

Gateway to Grand Junction

#### Minutes

Regular Board Meeting of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District

## October 20, 2021

Horizon Drive District 2764 Compass Drive Second Floor Conference Room 10:30am to 12:30pm

### Attendance:

Jim Cagle Jay Moss Cameron Reece Sharah Russell

#### Others:

Vara Kusal, District staff John Mok-Lamme, Karis, Inc. Dennis Simpson, City Council representative Laurel Walters, Karis, Inc.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:40 am by Cameron Reece. The meeting was recorded. A quorum of board members was present.

**Consent Agenda:** The consent agenda, consisting of emailed documents (Treasurer's Report of August, 2021 and September, 2021; Minutes of August 18, 2021) were received by all board members. Approval of the entire consent agenda was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

### **New Business:**

<u>Potential Horizon Drive project:</u> John Mok-Lamme and Laurel Walters of Karis, Inc. are working on the possibility of converting a Horizon Drive motel to affordable housing apartment units for primarily Horizon Drive workers. There is grant money available and they wanted to ascertain if there is any resistance from the District before moving forward. Many businesses have described the need for more affordable housing in the valley and the strain this issue puts on workers in the lodging and restaurant industries. After a good discussion, the board unanimously agreed they have no opposition to the project and approved a letter of support.

<u>Proposed End-of-Year Survey:</u> Board members reviewed the proposed survey and discussed adding a question regarding retail marijuana. The survey will be conducted in late December or early January.

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<u>Artwork on bus kiosks:</u> The possibility of having artists decorate bus kiosks along the DASH shuttle route had been discussed at a DASH stakeholders meeting. The estimated cost is \$4,000 per kiosk, and there are 4 in the Horizon Drive District. The board would like to see prototypes and may support financing one per year over the next 4 years.

# **Discussion and Action Items from Prior Meetings:**

<u>Update on drainageway clean-up:</u> The first phase of the clean-up took place on October 18. The cost is being split 50/50 between the Horizon Drive District and Bookcliff Country Club. The next phase will involve removal of the underbrush. A business owner has expressed concerns about the potential fire hazard with many dead trees in the drainageway. Vara will discuss next steps with Bookcliff Country Club management.

<u>Update on street furniture project:</u> The street furniture is 80% fabricated and Adcock Concrete will pour the slabs as soon as their schedule allows.

<u>Next meeting.</u> The next regular meeting is scheduled for **November 17, 2021** at **10:30 a.m.** at **2764 Compass Drive,** second floor conference room.

## Adjournment:

Horizon Drive District

The meeting	was ad	iourned	at	12:30	p.m.	with	thanks	to	all.

By: Date: November 17, 2021