

**GREATER RIFLE IMPROVEMENT TEAM  
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

Tuesday September 10, 2019

REGULAR MEETING

\*Noon\* City Hall Conference Room

A regular meeting of the VIF board is called to order at 12:05 p.m. by Chairman Garrick Frontella.

Present at roll call: Garrick Frontella, Kristine Llacuna, Barbara Clifton, Helen Rogers, Michael Langhorne, and Tanya Doose.

Others present: Kim Burner Main Street Manager, Kathy Potosky Information Officer, Nathan Lindquist Planning Director/Assistant City Manager, Quiriat Portuguese Administrative Assistant, Craig Spaulding Civil Engineer with Public Works, Brian Prunty Public Works Director, Sam Young local business owner, Talia Fulks Chamber of Commerce.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Kristine Llacuna motions to approve *amended* minutes from last meeting, Tanya Dose seconds the motion. All are in favor and the motion passes.

**Guest introductions:** Craig Spaulding Civil Engineer with Public Works, Brian Prunty Public Works Director, Sam Young local business owner, Talia Fulks Chamber of Commerce.

**4 concepts of Downtown beautification:** presented by Craig Spaulding

- 1<sup>st</sup> concept replaces asphalt on Railroad Avenue. This includes permanent outdoor seating for restaurants on 3<sup>rd</sup>, as well as parallel parking on East Avenue and railroad along both sides.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> concept moves parallel parking to the west side of Railroad Avenue and some raised medians down Railroad Avenue.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> concept parking all down Railroad Avenue along with beautification of the avenue. There will also be parallel parking on one side of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Full length street scape and diagonal parking on west and East Avenue instead of parallel parking.
- 4<sup>th</sup> concept alternates parallel and diagonal parking as well as giving the city a more walkable set up.

### **Comments and concerns on presentation:**

*Helen Rogers* questions the alternating parking on 3<sup>rd</sup> St. business access with extension. *Garrick Frontella* questions alley access for delivery vehicles to businesses on 3<sup>rd</sup>.

*Nathan Lindquist* assures that the traffic engineering will continue to develop and that S.G.M. will be assisting to ensure there are few complications as possible.

*Sam Young* comments that she would be on the side of simplicity and efficiency.

*Tanya Dose* is leaning toward the 3<sup>rd</sup> concept.

*Barb Clifton* brings up the fact that any parking on Railroad Avenue is dangerous due to traffic.

*Craig* ensures that the phases are in their preliminary stage and all things will be considered as the plans continue to develop.

*Helen Rogers* inquires on the demolition schedule. *Craig* notes that it depends on the concept chosen, and how the logistics will work out.

*Kristine Llacuna* points out the necessity for a more pedestrian (namely children) friendly city.

The board agrees that making the downtown core more pedestrian friendly would increase local attendance to businesses. This would raise revenue for the city and make our city more welcoming to visitors in any season.

### **Budget Discussion:**

The budget will include trail building, marketing, events, special projects and funds for maintenance of past special projects. 2020 budget will include funds up to \$30,000 for RAMBO to use in trail building at the Rifle Arch which will come out of reserves.

**New Business:**

- The board title is officially changed to G.R.I.T. (Greater Rifle Improvement Team) in the code with the visitor improvement fund as the funding mechanism for G.R.I.T.
- There is still one more board seat open. There will be advertisement of the open seat.

Meeting adjourns at 1:13 p.m.

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Quiriat Portuguez- Administrative Assistant

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Garrick Frontella - Chair