

**VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday February 9, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

Noon VIA ZOOM in lower Conference Room

A regular meeting of the G.R.I.T. advisory board is called to order at 12:04 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Garrick Frontella, Tyler Kelly, Evin Sartin, Samm Young, and Kristine Llacuna

Also Present: Main Street Manager Kim Burner, Nathan Lindquist, Carla Pena Administrative Assistant with the Chamber, and Craig Spaulding City of Rifle Civil Engineer.

Helen Rogers joins at 12:12 a.m.

Partner Group Updates

- The Chamber-Chairman Garrick Frontella updates the board of the sale of the Chamber building. It will be going on the market with Property Professionals via Paige Haderlie, and there has been a press release. Lunch & Learn and Business Afterhours meeting events are going to get going again. The State of the Community will be presented in early spring, if allowed. The chambers of the valley are working on a Five Star Program for Garfield County. The program is on hold, since the GARCO COVID-19 dial has been moved to blue, increasing capacity variance. A regional map is in development using the Craft 101 Grant funds. The map will showcase businesses in the region and promote them as well.
- D.D.A. -Helen Rogers updates the board on D.D.A. happenings. Historic signs in the Downtown core are being updated. With the help of Kathy Runya and Alan Lambert, of the Rifle Heritage Group, Helen will continue to adjust these plans. There are also plans for new murals in the downtown
- RREDC- Tyler Kelly updates the board on R.R.E.D.C. happenings. Rifle Co-Work is picking up in activity. The COVID-19 business relief funding phase II has closed. Rifle businesses have received up to \$425,000.00 in forgivable loans to keep them afloat. As the fiscal agent for The Farmer's Market and R.A.M.B.O., the R.R.E.D.C. is excited for what is in development with those groups.

Approval of Minutes

Kristin Llacuna motions to approve the minutes from February. Tyler Kelly seconds the motion, and it passes. The minutes for February 2021 are approved.

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Grant Discussion-

- The Farmer's Market Grant Approval- Samm Young moves to approve the grant request submitted by the Farmer's Market in the amount of \$4,000.00. The motion is seconded by Evin Sartin. All are in favor and the motion carries unanimously.
- BookCliff Art's Council Grant Approval- The request is for the Summer Concert Series. Kristine Llacunna moves to approve the \$5,000.00 grant request by the BookCliff Art's Center. Evin Sartin seconds the motion, and the motion carries unanimously in favor of approval.

Project Updates-

- 3rd Street and Railroad Project Update- Craig Spaulding updates the board on progress with this project. Bids were received and graded for approval. Council will award the contract on February 17, 2021. The renovation will take most of 2021's summer and go through September. It will range from 2nd to 5th streets along Railroad Avenue, including both the East and West sides of 3rd Street. This will fix the various issues, such as drainage and ground water issues, along the street. The project begins in early March beginning with the D.D.A. parking lot next to the Rifle House building, thus allowing for additional parking access during the rest of the renovation.
- Grand Hogback Trail System Update-Nathan Lindquist updates the board on the progress with this project. So far, 5.7 miles have been completed by December 1, 2020, which was the cutoff date BLM placed on the project. Aaron Mattix, with Gumption Trail Works, will finalize the 0.6 remaining miles this spring. As for the parking lot, Nathan Lindquist continues to work with CDOT to accomplish this but should be completed April or May of this year.

The meeting adjourns at 12:58 p.m.

Garrick Frontella
GRIT Chair

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Administrative Assistant