



# **HORIZON DRIVE**

## **D i s t r i c t**

*Gateway to Grand Junction*

### **Minutes**

Regular Board Meeting of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District

**May 18, 2022**

Horizon Drive District  
2764 Compass Drive, Second floor conference room  
10:30am to 12:30pm

#### **Attendance:**

Brian Burford  
Jim Cagle  
Fonda Dunlap  
Kevin Harrison  
Jay Moss  
Cameron Reece

#### **Others:**

Vara Kusal, District staff  
Dennis Simpson, City Council representative

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:35 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 March, 2022 and April, 2022 and Minutes of March 16, 2022) were received by all board members. Approval of the entire consent agenda was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

#### **New Business:**

**Personnel Matters:** Due to forces beyond her control, Executive Director Vara Kusal will be moving to Texas in the near future, depending on the sale of her home. She discussed with the board the plan to search for a replacement and willingness to work remotely if needed. A committee was formed comprised of Brian Burford, Sarah Russell, and Jay Moss. The process followed in 2013 was discussed. Vara will update the job description and research employment agencies that may assist in culling applicants.

**TABOR:** The history of TABOR and 5.5% limit overages and impacts to the District's revenues was reviewed. A spreadsheet to try to anticipate revenue from the specific ownership taxes utilizing a rolling average has been helpful, but not exact. Shelly Dackonish (counsel for the District) has been researching how the District could become "de-Bruced" in the 2022 election. Special District Solutions, Inc. has

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assisted in at least 10 of these efforts and estimates a cost of \$4,000 to conduct an election of our constituents. A motion to engage Special District Solutions, Inc. was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

**Shade for Parklet:** The board reviewed the proposal from Western Precision Manufacturing to fabricate a pergola-type awning over the area identified by the shade study. This is due to several problems encountered with the canvas awning previously used. The board would like to see a drawing of the shade structure before making a decision.

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

**ARTIC (Crime cameras) and Drug Awareness Recap:** Ten cameras have either been installed along Horizon Drive or are in the process of being installed. This will give good coverage of Horizon Drive from G Road (27 ½ Road) to H Road. 43 people attended the Drug Awareness and Safe Hotel Training class held at the Travelodge on May 11, 2022. There was a lot of good information from Grand Junction Police Department officers about fentanyl, opioids, and drug trafficker behaviors. Methods to prevent crime at area hotels were discussed. There is interest in having regular meetings and Vara will work on putting this together.

**Next meeting.** The next regular meeting is scheduled for **June 15, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m. with thanks to all.

Horizon Drive District

By: /s/Sharah Russell  
Sharah Russell, Secretary

Date: July 20, 2022