

Nederland Downtown Development Authority Minutes for April 21, 2011

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

Also present: Gail Eddy, Pam North, Beth Davis, Alisha Reis and Karina Luscher.

Meeting called to order at 8:11 A.M.

1. Under public comment, Gail Eddy thanked Paul Turnburke for following the Sunshine Laws on getting comments on the Sustainability Resolution.

2. Teresa Warren updated everyone on some upcoming meetings that might be of interest. There will be a meeting on "Economic Development and Creative Industry Strategies for Revitalization" in Denver on May 11th, from 2-4PM, at the Colorado Municipal League building. Teresa also said there will be an emergency meeting of the NACC on Monday night. Teresa said she receives lots of information on meetings and webinars and she wishes she could get this information out to various businesses, restaurants, music venues, advisory boards and others who could benefit from attending them. Ideas were suggested on how this information might get forwarded.

Teresa said she is working on the 2nd Annual Sidewalk Art Contest during the High Peaks Art Festival. She said we need to come up with a tent as the one we were planning on has been taken. Steve Culver offered a canopy from ACE Hardware. Teresa said she needs to give the organizers an answer on whether we will have a booth or not.

3. Paul Turnburke said that he and Alisha Reis are working on the parking signs. He is still working with a local company on the printing for the crosswalk signs. Paul said he would also like to come up with special flags for special events or areas, like carousel animals for the crosswalk by the Carousel of Happiness building. He said he would like to get the NDDA Board's permission to pursue these special flags.

Paul said he is working on the details of the access area around First St. and the Pedestrian Bridge. He has shown Alisha some surveys showing a wetlands line and that they need to get more information on what this line is and if it is still exists and/or has changed.

Paul said Boulder County has gotten some money from a grant to improve bus stops in Boulder County and some of the ones in Nederland are included. Paul said he would get Alisha the documents he has received and said that Boulder County is asking for our input on what they are proposing and how that might tie in with some of our plans. Paul said some of the bus stops are within the Phase 2 sidewalk planning area and we might be able to use their improvements as matching funds for our grant.

Paul talked about the sidewalk enhancement plans and said he has gotten some hydraulic information from an engineer who worked on the sidewalks and he is looking at that information as he begins some planning for the bioswales along the new sidewalks.

Paul asked Alisha about an upcoming film being shown in town organized by a "Film and Forum Group". He said the information being put out makes it sound like it is also being sponsored by the Town. Alisha said the Town is not a sponsor of this film. Paul said the information on the film was being forwarded from someone on the Envision 2020 committee and this committee has also asked the NDDA to contribute some money to their group for the cost of this process and he was concerned that some might see this as us trying to taint the outcome of this process. Paul was concerned that the Envision 2020 committee needs to be careful as to what some of its members may be promoting with the content of this film and if others view the film and don't agree with its content will the Envision 2020 committee also sponsor a film with an opposing or different view. Paul was told to get in touch with the Mayor to help clear this up.

Teresa asked about the status of the DRCOG grant and have they contacted the Town. Alisha said no, that right now DRCOG is in the process of turning over the money and information to CDOT and then they will get in contact with the towns who received the grant monies. Paul made a suggestion that it might be in the Town's best interest to be the first to contact CDOT so they can have some control over the process and time frame of getting the project started, as our project is not a very big one and might be moved behind some of the other big projects that received grants.

Rob Joseph asked Paul about an update on the B-Cycle bike sharing program. Paul said it is still in the works, they are looking at areas around the Visitor Center and RTD lot for bike stations and he is looking at initially a five bike station with the possibility of adding two more.

4. Rob Joseph gave his BOT report. He said there is a lot in progress, not much news. Rob suggested everyone look at the Town Staff reports that come out every other week, that they are very comprehensive and full of information. Rob said that the Public Works Dept. is now up to six full-time and one part-time employee and seem to be on track with their project management and daily to dos lists. Rob said that Police Chief Ken Robinson has retired and that Jake Adler is filling in as acting Chief for the time being. Paul Turnburke asked if Jake Adler is eligible to be the Chief. Alisha Reis said that Jake is eligible and has been encouraged to enter the process. Alisha said the Town will start the process of selecting a new Police Chief in early to mid-May.

Rob said the Town has \$180,000.00 left over from the Water Plant project. They have a meeting on Friday morning with a new engineering firm on the design of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, to see if they can come up with some new ideas on how to scale back the design to fit within the costs they can afford. The old engineering firm and the Town have agreed to go their separate ways. Alisha said the Town has also come up with another type of financing option for the Waste Water Plant that will cut the debt time and cost almost in half. They are still working out the financing details and will be talking with the public about the design and cost changes in a public meeting sometime around mid-June. The Town will make sure everyone is notified on when this meeting will take place.

There was a presentation by Boulder County on Energy Smart and Zero Waste. The Sustainability Resolution was well received by the BOT, but there was some disagreement on some of the wording and six of seven Trustees thought it would be best to take the resolution to a workshop to have a more involved conversation on this document and what it means and how it would be used. This workshop is scheduled for this upcoming Tues. night. Rob said there is a lot of planning and projects from different groups that are in a holding pattern, waiting on the Envision 2020 process to be completed.

The BOT talked about making the idea of keeping chickens in town legal. The BOT instructed the Town Staff to look further into this. Rick Dirr gave a presentation on a Community Wildfire Protection Plan. Paul asked Rob if the Town could post this plan on their website.

5. Ken Adler said he has begun researching long-term funding vehicles for the NDDA. He talked to Tim David of Colorado Business Bank about lots of different options for long-term financing. As with other banks, we would

have to move all of our banking business to their bank. Gail Eddy asked if the Colorado Business Bank is PDPA, PDMA or something like that, compliant. Ken wasn't sure, but he thought they would be. Gail suggested Ken get a copy of the document that shows they are compliant. Gail told Ken that we shouldn't waste a lot of time with a bank that is not government compliant. Ken said our next step will be to give the bank our financial information and plans so they can get some idea of what we are looking for and can then come back to us with some options.

6. Teresa said we have received two checks from Boulder County for property tax collections. We received around \$18,000.00 for March and around \$28,000.00 for April. Paul said talking about finances that he is working with Alisha on the final punchlist on Phase 1 of the sidewalks and getting that wrapped up along with the final payments to the contractor.

7. Next up was approval of one legal bill.

Ken Adler made a motion:

To approve payment of \$657.21 to Grimshaw & Haring for attorney fees.

Rob Joseph 2nd the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. #042111-1.

8. Next up was approval of minutes from April 7th.

Rob Joseph made a motion:

To approve the minutes from the April 7th, NDDA meeting as written.

Steve Culver 2nd the motion. Motion was approved unanimously. #042111-2.

9. Under new business was a request from Garry Sanfacon to local non-profit groups to consider contributing to the Envision 2020 process. Paul Turnburke said he talked to Garry about this request and to get clarification on what they were looking for. Paul was originally concerned that they were looking for a significant contribution, but was told that was not the case. Paul said this would be a way for us to participate in the process and motivate us to show up and have our voices heard during the final meetings. Paul said this would be a good investment for the NDDA and that he would recommend a donation of \$100.00. Steve Culver said that as a business he has already made a contribution to Envision 2020 and thinks it would be good idea for the NDDA to contribute to show that we are involved in the process. Teresa said that businesses are part of the community of Nederland and we are vested with spending NDDA monies to improve the business community and she feels like this meets that criteria and we should

make a donation to the process. Ken Adler had some problems with how the Town has spent some of its Economic Development Funds it gets from Boulder County every year and was concerned that the NDDA is setting a bad precedence by donating to PROSAB and now Envision 2020 and he would be opposed to making a donation.

Steve Culver made a motion:

To approve a \$100.00 donation from the NDDA to the Envision 2020 process.

Rob Joseph 2nd the motion. Motion was approved 3 to 1, with Teresa Warren, Steve Culver and Rob Joseph voting for and Ken Adler opposed. #042111-3.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:22 AM.

Our next regular NDDA meeting will be on Thursday, May 5th. The meeting will take place at 8:00 AM at the Pioneer Inn, unless otherwise notified.

Submitted by Stephen Culver, Secretary NDDA.