Downtown Business Improvement District Board Regular Meeting
City of Rapid City, South Dakota
512 Main St., Ste. 980
Destination Rapid City Conference Room
Tuesday, June 13, 2018, 7:30 a.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER
President Erik Braun called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m. with 7 members present.

2. ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF A QUORUM
Members present: President Erik Braun, Vice President Kelly Gibson, Don Hedrick, Chance Whelchel, Jerry Schmidt and Trevor Johnson.

Guests present: Wade Nyberg, Rapid City Attorney’s Office; Karlee Baumann, Downtown BID Board Administrative Secretary; Kelly Culberson, Destination Rapid City.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Braun requested to add an agenda item for the Downtown Quiet Zone. Schmidt Jerry motioned to adopt agenda with Braun’s addition. Second by Hollen. Motion carried.

4. APPROVE MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2018 MEETING
Erik encouraged the board to talk to Ken Young about his Sixth St. promenade presentation. Hollen motioned to approve the May 17, 2018 meeting minutes. Second by Hedrick. Motion carried. Braun encouraged the board members who were not present at the May 17 meeting to meet with City Planning Director, Ken Yong about his Sixth St. Promenade presentation.

5. APPROVE BID ASSESSMENT ROLL
Johnson motioned to approve the 2018 BID Assessment Roll for $206,433.96. Second by Schmidt. Motion carried.

6. BID BOARD GRANT APPLICATION
Gibson, Hedrick and Whelchel presented information regarding the BID Board Grant Application. Gibson will create a scoring rubric and recommends relying on a simple, written application. Whelchel recChance asked about an application link on the City’s website. Kelly said a representative from DRC is welcomed to sit on the selection committee. Wade mentioned that Darrell Shoemaker would be willing to compose a press release. The board discussed how to get the word out to building tenants, or other organizations looking for a property owner to help sponsor. Don asked if we can send out a letter and get information out through the City’s communication processes. They agreed on a two-month open application. Kelly asked that they start vetting projects as they come in to save time. Erik recommends 8 weeks from when they announce. The start date will depend on some minor logistics.
Motioned to approve the BID Board Grant form and that up to $90,000 will be distributed through grants. Jerry motioned to approve approve the grant process as presented with the understanding of some minor logistics. Trevor second. AYE.
7. **BID BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT**
DRC received a Quality of Life Grant for $5,000 for the Downtown Clean Team.

8. **DOWNTOWN QUIET ZONE**
Mayor created a task force to create a quiet zone. Mayor found funds via the metropolitan planning organization to consult and assess the possibility of a quiet zone, with a big picture budget of what each intersection would cost. That is finished, now they are focusing on the ability to make it happen. The next steps are looking at funding avenues. Vision funds have been discussed. There will be an effort to raise private funds to have matching. Estimates from East to West boulevards. Todd asked about communications with the railroad. The railroad has absolute control over the tracks. Every intersection right now, every time a train goes through an intersection, it has to blast a horn. How do you get more development projects downtown, and how do you develop residentially downtown with the train noise? Kelly said maybe there is a way to embrace the trains. Wade — there is a presentation online from yesterday’s public works. There are a couple different options for each intersection. Each intersection has its own set of problems. The focus is on trying to make the downtown a partially residential place. Once the train hits downtown, its almost a constant whistle. We only have one intersection in RC that has arms to prevent. This project would also increase safety. BID Board is looked at as a source of funds for downtown projects. One funding idea is trying to enter a long-term financing. The city would bond out for yearly payments. The range is $3.2 mil to $4.6 mil per crossing. Wade said there are a few options to actually close streets. Todd asked if this goes through, and the crossings are safer, can they go through town quicker? One of the issues is that we have people who use the railroad corridor for walking. The railroad said that they can blow their horns if a person or a vehicle is in the railroad corridor. Erik directed the board to Lindsey at the Mayor’s office for more information.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**
Don motioned to adjourn. Jerry second.

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Respectfully submitted by Karlee Bauman, Downtown BID Board Administrative Secretary

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Nick Patton, Business Improvement District Board Secretary