

## **Nederland Downtown Development Authority Minutes for September 16, 2010**

**Board members present:** Bunny Spangler, Steve Culver, Rob Joseph, Jonathan Beggs, Teresa Warren and Director Paul Turnburke.

**Absent:** Ken Adler and Udo Sille.

**Also present:** Ron Mitchell, Lynn Hirshman and Sumaya Adu-Haidar.

Meeting called to order at 10:08 A.M.

1. Rob Joseph thanked everyone for their support of the Neder-Nederland Race. Rob said they had almost 300 racers.

Nederland Mayor, Sumaya Adu-Haidar told everyone that she is available for one-on-one meetings every Tuesday at 9:00 at the New Moon Bakery.

2. Paul Turnburke said that at this special meeting we will look at two grant proposals for DRCOG. Paul said both proposals scored equally at 40 points. Paul explained how the funding would be spread out over three years, with the Option 'A' proposal totaling \$881,000.00, for sidewalks from the Post Office to the Fire Station and Option 'B' proposal totaling \$654,000.00, for sidewalks from the Post Office to the new Library. Each proposal would also include some smaller connecting sidewalks to our existing sidewalks. Paul said the new sidewalks would be 8ft. wide instead of 6ft. because of new standards.

After a round table discussion of the costs associated with each proposal, it was generally agreed that Option 'B' would be the best way to go at this time.

Ron Mitchell said he would like to include sidewalks and crosswalks to connect to The Over-The-Rainbow Preschool. Paul Turnburke said that he would have to follow Federal guidelines for sidewalks in the highway right-of-way, but would be free to construct any size of sidewalk he would want on his own private property.

Bunny Spangler made a motion:

The NDDA will recommend that the BOT adopt Option 'B' to submit to DRCOG for our grant application for Phase 2 of our sidewalk project. Jonathan Beggs 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. Motion passed unanimously. #091610-1.

3. Paul Turnburke next talked about the second grant proposal to submit to DRCOG for a bus shuttle service in and around Nederland. The discussion centered around what advantages the new shuttle service would provide to the Nederland area, with possible routes in the summer to Mud Lake and/or the Hessie trailhead area west of the town of Eldora, and a possibility in the winter of running up to Eldora Mountain Resort Ski Area.

Paul explained how the funding might work, and that RTD has an option in place where Nederland could contract on an hourly rate for bus service from RTD, which would include the bus, driver and all other related expenses. It would be a set fee with RTD providing all the services and maintenance for the buses. With this option, we would not have to worry about purchasing and maintaining a bus or any payroll expenses for drivers. Paul has not gotten a response from RTD on what this might cost.

Some of the drawbacks on going with the RTD option and the grant proposal itself, is how much the overall cost might be to run the shuttle and that we might be limited to a shuttle service for only a few months of the year because of the costs. Also brought up in the discussion was what hours the shuttle would run and would there be a charge to ride the shuttle. Paul said these are all details that will have to be discussed a later time and that the problem at hand is getting the grant proposal in by Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.

It was generally agreed that the shuttle service would be a great benefit for citizens of Nederland as well as visitors to town. Nederland businesses would also benefit as well as possibly the Ski Area. Teresa Warren said that part of the matching funds from the NDDA could be collected from other sources, including TARP funds and from advertising.

The proposal Paul showed the NDDA Board would cost the NDDA \$30,000.00 a year for three years, starting in 2012, with DRCOG contributing \$70,000.00 a year. Paul wasn't sure this grant proposal would be approved by DRCOG, but it would be worth applying for just to get the idea out there and see what happens. Paul also said that after three years if the shuttle service wasn't working out we could choose not to continue it. However, if it was a success after three years, we would probably be able to get continuing funding from DRCOG as well as other sources.

Steve Culver expressed concern about committing \$30,000.00 a year for three years to the cost of running a shuttle and could the NDDA afford this amount. Steve said he would like to have more information on the costs from RTD and how much shuttle service our funding would support; would it be three months, five months, four hours a day or twelve hours a day?

Steve said that even though we might be able to find other funding sources to help reduce our \$30,000.00 a year cost, there wouldn't be any guarantees at this time that we would be able to find those sources. Paul Turnburke stated that if we were awarded the grant and then found out the costs of running the shuttle would limit its effectiveness, we could always decline the funds before implementing the shuttle service and not be committed for \$30,000.00 a year.

Jonathan Beggs made a motion:

To request approval from the BOT to apply for a grant from DRCOG for bus shuttle service in Nederland starting in 2012.

Bunny Spangler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion: Motion was approved with four votes for and Steve Culver voting against the motion. #091610-2.

4. Discussion of the purchase of snow removal equipment for the sidewalks was tabled until our next meeting on Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 A.M.

Our next regular NDDA meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>. The meeting will take place at 8:00 AM at the Pioneer Inn, unless otherwise notified.

Submitted by Stephen Culver, Secretary NDDA.