

Woodland Park Downtown Development Authority
Minutes of the July 7, 2009 Meeting
Woodland Park Office of Economic and Downtown Development
Vectra Bank Building, Lower Level
361 West Highway 24, Woodland Park, CO

In attendance: Board of Directors- Tom Carrick, Jon DeVaux, Jim Ignatius, Merry Jo Larsen, Dale Schnitker, Steve Randolph; **Absent** - Al Born, **Staff** - Bob Harvey, Beth Kosley; **Community Members** - David Buttery, Norma Engelberg, Debbie Miller, Brooke Smith; Sally Riley, and **Presenter** Will Brown **and guests** Tony Perry, Ralph Holloway

Tom Carrick called the meeting to order at 7:30 AM. On a motion by Merry Jo Larsen, second by Schnitker, the proposed **agenda** were approved unanimously. Minutes were not available for June 16th meeting.

As officers are elected at the first meeting in July, a slate of officer nominations was provided by Jim Ignatius. Dale Schnitker as Chair, Merry Jo Larsen as Vice Chair, Al Born as Treasurer and Andy Murphy as Secretary. Jon DeVaux moved to close the nominations and a second from Tom Carrick. Carrick called for a vote on the nominated slate and there was unanimous approval. Kosley suggested a practice of having officers serve two year terms and rotate up through the offices in sequence. After discussion, the board agreed to the system, as a method to better organize leadership transitions. It was acknowledged that this is not firm, nor a part of by-laws, but simply a practice. Officers can opt out, may opt off the board before rotation to the next office, etc. The practice does not preclude flexibility.

Woodland Station: meetings and emails continue regarding different elements of the project development and contract questions.

Mainstreet Makeover: Kosley, Merry Jo Larsen, Tony Perry and Debbie Miller provided updates on details of the celebration. David Buttery is working to add fireworks display to cap off the festival. Buttery also noted that the baseball tournament at Meadowwood is beginning that day. Many people are expected for the community's activities.

City Public Works was thanked for all of the work they have provided toward **streetscape beautification** projects; landscaping and flowers look great. Harvey showed the prototype of the railing. He also explained that the **Pavilion project** will start on August 10 (pending successful fundraising) and will be complete for Octoberfest.

Sally Riley updated the group on the City Comp Plan process. The CAC is underway and on July 21, there will be a joint CAC and sub-committee meetings to review chapters. The website WPcompplan holds all updates.

General Discussion –Meetings may not be necessary in July so August 4 will be the next DDA Board meeting.

Audience Participation, Questions & Answers

- Conoco/Cenex is under renovation and should be open at the end of July.
- Arts Alliance-Art School is now open and classes started. August 8 will be a musical event. Four galleries will be operating now and the critical mass is building. Harvey acknowledged Arden Weatherford's help but also credited Ralph Holloway for his hours of sweat equity into these ventures.
- Debbie Miller reported that the visitor numbers are up from last year. Lunch and learn series and other Chamber news were provided. The baseball tournament will also be staffed by the Chamber. The Mayor noted that campgrounds are up 30 to 40 % with “staycations” being popular versus long distance trips.

Tom Carrick concluded the regular business meeting at 8:25 AM and convened an **Executive Session** at 8:29 AM - for the purpose of determining positions relative to matters involving development projects within the City of Woodland Park Downtown Development Authority District. C.R. S. 24-6-402(4)(a), C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(b) and C.R.S. 24-6-402 (4)(e).

Carrick adjourned the Executive Session at 9:24 AM and reconvened regular meeting. Adjournment was approved on a motion by Merry Jo, second by Dale Schnitker at 9:35 AM. Board member Ignatius left the Executive Session at 9:15 AM.