

Central Manitou Springs Business Improvement District (BID)

Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2016

Present: Jessie Cormaney, Chuck Englund, Tim Haas

Absent: Neal Cully, Jay Rohrer

Staff: Leslie Lewis

A regular meeting of the Central Manitou Springs Business Improvement District (BID) Board of Directors was held Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at the Manitou Springs Chamber of Commerce, Visitors Bureau & Office of Economic Development office. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 a.m. by Tim Haas.

A. Action Item: Approval of Financials

Tim Haas stated having done a brief review of the financials, he didn't see anything out of line. In reviewing the income statement, the Chamber has not billed the BID for the Workman's Comp that they are providing for Jason Hernandez. The Chamber bills payroll expenses on a quarterly basis.

Chuck Englund made a motion to approve the Financial statements for July. Jessie Cormaney seconded the motion and it was approved.

B. Discussion: Board Openings

Leslie received inquiries about joining the board from both Jeff Kiepke, Mona Lisa, and Deb, La Henna Boheme. Leslie responded with an email explaining the meeting schedule and responsibilities the board covers but has not yet heard back from either one. With only four members on the board, there are three openings. There still needs to be a meeting with City Council requesting three members be reappointed to the board. There should also be a MOU (memorandum of understanding) with the City for services which has not been done for years. Leslie will contact the City to get the necessary local filings back on track.

C. Summer Business

Retail business is lagging behind other categories on the last available sales tax report (May) showing -3%. The preliminary report on June sales tax that has been received does not include the breakout information. Business has seemed strong through August. Jessie reported having had business from the runners in town for the marathon this year. The shuttle was discussed. It has been busy but at times is full of people going to the Barr Trail/Incline with no room for shoppers. Leslie heard mixed reviews for June, good reports for July, and believes August has been good so far. Tim reported business was slowing down, which it always does this time of year. Staffing challenges were discussed.

D. Downtown Changes

Jessie is still having challenges with the homeless. For a while it seemed like things were better and the changes to the Cheyenne pocket park have dispersed the homeless to other areas of

town. With the new ordinances being put in place, the homeless are now taking the benches and seat walls.

E. Downtown Cleanliness

Master Blaster was discussed. Leslie walked through part of town and there are a lot of stains on the sidewalks. Leslie has requested a proposal looking at a deep clean to close out the season. Tim asked if Master Blaster would be less expensive on a twice a year basis. He asked about the job Jason is doing. Most of what Leslie sees and hears is positive. Leslie thought with the deep cleaning to start the year the sidewalks were much better than this year where we were trying to catch up all year.

F. Walk-thru Follow-up

Many of the items on the BID lists have not been taken care of. Leslie will get with the City and follow up on these items. Jessie asked about getting the crosswalks repainted so they can be seen.

G. Unscheduled Appearances

The west end ramp is now scheduled to be reopened September 15. The re-paving of the Avenue and the Westside Avenue Action Plan area were discussed.

Erin Ford is opening a shop where the Ten Spot was and a contract is being signed for the space where the Whickerbill was for a lavender shop. The old Dulcimer Shop building is still vacant with \$10,000 - \$15,000 worth of work to be inhabitable as staff understands things.

Rockey is going to have prints available for sale soon. No one had information on the old 7 eleven building. The new liquor store opened and looks good. Gigi's has a new owner. Chuck offered to talk with Chuck Murphy about using the spa rotunda for Santa. Nature of Things building should be going on the marquee this week.

Having no further business before the board, the meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.