

Downtown Business Improvement District of Missoula
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 3 pm at Boone Karlberg (201 W. Main, Suite 300)

All Board Members Present: Carma Gilligan, Charlie Beaton, Scott Stearns, Karen Sippy, Ellen Buchanan, Dan Cederberg, Kirk Bodlovic and newly-appointed James McKay.

Staff: Linda McCarthy, Robert Giblin, John Corwin, Bram Moore

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beaton at 3:05pm.

Welcome New Board Member Dr. James McKay: Beaton introduced himself as Board President and had the board go around and introduce themselves to the new board member. Dr. McKay was introduced and gave a brief description of his work and history in Missoula.

Welcome Jason King & Robert Piatkowski, Dover, Kohl & Partners on Zoom: Beaton introduced Jason King and Rob Piatkowski from Dover Kohl via Zoom. King introduced himself and started his presentation on the West Broadway Corridor. He asked if anyone had taken part in the Charrette and several of the BID Board Members had taken part in that process. Piatkowski went over the timeline of the plan. He explained they will submit a plan to the MRA at the end of the week. They will then go over the draft plan in the middle of June and present it to the public. The website is still being updated and people can still provide feedback on the initial webpage. Piatkowski went over the map of West Broadway to go over what has been purchased by the MRA. He then talked about the 5 Big Ideas of the plan. King shared the West Broadway Plan map and shared what each area could hold and the potential occupancy of each area. He shared that every business that wanted to stay in the area will be able to do so. They have found a place to stay for each of the businesses that would like to remain in that area. King then went over the green space that will be part of the plan. He showed digital renderings of the buildings that could potentially be built in the area and also showed the development that is possible in the West Broadway corridor. King then went on to talk about the distribution of social services in the area. There are quite a few social services in the area that could pose a problem in making it vibrant. King also mentioned that this area could be a good area to develop some affordable housing opportunities. Piatkowski went over what the transformation will look like when it starts and how it will gradually look during the process. 65% of the people who took part in the Charrette approved of the plan. There were many people who were against affordable housing in this area. Discussion ensued about affordable housing in Missoula and how many there actually are in Missoula. Sippy asked about pedestrian level lighting along the trails and roads. King said that lighting will help a bunch and make it safer. Sippy asked how quick the City of Missoula properties will switch over to being part of the municipality. When it comes to Missoula Water, it depends upon when the Public Works Complex gets built. That may be in a couple years. When asked, King noted this is a 10-year plan.

Approval of Minutes: Bodlovic submitted clarifications via email. Bodlovic motioned. Stearns seconded and all in favor.

Mission Work: Clean, Safe, Economic Vitality: McCarthy updated the board that the power washer is out. There is so much graffiti out Downtown and we are trying to keep up with that. The Clean Team is picking up more hours and they are all vaccinated. McCarthy added that there is some lack of communication within our Police Department and our Downtown Police Officers. There also seems to be a lack of communication between the Homeless Outreach Team, Parks & Recreation, BID and Downtown Police Officers. The Johnson Street Shelter has closed and people are going to be moved out from under the Reserve Street Bridge. Corwin updated the board about the different businesses opening up in the BID. There have been some businesses that haven't opened that we thought would be open by now. A new pet store will be opening in the old Taco del Sol building on North Higgins.

With no new business or announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.