

VISITOR IMPROVEMENT FUND

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday April 13, 2021

REGULAR MEETING

Noon VIA ZOOM in lower Conference Room

A regular meeting of the G.R.I.T. advisory board is called to order at 12:14 p.m.

Present at Roll Call: Garrick Frontella, Kristine Llacuna, Helen Rogers, Evin Sartin, Tanya Doose, and Samm Young

Also Present: Main Street Manager Kim Burner and Administrative Assistant Quiriat Portuguez, and Kathy Pototsky Public Information Officer.

Minutes- Helen Rogers moves to approve the minutes for March. The motion is seconded by Tanya Doose, and the motion carries. Minutes for March are approved.

Partner Group Updates

D.D.A. - Helen Rogers speaks for the D.D.A. In support of the businesses downtown, Jacqueline Johnson has offered the idea of a Saturday side walk sale, since the construction is impacting businesses downtown. Helen expresses the need for D.D.A. Board Members. She outlines the qualifications for joining. Starting in May, The Ute Theater will be holding outdoor music events every Thursday evening.

The Chamber- Tanya Doose speaks for the Chamber and informs the board on what has been happening at The Chamber. The State has released a Restaurant Revitalization Fund that will open in April. Businesses in the area have been notified of this relief, as well as the new Paycheck Protection Program, that has just been opened by the Small Business Administration for more assistance.

Project Updates

3rd Street & Railroad- Kim Burner updates the board on the progress with the 3rd Street Downtown project. The hotline is being used there is an email sign up for updates on the project available. Craig Spaulding is the also project manager, and he can be contacted if there are any issues. City Council has approved the use of concrete, instead of asphalt for the roadway. This will allow the construction to be staggered in 5 phases, to accommodate open businesses. Sidewalks will remain open, while the waterlines are being updated. Excel Energy will be replacing gas lines throughout downtown Rifle. State emergency funds have been accessed to facilitate this much needed upgrade by Excel Energy.

Spring Clean-Up- This project will begin mid-April. All information is on Rifleco.org.

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Grand Hogback Trails- The parking lot has been completed and is being fenced, but is ready for use.

Gateway to Rifle Beautification- This project is slated to begin in May.

River Island Purchase- Talks are still ongoing for this purchase.

G.R.I.T. Board Seats Update- The two seats that expire in May, are being re-applied for by Garrick Frontella and Kristine Llacuna, and will be submitted to be approved by Council.

The meeting adjourns at 1:08 p.m.

Garrick Frontella
G.R.I.T. Chairman

Quiariat Portuguez
Administrative Assistant