion:

A motion to go into an executive session to discuss a legal issue. Steve Culver 2nd the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. #030311-2.

11. Bunny Spangler made a motion:

Motion to end the executive session.

Steve Culver 2nd the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. #030311-3.

Steve Culver said he would be unable to attend the next NDDA Board meeting on March 17th, but he would try and make arrangements with Paul or another board member to record the meeting so he could write up the minutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:42 A.M.

Our next regular NDDA meeting will be on Thursday, March 17th. The meeting will take place at 8:00 AM at the Pioneer Inn, unless otherwise notified.

Submitted by Stephen Culver, Secretary NDDA.