

Business Improvement District Board Minutes
Noon, March 15, 2022
Nebraska Quilt Company, 303 N. Main Street, Fremont NE 68025

Board Present: Tom Coday, Vince O'Conner, Richard Register, Roxie Kracl, Kevin Main, Jerry Johnson, Sam Heineman, Brenden Murray, Howard Krasne arrived 12:04, and Berta Quintero arrived at 12:13

Absent: Bill Parks and J J Bixby, Ginger Rosenthal, Daniel Cech

Guests: Jody Sanders, Joey Spellerberg, Loren Paquette, Shannon Mullen, Melissa Powell, Barb Christensen, Stacy Heatherly, Dana Reeves, and Brian Ender,

1. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Coday at 12:03 pm. Roll call was taken. It was noted that a copy of the Open Public Meeting Act was posted and available in the room.
2. Motion was made to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2022 meeting by Vince O'Connor and seconded by Richard Register. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 9/0
3. Comments from Public – Jerry Johnson presented letter from Chief Todd Berndt Fremont Fire regarding closure of 5th street. Letter was read to committee.
4. Discussion on buildings that are needing attention. Vince O'Connor reported funds available at Fremont Mainstreet up to \$750 for facade program. \$4500 has been given out in last 3 years to businesses that have requested. City & Mainstreet working on grant with State for \$400,000 to be used on facades, and greenspace for businesses downtown.
5. Committee Reports

Financial- No report

Projects Committee- Sam Heineman gave report on Speaker Proposal two separate bids he received from Audio Video. 32 speaker system which covers most of BID area another one for a 22 speaker system and it would cover mostly just Mainstreet and part of 6th, no side streets or Park would receive speakers with the 22 speaker system. Discussion on pricing, maintenance and warranty. Sam plans to have one last meeting with BID members, along with inviting Scott to next meeting to discuss any of his concerns. No action taken tabled until next meeting.

Sam also presented a BID Sponsorship Program his committee had designed allowing BID to help sponsor local events that involve the BID area. No action taken on either project at this time.

Letter from Chief Todd Berndt from Fremont Fire was discussed regarding his recommendation on not closing 5th Street as it could cause delay in fighting fires in that area. Motion was made by Vince O'Connor and seconded by Richard Register to accept the letter. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote 10/0.

Equalization Committee- No Report

Multi-Cultural- Berta reported that the BID Newsletter has been translated into Spanish and mailed to the Spanish businesses. She is working to develop a committee to meet with Chair Tom Coday to get input on how the BID can benefit the Hispanic businesses.

Maintenance- No Report

Design/Christmas Decorations- No Report

MainStreet- Introduction of Melissa Powell as new director of MainStreet that will be working with Mainstreet & BID. Any communication to Melissa regarding BID needs to go through Tom Coday or Jill Gossett Mainstreet President. Tom & Jill are asking for one point of contact to Melissa so she will not have so many people sending her in different directions.

Chairman Coday said the next BID Board meeting will be April 19th, 2022 at 12:00 pm at Country Traditions