

# Minutes of the Regular Meeting Board of Commissioners Driggs Urban Renewal Agency

October 2, 2013

1. **Call to Order** – determination of a quorum (6:39 PM)

Commissioners Present: Hyrum Johnson, Bart Birch, Denis du Nann, Aaron Little

Commissioners by Phone: Lyn Christian

Others Present: Cynthia Rose

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Changes to Agenda: Deleted #7 on Draft Agenda *Review and Prioritization of Future Projects*

A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended.

**Moved: Bart Birch**

**Second: Denis du Nann**

**Passed: Unanimously**

3. **Approval of Minutes from August 7, 2013**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 4, 2013 meeting with two typos corrected.

**Moved: Bart Birch**

**Second: Denis du Nann**

**Passed: Unanimously**

4. **Review of Financial Reports**

Financial Reports as of August 31 were reviewed. Hyrum shared that he and Lyn are working with the accountant to re-categorize some expenses. To make the reports easier to understand, Lyn is asking that future reports present the actual fiscal year-to-date versus the entire budget for 12 months, and not the actual versus a pro-rated budget amount for the number of months in the fiscal year that have elapsed so far.

5. **Review of Commissioners Terms in Office**

Two commissioners' terms expire this month, Hyrum Johnson and Aaron Little. They will remain in active status until replaced by the Driggs City Council. The commissioners terms run for five years and have staggered expiration dates to ensure that experienced commissioners are always serving. Aaron indicated that he is considering serving for another term. Hyrum requested that names of potential commissioners be submitted to him or the administrative office, to be passed along to the mayor.

6. **Downtown Projects Update: Our Town Plaza Grant, Teton Geotourism Center, New Faithful Park**

**Our Town Plaza Grant:** Construction documents for the Plaza project are a month from 100% completion. The Plaza Committee received 10 proposals for the public art, interviewed five, and has asked the selected group to submit a concept design within two weeks.

**Teton Geotourism Center:** Construction Documents are 99.5% completed and will be sent to Idaho Transportation Department for approval very soon. The Snow Plane Exhibit has been replaced by an exhibit on Dog Sledding and the American Dog Derby in Ashton. The exhibit space is too small to accommodate the snow plan.

**“New Faithful” Park:** Denis called the stakeholders in the proposed park together in September to discuss finding support and funds for the project. Denis was discouraged by the meeting and disappointed that the group wanted to consider moving the Park to the west side of Randy Burnside's “Stock Lumber” building. Denis believes that demolishing the building is necessary for positioning the Park close to Main Street, and to address downtown blight.

Bart shared his support for the concept of the park and agreed that removing the Burnside building was important.

Hyrum would like to see the project move forward and requested that the commissioners walk by the proposed site before the next meeting, so this topic can be discussed in November.

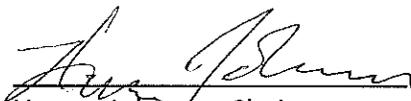
**7. Adjourn (7:27 PM)**

**Moved: Bart Birch**

**Second: Aaron Little**

**Passed: Unanimously**

Attest:

  
Hyrum Johnson, Chairman

  
Lyn Christian, Secretary

*Anyone requiring special access consideration must notify the DURA 2 days prior.*