

# DDA

Downtown Development Authority  
Rifle, Colorado

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Wednesday, May 4, 2022  
Rifle City Hall

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** Newly elected Chair, Larry Stewart, called the meeting to order at 7:03 am.

Members Present: Alicia Gresley (Council Rep), Erick Perez, Adam Whitt, Raquel Mendizabel, and Amy Tonozzi.

Members Absent: Jacquelyn Johnson, and Ed Arnold.

DDA Part-Time Manager Present; Helen Rogers

Guests Present; Kim Burner, GRIT Manager

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the Minutes from April was made by Whitt, seconded by Perez and the motion passed. As there was no quorum in March, approval of those workshop minutes were not necessary.

**3. BILLS TO BE APPROVED:**

1) HR Design/Helen Rogers; \$1,140. 2) Mtn Waste & Recycling; \$625.04. (26 cans) 3) Mtn Waste & Recycling: \$86.80. (2-yd bin).

Landscape and Snow Removal PO Acct 1848: All Around Property Maintenance; \$1708.57.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The DDA Financial Report from the City was available for review, along with the Working Budget. A motion to approve the financial report was made by Whitt, seconded by Perez, approving unanimously. A new Financial Director, Scott Rust, will begin soon.

**5. MANAGER'S REPORT:**

DDA Administration – 38 hrs.

- The Greater Rifle Improvement Team (GRIT), was held April 8th. The Grand Hogback Trail System was awarded a grant from Colorado Parks and Wildlife to complete the rest of the 10.7 miles. Work has begun now after the BLM closure before April 16th. Rifle CoWork held an Open House, April 14<sup>th</sup>. Mostly staff attended, but hopes to build attendance. The City hired someone to lead River Visioning Public Sessions to envision land and water uses for the island.
- The Colorado River Valley Chamber of Commerce held a 'State of the Community' Business Luncheon event at the UTE, on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. Tom Jankovsky discussed energy independence and a new proposed pipeline from Colorado down to the Baja Peninsula, 40 miles south of Tijuana, to be completed in 2025. The Airport is the 3<sup>rd</sup> busiest in Colorado, creating 277 jobs.

Mary Lee Morlang spoke for Battlement Mesa stating they have 5100 people living there now.

Parachute's outgoing mayor, Roy McClung and new mayor Tom Rugaard mentioned a new 'Loves Travel Center' is going in this summer just off the interstate. Grand Junction Adventure has taken over the TOP Adventure rentals of ATV's and Duckies for the river. The town has acquired a small bus for transporting citizens called PATS (Parachute Area Transit System). They continue to work toward building ATV trails in the newly acquired 80 acres leading into BLM's 23,000 acres.

Town Manager, Jeff Laymen from Silt, spoke of a National Chain coming to downtown, River Run keeps building Tiny Homes, and the ability to access the town on ATV's has been a good thing.

Rifle presented a video where Mayor Ed Green and City Manager Tommy Klein and several other staff spoke of completed projects, such as the downtown and the Rifle Pool and future ones including the Gateway enhancement off of I-70 into town. They also spoke about moving the Park'n Ride west (which is the Glen Lerner property) and doubling the size. Also in the works is creation of a 5G network throughout town.

- The Midland Arts Mural is moving along. Anne hopes to have completed it by June.
- Gathering info for the Special Events Application for the Farmers Mkt. Requesting letter of support from RE-2 due to beer and wine sales in close proximity to school property.
- Regarding Maintenance, All Around Property Mgmt, began by spraying the tree wells for weeds, trimming up the Museum Lot, cut back shrubs and grasses, blew out beds and sidewalks, along with trash pickup and this week added mulch to the existing beds. The DDA portion for maintenance and snow removal is \$17,500 or \$5,833 per year.
- Other activities are admin related with regard to agendas, manager's report, documentation, emails, and obtaining invoices from vendors.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **A. Election of Officers**

A motion to elect Larry Stewart as President or Chair of the DDA was made by Whitt, seconded by Mendizabel. The motion passed. Jacquelyn Johnson stated through an email that she could remain the vice-chair if no one else wanted to do it.

### **B. Downtown Punch List Update**

Rogers was able to contact Craig Spaulding, City Engineer regarding the following questions: Has there been any movement on the Museum Parking Lot? *I will supply a budget estimate to the DDA before the July Budget.* Are the original parking and site plans around the Post Office still current? *Yes, the hedge was removed by the Post Office.* Can the sand containers be removed along 3<sup>rd</sup> St. and Railroad? *I will pass this request on to O & M.* What is going on with the irrigation system? *KSK's completion of the irrigation is ongoing and we are told all will be complete by 5/13.*

**C. Downtown Historic Signage**

Rogers presented an image of what the sign structure could look like, attached to the inside walls of the planters. Suggested additional QR Codes might be added to the signs to convey more information and storytelling. Apparently this project does not fit within the Main Street Grant Guidelines, so dedicated funding will need to come elsewhere.

**D. Other**

Amy Tonozzi, Rifle Library Branch Manager, indicated they have a new Garfield County Library Executive Director, Jamie LaRue, starting soon. He's coming from Jefferson County. They also hired a new Children's Librarian, with Spanish as her first language, so expect more Spanish speaking programming.

**7. PROJECTS**

**A. Midland Arts Mural**

According to Anne, the Midland Arts Mural is moving along with a finish date of mid-June.

**B. Museum Parking Lot Redesign**

The City Engineer, Craig Spaulding, is creating a proposed budget to present to the DDA in July for possible DDA funding in 2023.

**8. MAINTENANCE:**

**A. Watering Trees**

Apparently, the landscape crew used excessive water from the Flintlock Building (Whitt Clothing Co.) and the Midland Arts building and watered the landscape.

**9. ADJOURN, 8:25 am**

Respectfully Submitted,

Helen Rogers  
Part-Time DDA Manager