

Downtown Business Improvement District Board Regular Meeting
City of Rapid City, South Dakota
512 Main St., Ste. 980
Destination Rapid City Conference Room
Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 7:30 a.m.

1. Call to Order
President Erik Braun called the meeting to order at 7:33 a.m.

2. Roll call and determination of a quorum
Members present: President Erik Braun, Vice President Kelly Gibson, Secretary Nick Patton, Jerry Schmidt, Todd Hollan, Chance Whelchel, Don Hedrick, Trevor Johnson, Jon Machacek

Guests present: Dan Senftner, Destination Rapid City; Elizabeth Smith, Main Street Square; Kathy Bock, RCPD; Carla Cushman, Rapid City Attorney's Office; Wade Nyberg, Rapid City Attorney's Office; Cassandra Hollander, Downtown BID Board Administration Secretary

3. Adoptions of the Agenda
Kelly Gibson requested to add discussion of the snow removal on the agenda. Don Hedrick requested to add discussion about the Ambassador program.
Hollan motioned to add two agenda items for snow removal discussion and the ambassador's program. Second by Hedrick. Motion carried.

4. Approve minutes from January 8th meeting
Machacek moved to approve the January 8th meeting, 2019 meeting minutes. Second by Whelchel. Motion carried.

5. BID Board Financial Report
The downtown snow removal cost \$1970.25.

6. Update on grant application process
The deadline was extended to March 29th during the emergency meeting on February 22nd. There has been publicity for it, and Braun wants a push for people to think about the program. There have been four applications so far. Gibson suggested going through the applications during a regular BID Board meeting if there aren't too many.

7. Segway's on downtown sidewalks
Carla Cushman discussed the proposed ordinance to allow Segways on downtown sidewalks. The operator proposing the idea is Townhouse Motel across the street from the courthouse. Downtown tours of the presidents is one possible plan to use the Segways for. They have also applied for a grant. Mayor's office reached out for comments from the BID Board.

Several concerns were discussed. The sidewalks aren't wide enough for the Segways and people walking at the same time. Sidewalk cafes, parking meters, and garbage bins already take up space. In larger cities the sidewalks are wide enough to accommodate them. Skateboards and scooters aren't allowed on the sidewalk. Getting across busy roads like Mt. Rushmore Rd. could be dangerous.

Benefits were also discussed. If bike lanes were utilized, some would be in favor of them. Some like the idea of downtown tours. Other cities are already doing this and it is successful. Patton talked about his experience while in Austin, TX. A safety class was required to ride. Helmets are worn while on them. They are hard to tip over and they auto stop. They go about 15 to 18 miles an hour. People knew to get out of the way. They were sold out in advance so reservations needed to be made.

Most agreed that if they are approved, there would need to be a lot of regulations. Braun and Cushman are going to gather notes for city council.

8. Snow Removal

Gibson asked if the \$1970.25 for snow removal is a reimbursement. Senftner said the BID Board paid a one-time fee. The maximum was \$4000 and was negotiated down.

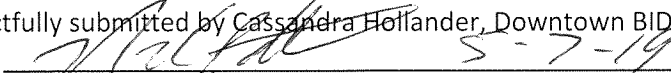
9. Ambassador program

In a previous meeting, the Mayor and the Chief of police brought up the concept of having people downtown to help with directions, answer questions, etc. They would be a friendly face for downtown Rapid City. Hedrick asked where the program would be housed. Senftner said it could be done from Main Street Square/Destination Rapid City. He mentioned that these ambassadors could help deter panhandlers. Gibson said ambassadors should carry the attitude that downtown is safe and viewing them as policing isn't appropriate. Hedrick said he doesn't see them as panhandler control, but as a guide to restaurants, hotels, and being positive. He said they could be another set of eyes and contact PD if needed. Hedrick also thinks it's worth looking into making these part time paid positions. If that would be the case, they would need insurance. Hollan said it could be a big benefit and needs to be tried. Senftner, Hedrick, and Julie Jensen will get together and discuss the idea further.

Cathy Bock discussed parking meter installation, which is happening on June 1st, and parking permits for downtown Rapid City.

10. Adjournment

Hedrick moved to adjourn. Second by Schmidt. Meeting adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Cassandra Hollander, Downtown BID Board Administrative Secretary
Signed  5-7-19

Nick Patton, Business Improvement District Board Secretary