

Minutes September 19, 2023

Downtown Business Improvement District Board Minutes

Noon, Thursday September 19, 2023

Location: Former Fremont National Bank Building

6th and Main Streets, 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Fremont NE

Present were Tom Coday, Vince O'Connor, Sam Heineman, Brenden Murray, Richard Register, Daniel Cech (arrived at agenda item #3), JJ Bixby, Roxie Kracl, Berta Quintero (arrived at item #3), Howard Krasne

Absent: Kevin Main, Roxie Kracl

Guests: Jody Sanders (City of Fremont), Lainey Paquette (Mainstreet), Travis Jacott, City of Fremont Attorney, Mayor Joey Spellerburg, Tyler Ficken.

1. Meeting was called to order by Chair Tom Cody 12:06 pm. Roll Call was taken, those present are identified above, a quorum was determined present. The Chair announced that a copy of the Open Public Meeting Act was available in the room for inspection.
2. An error in the minutes of the August was identified, specifically the date on line 2, indicated the meeting was held on March 21. The Date of the last meeting was in fact August 15, 2023. Motion was made to approve the minutes as amended of the August 15th, 2023, meeting by Vince O'Connor, seconded by Sam Heineman, motion passed 8/0.
3. Discussion was had on agenda item #3. The report requested at the last meeting was not available, so the discussion was general in nature and no action was taken.
4. Discussion for item #4 was held about the possible action on renewal of BID. Questions were answered by City Attorney. Issues of the possible new boundaries for next BID were discussed. The possible two-tier levy was discussed. The methods of setting budget (tie to a set levy or set budget) were reviewed. Dates for voting on the recommendations to the City were reviewed (concerning timing with publication). The members were in general agreement that the recommendations to the City needed specifics, like an actual legal description of the new boundaries. It was determined that there would be enough time if the vote happened at the regular board time in October. Request was made of City Administrator, Jody Sanders for a legal discretion of the boundaries be prepared for the next meeting to be included in the recommendations. No motion was made. No action taken.

5. Committee reports:
 - a. Financial Report. No report. No action taken.
 - b. Projects Committee Report. No report. No action taken.
 - c. Equalization Committee Report. No report. No action taken.
 - d. Multi-Cultural Committee Report. No report. No action taken.
 - e. Marketing Committee Report. No report. No action taken.
 - f. Maintenance Committee Report. No report. No Action taken.
 - g. Future Project Committee Report. No report. No action taken.
 - h. Design Committee Report No report. No action taken..
 - i. MainStreet Report. MainStreet Director Lainey Paquette No report, no action taken

6. Comments from the Public – none

7. Next meeting set for Oct 17, 3023, at the same time and location, notice to be published.

8. Motion to adjourn was made by Daniel Cech and seconded by Sam Heineman. The motion passed 10/0.