



Livingston Business Improvement District Agenda

8:30 am – Friday – September 26, 2014

Murray Hotel Conference Room


1. Roll Call: Jill Mabie, Karla Petit, David Depuy Betty Lehren, Tyler Erickson. Also in attendance: Warren Mabie, Randy Chambers, Jack Luther, Patricia Grabow, Stuart Leidner, Joanne Gardener and John Lowell, Lou Ann Nelson and Leslie Figel (Chamber), Dale Sexton. Meeting was called to order by Jill Mabie, Vice Chair.

2. Review and Approval of June 27, 2014 Meeting Minutes: Betty so moved, seconded by Karla.

3. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items : Patricia Grabow commented about an e-mail she sent out and Karla commented on a study that is about moving the entertainment center that will be moved to Main Street. The URA has been awarded a grant for the study and downtown businesses will be given an opportunity to give input. Stuart shared a little about what the study will include. Jack Luther shared that the Historic Commission is surveying downtown about the 1979 Historic District Creation and hoping to update that study and be able to place historic plaques in downtown. Joanne Gardner shared some issues they ran into when they were setting up the stage for the Hoot that should be considered in the study of Downtown Entertainment Center. Police Dept. estimates there were 3,000 in attendance. Perhaps have another band that could play at a different location earlier in the day.

New Business –

A. Recap of the August 7th Hoot from Joanne Gardner and commitment for next years Hoot: Joanne shared the results of the survey they took after the Hoot about the impact of the Hoot on downtown business. Plans for next year to incorporate an all day sale by all the businesses before the Hoot in the evening. Plans for starting the



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funding for next years Hoot. August 13th , 2015. Karla shared that she could not hear the music at the Pickle Barrel and she felt that the space of the music needs to be consolidated and perhaps moved to a different location each year. Joanne shared that the stage is on a truck so needs to be where it can be driven in and stopped, i.e. an alley or a cross street. Other constructive criticism was shared. Placement of the non-profits is an issue, also, so there may be a lottery for that next year. Motion to pledge \$5,000 for next year by Tyler and seconded by Betty – approved.

- B. Lou Ann Nelson – kiosks in downtown and Big Fish Street Sculpture: Lou Ann shared that an event in support of the October Fest will be held Oct. 2nd at the Office Lounge. She also shared pictures of the fish sculpture that will be placed on the north 100 block of Main Street. Curb Kiosks – one unit strategically placed that has an app that can be downloaded on a phone. \$10,000 for one unit and if a business wants to be on the map chamber membership is required plus \$10. The app would be a map of businesses and depending on level of pay there will be layers of interaction available. Other Montana towns have these already. There may even be a Historic Walking tour included. The app “Curb” is going worldwide and will be available. The app needs to generate at least \$400/month to sustain itself because that is the monthly maintenance.
- C. Stuart Leidner, Vision Livingston's Banner Program, etc.: Stuart shared a handout regarding the Vision Livingston Board wanting to be the “consolidation” entity for all the “contracts” for the LBID and the URA. Much discussion ensued and it was decided to table this for the BID Board to consider and revisit later. Betty suggested we bring this up at the October Meeting.

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D. Submit a grant proposal to URA for \$20,000 to contract Montana Pressure Wash Systems to clean sidewalks in downtown area next year. Jill moved that the LBID submit a grant proposal to the URA for \$20,000 to contract MT Pressure Wash Systems to clean the sidewalks in the downtown area next year for the maintenance of the sidewalks. Seconded by Betty. Karla shared that she feels this is a premature proposal given that we still need to consider the proposal for Vision Livingston to handle all the contracts and getting the funding from the BID and URA for all future contracts. Dale asked Randy to explain what and when the cleanings would be done. Randy answered that it would be done biannually with as needed cleaning in between for the maintenance of the sidewalks. The motion will be tabled until it can be determined whether the URA can legally award a grant to the LBID for this purpose. Jill will ask Bruce Becker that question and report back at the next LBID meeting.

5. Old Business

At this point too many people left the meeting abruptly to have a quorum to adjourn the meeting. The following items were not discussed so will be add to the next meeting agenda. Meeting ended at 10:30AM

A. Update on Graffiti and Summer Maintenance by Randy Chambers

1. Contract for trash removal is up on October 1st
2. Need to award contract for next summer this fall.
3. Water pumps need repair/replacement and truck needs oil change before winter.
4. Need to apply for a debit card to buy gas for the truck.

B. Funding the Brand Livingston Program

C. . Update on Budget and Bank Account for LBID



a. Jill and Terri Chambers are working on this and need input from the Board on Budget priorities

6. Action Items

Discussion/Decision on Invoices to be Paid