

Central Manitou Springs Business Improvement District (BID)

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 30, 2014

Present: Jessie Cormaney, Neal Cully, Chuck Englund, Tim Haas, Clint Hensley, Kevin "Sarge" MacDonald

Guests: Elise Roth, Luke Cissell

A quarterly meeting of the Central Manitou Springs Business Improvement District (BID) Board of Directors was held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at Manitou Springs City Hall in City Council Chambers. The meeting was called to order at 8:33 p.m. by Chairman Tim Haas.

Sarge MacDonald was introduced as the new City Council Liaison for the BID Board meetings and gave board members a brief background.

A. Action Item: Approval of November 2013 Meeting Minutes

Chuck Englund made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2013 meeting as presented. Jessie Cormaney seconded the motion and it was approved.

B. Action Item: Approval of December 2013 Financials

The Income/Expense statement and Balance Sheet were discussed. The remaining Capital Reserve funds will be carried on the Balance Sheet.

The Holiday promotion was discussed. The Board would like to expand the promotion next year with Santa available in downtown more weekends. There was discussion of parking and the competition of Old Colorado City and Downtown Colorado Springs advertising Free Parking on the weekends.

Clint Hensley made a motion to accept the Financials as presented. Chuck seconded the motion and it was approved.

The Board discussed additional parking issues and concerns. One item discussed was the confusion caused when on-street parking is free but the lots are not and felt it should be standardized. They also discussed that it would be nice to have a simplified system so that it is not necessary to go to the kiosk during free parking times. Sarge offered to follow-up on more explanatory signage.

C. 2014 Budget

The 2014 Budget has been submitted to DOLA as approved at the November 20, 2014 Board meeting.

D. Action Item: Approve Contract Exemption from Audit

The BID has received a proposal from Hoelting & Company for the Exemption from Audit. Bud Ford made a motion to authorize Leslie Lewis to sign the contract for the Exemption from Audit services with Hoelting & Company. Jessie seconded the motion and it was approved.

E. Discussion: Building Vacancies

The Board discussed a number of businesses that have closed as well as the businesses that are planned to open in various locations.

F. Discussion: Wichita Lot Map

Dave Wolverton is getting a price to have the map created in two pieces so that it will be less expensive to change the listings as required.

G. 2014 Military Cable

The commercial that is being run on Military Cable will be reshot and updated this Spring (after plants/trees have started to bloom). The Board discussed potential impact of the recreational marijuana stores on the military being allowed to visit Manitou Springs. It was felt that those shops would be off limits, however, the City will not.

The Board again discussed the need for a zone overlay in downtown Manitou Springs. This had been discussed with Dan Folke, former City Planning Director, previously but nothing ever happened from those conversations. The City is hosting a “meet & greet” reception for the final candidates for the City Planning Director position on Monday, February 10. The idea of a zone overlay will be approached with the new Planning Director.

H. Unscheduled Appearances

Elise Roth and Luke Cissell presented information on the First Local Grocer that will be opening in Manitou Springs. The idea is to have a soft opening in March with the official opening in April. They are replicating the store after the model in Boulder. It will be a co-op grocer with the ability to match grocery store pricing. The Members may volunteer hours or pay a higher membership and not put in hours. They will be buying as much local as possible.

There is also a Farm Stand planned for this summer that will be located on the Church property and manned by volunteers. It will be run on the weekends.

Having no additional business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.