

Nederland Downtown Development Authority Minutes for October 7, 2010

Board members present: Bunny Spangler, Ken Adler, Steve Culver, Teresa Warren and Director Paul Turnburke.

Absent: Jonathan Beggs, Udo Sille and Rob Joseph.

Also present: Diane Flemming, Annette Croughwell, Town Administrator Alisha Reis and Mike Massa.

Meeting called to order at 8:07 A.M.

1. Diane Flemming and Annette Croughwell talked about a meeting of citizens to go over recent developments in Nederland and how they are affecting the community. They are concerned that some development is happening too fast. The group has not officially organized. Annette said there will be another meeting with Mayor Sumaya Adu-Haidar on Oct. 18th at Annette's house for lunch.

2. Teresa Warren asked the three NDDA members who attended the DCI Conference to talk about what they found most interesting in the various meetings and seminars they attended. Teresa then passed around an information sheet on the NedVision 2020 Steering Committee.

Teresa talked about contacting our attorney about indemnification for NDDA employees through the Town. Teresa said she will email NDDA Board members about this inquiry and the attorney's response.

Teresa said they have met with Mike Massa to come up with a preliminary budget for 2011, including \$5000.00 to match the Riverwalk Planning Grant. Teresa said we will know in April if the Colorado State Parks & Trails Division has awarded us the planning grant.

Teresa talked about some of the meetings she attended at the DCI Conference. She attended the Denver Living Streets Initiatives; listened to a Professional Fund Raiser; attended a session on Mixed Use Areas and one on Shoestring Marketing. Teresa said next years DCI Conference will be in Durango and she hoped again that Alisha and other Town Board members would be able to attend.

Bunny Spangler talked about her meetings at DCI, including historic designation and preservation; branding, using Woodland Park as an example; listened to a panel of Mayors talk about current topics; and took a walking tour of Glenwood Springs and talked about their public art displays.

Paul Turnburke talked about a meeting on communication techniques, including "My Lyons" and Golden's two hour vacation theme; art ideas, "When in Steamboat"; and also on branding. What he took away from the Branding Seminar was that you have to be unique.

3. Paul Turnburke gave his Director's report. Paul said the grant applications for Phase II of the sidewalk project and the shuttle bus service have been entered. Paul said we will know in January on DRCOG staff recommendations on which grants they will look at closer and then in March or April DRCOG will make their final decisions. If we are chosen, the grant monies would be available starting in October of 2011.

Paul talked about snow removal on the sidewalks and indemnification. One idea is that he and Dan Glasser could become employees of the Town. Paul said we need to look into getting our own NDDA Tax ID number.

Paul said he is meeting next week with CDOT on planning snow removal ideas, hoping they can come up with a plan that won't interfere with each other when it comes to removing snow.

The sidewalk project contractor met with Paul, Alisha and Kevin Dooley and went over a punch list of things left to do on the current sidewalks. We are now waiting for the contractor to give us a list of what they will agree to do or not do.

4. Alisha Reis gave us a BOT report. Alisha said there will be a meeting next Thursday evening at the Community Center about the upcoming ballot initiatives. The BOT is looking into amplified sound enforcements. They are also going to look into special event organizers being responsible for cleaning up after their events. The BOT is working on the budget for next year with a workshop meeting next Tuesday and a second meeting on Oct. 26th. Alisha said the new budget needs to be approved by the end of the year. Lastly, the seniors will be doing the Holiday Mountain Market at the Community Center this year.

5. Mike Massa said we are at a standstill as far as financial reporting goes, nothing has changed in awhile. Mike had three previously approve checks that needed to be signed. One for Dan Glasser, one for Paul Turnburke's reimbursement for lodging fees at the DCI Conference and one for payment of the Accounting Specialist bill.

Mike talked about the 2011 NDDA Budget. They are working on two budgets; an Operating Budget and a Project Base Budget.

6. Teresa Warren said she has been approached about leasing some land for a parking lot. Teresa said she will address this at our next meeting.

Teresa said we cannot approve the minutes from our last two NDDA Board meetings because we do not have enough Board members present who were present at each of these meetings.

7. Paul Turnburke said he has been approached about doing something with the traffic circle in town. Donna Sue Kirkpatrick approached Paul about the planter pots around town and possibly planting some daffodil bulbs around the planters and also doing something with the planters with an autumn theme. The idea is to keep the planters decorated all year long.

8. Ken Adler talked about walking around the town on Saturday and hearing from people who appreciated the new sidewalks and the new carousel. He said senior citizen groups are coming up to town to see and ride on the Carousel of Happiness and they like being able to walk around town on the new sidewalks.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 A.M.

Our next regular NDDA meeting will be on Thursday, Oct. 21st. The meeting will take place at 8:00 AM at the Pioneer Inn, unless otherwise notified.

Submitted by Stephen Culver, Secretary NDDA.