



HORIZON DRIVE

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Gateway to Grand Junction

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting of the Horizon Drive Business Improvement District

July 20, 2022

Horizon Drive District

2764 Compass Drive, Second floor conference room

10:30am to 12:30pm

Attendance:

Fonda Dunlap
Kevin Harrison
Jay Moss
Cameron Reece
Sarah Russell

Others:

Vara Kusal, District staff

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 May, 2022 and Minutes of May 18, 2022) were received by all board members. Approval of the entire consent agenda was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed.

New Business:

Greyhound Station: The relocation of the Greyhound Station to 745 Horizon Drive was a complete surprise to the Horizon Drive District. After seeing reports of the new location on the news, Vara spoke to local management of the Good 2 Go store at the same address. She was told the actual Greyhound stop is within the CDOT right-of-way and not on store property. Vara then contacted Christopher Duree, Greyhound Area Manager. He stated the move is likely temporary and hopefully, only for about three months. He stated there will not be a ticket office at the site, meaning tickets must be purchased online with a credit card. In other locations without a ticket office, he has noticed there does not tend to be a congregation of homeless people as had been an issue at the previous downtown Grand Junction station. Vara then contacted Dana Brosig (Mesa County Regional Transportation Office) to find out the status of the grant to fund the mobility hub downtown, as this had been discussed as a Greyhound, Bustang,

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Grand Valley Transit, and Amtrak combined facility. We should know if the grant is awarded in mid-August.

The fact that this new Greyhound stop will be increasing pedestrian traffic to the crosswalk just north of the roundabouts was discussed. This crosswalk does not have flashing yellow LED lights like the crosswalks south of the roundabouts. Vara has had several reports of drivers failing to stop for pedestrians already and this is a potentially dangerous situation. Vara will discuss the need for flashing lights with City public works.

Safety Symposium: Kevin Harrison has been helping Vara work on a potential Safety Symposium in the Spring that would provide food handling and liquor handling classes for District restaurants, bars, and hotels. Sarah noted that March would be a good time to have a class and hotel meeting space is in less demand than April. Michelle Fieser (Head of Safety Education at Illinois Casualty Company) has discussed sharing the cost of the classes with Kevin (board member and owner of Colorado West Insurance). Tentatively, the classes could be offered at no cost to about 50 people employed at Horizon Drive District businesses.

Discussion and Action Items from Prior Meetings:

1. **Executive Director search:** Vara will be working with Elwood Staffing to conduct a candidate search. It was suggested this be a nationwide search. A salary range depending on qualifications and experience was discussed. Benefits and relocation reimbursement will be negotiable.
2. **Update on projects:**
 - a. **Ballot Issue:** Kurt Schlegal (Special District Solutions) has submitted our request to be on the November ballot. Shelly Dackonish (District legal counsel) is drafting the language. Mesa County has until July 29 to accept our issue on the ballot. We will send out a letter to property owners explaining the process and benefits of exempting the District from TABOR limits.
 - b. **Art on Horizon:** GVT finally obtained a conditional use permit to change the bench in front of Motel 6 to a kiosk so we can install the big horn sheep painting. Vara is contracting with Adcock Concrete to extend the current pad. Vara is still working with the City on the call for artists for the roundabout at G Road and Horizon Drive.
 - c. **Crime cameras:** Have all been installed. Our portion was over what was budgeted, but the tree removal project came in well under budget so it evens out.
 - d. **Landing on Horizon apartment project:** The rezone of the parcels was unanimously approved by city council. The project may start construction this Fall if all goes according to plan.
 - e. **Marijuana:** The City of Grand Junction received 47 applications for retail marijuana licenses. Of those, 26 were found complete and can move on to public hearings held over the next 90 days. Per our request, a maximum of 2 licenses will be granted within the Horizon Drive District.

Next meeting. The next regular meeting is scheduled for **August 17, 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/ Sarah Russell
Sarah Russell, Secretary

Date: August 17, 2022